HERNE CE INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL WEEKLY BULLETIN

FRIDAY 23rd OCTOBER 2026



POPPY APPEAL

Poppies will be available at school the first week back after half term.
As always, we are glad to be able to support this worthy cause. Thank you in advance for your support



REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY AT ST.MARTINS CHURCH

St Martin's Church will hold a Remembrance service on Sunday 8th November. Each year a few of our children join school staff to place a Herne Wreath and small crosses around the Memorial in the church grounds after this service. If you would like your child to join us and represent our school at St Martin's Church on Remembrance Sunday, please could you let the school office know by Tuesday 3rd November.

AUTUMN/WINTER SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

Please see the new school lunch menu attached to the 'Weekly Bulletin' email. This will start when the children come back after half term. We will be starting on week 1 on Monday 2nd November.

WELL DONE YEAR 2!



We received a lovely message from a member of the public who was on the bus at the same time as our wonderful Year 2 children were on the way to their Swimming lessons.

'I was on a bus yesterday (Tuesday) heading for Herne Bay and when it arrived at Herne Church 30 children and 6 adults got on as they were heading for the swimming pool. I just want to say what a credit to the school those children were, they were so polite, saying "Good Morning" to the bus driver and "Thank you" when they got off. The adults apologised for us having to wait at the stops while they got on and off but honestly all the passengers were smiling, it was a pleasure to see them.'

Well done Year 2, we are so proud of you!

COOL MILK

Due to delivery issues, there will be **NO** Cool Milk for children on the first day of next term.

Cool Milk
www.coolmilk.com

CHARLIES AFTERSCHOOL MUSIC CLUB

We are delighted that Charlie will be running his Music club After School for Year 1 and Year 2 children next term and we hope to do more with him in school.
We have extended the booking system until Sunday 25th October if you wish to book your child a place. Please see attached flyer or use the link below.

🎸 After-School Music Club

We're now down to our final few places for the winter term:

- **Year 1 Music Club (Wednesdays):** 3 spaces remaining (17/20 booked)
- **Year 2 Music Club (Thursdays):** 5 spaces remaining (15/20 booked)

So there's still an opportunity for more children to join, but spaces are filling up quickly!
Book here: https://charlie-s-music-club.classforkids.io/term/19

🎵 Half-Term Music Workshops – Wednesday 28th October

📍 The Herne Centre

- Session 1: 10:00–11:00am
- Session 2: 11:15am–12:15pm
- £15 per child

These workshops are exclusively for children attending Herne Infant and Nursery School and their friends. **Book here:** https://charlie-s-music-club.classforkids.io/term/22

WELLBEING TEAM NEWS

Thank you for all the donations to support 'All Wrapped Up' - Riverside Church will be thrilled and delighted to receive them, it is incredibly generous of you all to support our local charity. Information on how we can refer you for 'All wrapped Up' are in previous bulletins or please contact Mrs Stroud wellbeing@herne-infant.kent.sch.uk

We had our first TED Team (Together Everyone Decides) meeting this week. There are 2 children from each class, who are elected by their peers to represent their class, on the student council. We talked about our lunchtime HOPE play provision. The children are really happy with this and have made some suggestions about types of toys that they would like to be available to play with. They offered some really constructive advice which we have forwarded on to our HOPE play leader.



Forest Group news

This week in Forest Group we made potions from coloured water. They had to decide which colours of water would mix well together and then add anything they could find in the Hive to enhance their potions. The children had to agree what their potions would do, some gave people strength, some good dreams, some made people laugh. When the potions were ready, we then used some spaghetti to paint with the potions and create some wonderful artwork.

In the afternoon group we made potions, wands and broomsticks. The children enjoyed using their wands to turn their friends (and the adults) into animals. They have been really helpful and cleared lots of the leaves from the fire circle with their broomsticks and they had lots of fun creating wonderful potions to try on their friends. **This was the last week for this group of children in the afternoons**.

If your child is invited next term you should have received an email. Every child will get an opportunity to come to Forest Group throughout the year so if you have not received an email yet your child will be selected later in the year.

Now we are going into Winter your children need to be appropriately dressed for the weather in Forest Group. We will be going outside in all weathers and trousers are essential for the children to enjoy the experience to the full.



ATTENDANCE

Whole School Average this week 95.5%

Top classes this week is Squirrel and Fox Classes with

98.90%

THIS WEEK'S NEWS FROM CLASS

Dragonflies

This week we have continued learning about Goldilocks and the three bears. We have remembered our 'Language Through Colour' learning from last week. We really impressed our grown-ups with our writing this week! In maths, we have been looking at shape, specifically circles, squares, triangles and rectangles. We are improving our recognition of the shapes and are having a go at describing their properties. We hope you have a lovely relaxing half term and look forward to more lovely learning next term.

Butterflies

This week our Butterfly children have explore the story of the Little Red Hen using the puppets. In PE we tried hard to follow our grown-ups' instructions so that we could throw a ball to a friend. We have done lots of sensory exploration using glitter, rice, lentils and even using the foam to mark make, this made our Butterfly room smell lovely! We have really enjoyed singing and listening to a number of nursery and number rhymes as well as practicing our turn taking skills.



