HERNE CE INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL WEEKLY BULLETIN

FRIDAY 13th NOVEMBER 2026



DANCE DASH

Today we welcomed the Herne Bay High 'Comic Relief Dance Dash' troupe to perform for us. They were astounding as the moved in synchronisation and showed us some amazing dance moves. We were very proud to recognise some of the troupe as former Herne Infant pupils and we thanked them for coming back to inspire our children.

ODD SOCK DAY

It is Odd Sock Day on the 16th November! We wear odd socks to celebrate diversity and to promote inclusion. Please can your child wear odd socks on this day. The crazier the better! We are sharing the message of how important it is to spread kind words and happiness, especially as we are all unique. If you want any more information on this please visit this website: What is Odd Socks Day?





Save the Children
CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY FRIDAY 11th DECEMBER

We are holding this year's Christmas jumper day at school on **FRIDAY 11th DECEMBER**. The children are invited to wear a festive jumper or anything Christmassy, in exchange for a small donation to Save the Children.



CHRISTMAS JUMPER DONATIONS

Children grow out of their clothes so quickly, we thought this would be a great opportunity to recycle and reuse them! If you have any unwanted/outgrown children's jumpers or Christmas-wear at home, we will be collecting them in school then displaying them on the clothing rack in the main entrance for people to take for their children. Please bring any donations of Christmassy clothing in to the school office by Friday 4th December.



CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL OF LOVE AND LIGHT

You will be receiving an email shortly inviting families to join us at school on Tuesday 12th December for our Christmas Festival of 'Love and Light'. We are looking forward to welcoming you to school, after dark, for this experience.



WELLBEING TEAM NEWS

This is the final week of referrals for All Wrapped Up Christmas project, if you feel you would benefit from this support please either email Mrs Stroud on Wellbeing@herne-infant.kent.sch.uk or find her on the playground in the mornings and we can refer you to the All Wrapped Up team. The All Wrapped Up team do not accept self-referrals.

Forest Group news

This week in Forest Group we made puddles and jumped in them. The children were divided into 2 teams they had to get water from the water butt to create a puddle then they had to see how many jumps it took to get the water out of the puddle. We predicted how many jumps it would take, one group made really big jumps and the water came out much quicker than they predicted and the other group made smaller jumps and it took far more jumps than they had anticipated.

In the afternoon group we made soup for the animals in the mud kitchen, experimenting with mixing the coloured water to see what we could create. The gold-coloured liquid gave everything a sparkly sheen. We chalked pictures of animals on the trees and made dens.

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



Fabulous attendance in **SQUIRRELS** again this week. 98.1%

Well done to Hedgehog Class with 97.4% and Fox Class with 97.1%

THIS WEEK'S NEWS FROM CLASS

Reading Stars

Congratulations to all of our Reading Stars from Term 1. We are incredibly proud of the enthusiasm and dedication shown by all of the children. A special congratulations goes to **Rabbit Class**, who were the overall school winners. Keep up the great reading, everyone!



Dragonflies

This week we have been focusing on 'Room on the Broom' by Julia Donaldson in writing. We loved making our own potion at the beginning of the week. I wonder if your children can tell you what the potion turned into? In maths, we have been revisiting addition, remembering that "when we add the numbers get bigger" and that "when we add we need to count all the objects together." We have been focusing on rhyming words in our phonetic awareness activities and are becoming more confident in spotting rhyming words. Next week, we will focus on Kipper's Birthday by Mick Inkpen and will be looking back to see which previous maths learning we are able to recall.



Butterflies

In Butterflies, we have been exploring Remembrance and have loved exploring colours when creating our own poppies.

We have explored the handwriting pattern, lines, by following roads with our cars in messy play.

We have also enjoyed reading stories, singing nursery rhymes and exploring the outdoors together!



Windmill Nursery
This week:

This week we have been learning all about Remembrance Day. We made some poppy artwork and enjoyed some poppy themed activities in COOL Time.
We learnt the sound 'a' this week and had lots of fun playing 'What's in the box?' Can you find any objects at home beginning with 'a'?
We have loved exploring the different bikes and vehicles in the garden this week.

Next week:

We will be starting our new theme all about animals next week. We will start by focusing on pets! We will be reading 'Hairy Maclary' by Lynley Dodd and learning about lots of types of pets.
Our new sound for next week will be the letter 't' and we will continue to practice all of the nursery rhymes we have learnt so far!



Year R
Highlights from this week:

This week we have celebrated Remembrance Day where we used lots of different materials to make poppies and also considered the reason why people wear poppies in November.
In Maths, we explored counting up to 5. We used our counting wands to help us to count accurately. We know we can touch each object as we count to find out how many there are altogether.
In RE we learned about the story of David and Goliath. We talked about bravery and shared times when we've been brave too. We know that this story is special to Christians because it teaches them to have faith and that God will help them to be strong.

Key learning for next week:

Next week we will be reading the story 'Owl Babies' and will be diving into the world of nocturnal animals. The children will be making nests for the owl babies and will create their own owls using collage, printing and other materials.
In Maths, we will be exploring the composition of the numbers 2 and 3 and will be using resources to build these numbers for example, 2 blocks and 1 block is 3 blocks altogether.
We will continue practising our nativity. Please look out in book bags for information about your child's part and costume they will need.

Notices

Next week we will be creating nests for our owl babies. Please save any cardboard egg cartons and bring them in next week. Thank you.



Year 1

Highlights from this Week:

The children have been very respectful as we explored poppies and Remembrance Day, where we have reminded ourselves of why we mark the 11th November, the different colours of the poppies and what each part of the red poppy symbolises. We wonder if the children can tell you? We have also enjoyed Michael Rosen's poetry party session and Children in Need!
A particular highlight was welcoming you into school for our Phonics Parent Workshop-the children loved showing you how they engage in a typical phonics lesson! We shall look forward to the next workshop in the new year!

Key learning for next week:

We are going to be explorers and Investigators in a wide range of subjects next week!
In English we are finding out about describing words called 'adjectives' and locating the green carriage on our Sentence Train. We will be investigating the spellings '**his**' and '**her**' whilst recapping '**put**' and '**push**'. In Maths we are exploring the teen numbers 10-16, and how these can be partitioned into tens and ones. We are continuing our team work whilst playing games in PE, investigating traditional symbols of Christmas in RE and performing word pattern chants in Music.

Notices:

We have already begun thinking about our Nativity by learning some of the songs and having a few practises in the hall on the stage. More information regarding the Nativity Play will follow, including any lines your children will need to learn and any costumes needed.
Our class trips to Herne Bay are on **Thursday 19th November** (next week). Owls are leaving school really promptly, so please arrive as close to 8:30am as possible please. Remember, children will need to wear a warm, waterproof coat with a rucksack containing a hat, scarf and gloves alongside a water bottle. Thank you to all the parents who have asked to help!
Finally, for Art next week we are creating pictures using natural objects. Therefore, we ask if children could collect a bag of natural treasures from outdoors and bring these into school early next week so we have enough. Thank you!



Year 2

Highlights of the week:

We really enjoyed writing our 'Don't.. ' poems based on the one written by Michael Rosen, so it was wonderful watching him read poetry live to us via a weblink. Our learning literally came to life! The children amazed us with their understanding of Remembrance and some Year Two children even made us super proud as they accompanied Miss Thorn to a school community Remembrance Service in Herne Bay Memorial Park, where we laid a school poppy wreath and spoke to the veterans who were there. It was especially special as one of them was a Grandad to one of our children in Otters! Well done for the pyjamas and donations for Children in Need too! What a busy week!

Key learning for next week:

In Writing we are going to use adjectives for effect in expanded noun phrases.
and our spelling words for you to continue to practise at home are **'you', 'your', 'put', 'said'** in hope that the children spell them independently in their writing. In Maths we are subtracting a 1-digit number from a 2-digit number using concrete objects and pictorial representations and in RE we will be thinking how we can care for others in the world and make a difference. The children are going to learn how to pass a ball in hockey in PE and plan their sculpture in Art, thinking about which skills they need and how they are going to make it.

Notices:

Next week we are going to attempt to take part in cross country as we needed to postpone last term. We are hoping next week it will be dry so that it is not muddy for Thursday's big run! We have also begun thinking about our Nativity by learning some of the songs and having a few practises in the hall on the stage. More information regarding the Nativity Play will follow, including any lines your children will need to learn and any costumes needed.