Windmill Nursery

This week:

This week we enjoyed sharing the story 'Room on the Broom' by Julia Donaldson. The children loved being creative with the story by finding wands and pretending to be the different animals in the story!

We explored size this week and used the words 'biggest' and 'smallest'.

Next Term:

Next term we will be learning all about fireworks! We have lots of creative activities planned to celebrate firework night!

We will be starting a new sound each week in Phonics next term. Our first sound will be 's' … can you find anything in your house beginning with a 's'?

Notices:

As the weather is getting colder, we often need our coats to go outside and enjoy our outdoor areas. We have been practicing finding our coat on our peg, putting on our coats and zipping our coats up on our own! Could you please practice putting coats on at home independently?



Year R

Highlights from this week:

This week, we have been exploring the book of 'The Little Red Hen' and retold the story using Makaton signs.
As part of our DT learning, we followed instructions to make toast and enjoyed eating it as part of our snack!
In PE, we participated in a Write Dance session, where we developed our gross motor skills by moving to music, followed by mark making those shapes on paper.

Key learning for next week:

Next term, we are back with a bang! We will be celebrating Bonfire Night. We will be learning about why this is celebrated and will create special bonfire and firework artwork.
We will be learning about Guy Fawkes and the historical significance of this during a whole school assembly.
In Science, we will be exploring light and dark and we will be using torches to see which objects light can shine through. We will even make shadow puppets!

Notices:

Now that your children are bringing pink books home, please continue to practice segmenting and blending and retelling the story.
The following website has lots of tips and tricks to help support your child at home:
https://www.littlewandle.org.uk/resources/for-parents/
Lots of children are finding putting on their coats on a bit tricky, please can we practice this over half term. Practicing turning sleeves the right way and putting their arms in independently.



Year 1

Highlights from this Week:

This week has been another busy one and whilst the children have done such an amazing job performing their Wake Up and Shake Up routines, taking part in cross country and continuing to learn with a smile, they are definitely ready for half term! We hope you all enjoyed today's Come and See and being back in your child's classroom to see all of our wonderful learning.

Key learning for Next Term:

The first week back after half term will be reflecting on our half term break and getting back into the Year One routine. For the rest of the term our theme is called 'Inventors and Explorers', where we will be inventing and exploring many things! We will be exploring the conjunction 'and' and noticing it is a grey carriage on our Sentence Train. We shall be finding out more about subitising in Maths. In RE we are learning about Incarnation, in Computing we are exploring technology safely and in History we are looking at what a timeline tells us whilst sorting photos of the past and present. Dare we also say that we will be starting our Year One Nativity too!

Notices:

Please check, wash, rename and return PE kits as soon as we return, ready for our Team Building Games unit. Thank you.

Diary Date:

We are holding another Parent Workshop on **Monday 9th November** and **Thursday 12th November,** starting in the hall at **2:15pm** then spending some time in class with your children. The focus will be Phonics and the Phonics Screening Check. A sign-up sheet will be on class whiteboards the first week back. We look forward to seeing you all again!



Year 2

Highlights of the week:

We have loved performing our Wake Up and Shake up performances to the rest of Key Stage One and showing you all our learning in today's Come and See. Year Two also loved taking part in cross country, where we aimed to beat our times from Year One.

Key learning for Next Term

Our next theme in Year 2 is 'Festivals and Traditions', which means we will be exploring lots of the celebrations that are taking place around the world during this time. The first tradition is Bonfire Night'. In English we will be thinking of rhyming words as we prepare for writing our own piece of poetry the week after. Our key spelling words will be **'by, my, come, some, the, was'**. In Maths we will be adding two 2-digit numbers using concrete objects and pictorial representations. In RE we are focusing on the ways Christian, Jewish and non-religious people believe about caring for people, in Computing we will be using 2Go within Purple Mash to create directions as part of our continued learning of algorithms and in History we shall be talking about what History is and how the past can vary between years ago and yesterday. Please see Notices below.

Notices

As part of our History topic next term, we are inviting children to find a photo of themselves or their families from the past, either physically or via class email. This photograph may be an old school or baby photo, a celebration such as a wedding or even a holiday. Maybe even a family of their family before they were born! All of these will form great discussions as we create a history timeline. Please add the year when the photograph was taken in order to help us! Please can these be in to class by the first day back. Thank you.

After half term we will begin spelling checks every Friday, using the spelling words sent home in your child's bookbag. The children will have 6 spelling words for the week (Friday to Friday) which will be displayed on the classroom whiteboard every Friday and will be put on the weekly bulletin. Please practise reading and writing these spelling words at home with your child. We will put a sticker in your child's reading record with a score out of 6 so you know how they did.

Diary Date:

On Wednesday 4th November we will be having a Year Two visit to Curtis Wood, looking for signs of our changeable season. We will be leaving at 9:00am (weather permitting). If you are able to help with this, please speak to your class teacher. Thank you.

Have a lovely Half Term!

