Herne CE Infant and Nursery School Bulletin

Friday 20th November 2026



CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY
FRIDAY 11th DECEMBER

Save the Children CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

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 have received an email inviting families to join us at school on Wednesday 2nd December for our Christmas Festival of 'Love and Light'. We are looking forward to welcoming you to school, after dark, for this experience.



PUNCTUALITY EVERY DAY COUNTS

It is important that your child arrives on time. Arriving late to school is unsettling for your child as they enter a class who have already begun their learning and your child has missed introductions and information. Late arrivals can be disruptive for the other children in the class and your child misses key learning and social aspects of their day.

If your child arrives up to 30 minutes late, this will be marked Late in the register. If your child arrives over 30 minutes late, this will be recorded as unauthorised absence for the whole morning.

EVERY MINUTE COUNTS



Minutes late per day	Equals days' worth of teaching lost per year
5 minutes	3.4 days
10 minutes	6.9 days
15 minutes	10.3 days
20 minutes	13.8 days

DRESS WARM FOR SCHOOL

Please ensure that your child has a warm coat with them every day at school. The weather is getting colder and the children still go outside to play. **PLEASE REMEMBER TO NAME ALL** items of school uniform, including hats, scarves and gloves!



Wellbeing Team News

Referrals for All Wrapped Up are now closed but if you have any concerns and feel you would have benefitted from this Christmas project do not hesitate in contacting Mrs Stroud to discuss these.

Forest Group news

This week was a wet week and we have enjoyed exploring the puddles. The children have enjoyed working out how to make the biggest splash, how to measure the depth of the puddles and work out which is deepest and which is shallowest. They have enjoyed exploring the texture of the mud and have had lots of fun playing with their friends.
We made forest group perfume with scented water which the children enjoyed mixing to make novel new scents. Some children have been building a bridge to cross a river but most of the week we have been having fun in the mud!!



ATTENDANCE



Fabulous attendance in **SQUIRRELS** again this week. 99.3%

Well done to Otter Class with 97%

School Average this week 95.3%

THIS WEEK'S NEWS FROM CLASS

Dragonflies

We have had a fun week in Dragonflies this week focussing on the book, Kipper's Birthday. We have had a go at writing our own invitations and have been thinking about what we would need to do to plan a party! This is going to be really helpful learning, as next week we are going to be planning and hosting a party! We are going to be writing cards, deciding which games to play and are going to prepare our own party food! This is going to fit in with our maths learning, where we're going to be thinking about halves and quarters of objects. We have all tried really hard recalling our maths learning this week. The Dragonfly adults are really proud of all the children - well done!

Butterflies

In Butterflies, we have loved reading the story, 'Owl Babies' and had lots of fun exploring the story sack and retelling the story.
We enjoyed being crafty and creating lots of owl babies in different ways – we practised our sticking, printing and painting! We looked at different coloured owls and sorted and matched different objects to the correct colour.



Windmill Nursery

This week:

We loved reading our book of the week 'Hairy Maclary' and telling our friends about the pets we have at home.
We have been busy in our vet's role play area, looking after pets and using our imaginations to use the phone and computer!
Our new sound of the week was 't' and we love blending with words from the box in our phonics sessions!

Next week:

We will continue our theme on animals, learning more about farm animals and reading the story 'Everywhere Farm.'
We are going to practice our cutting skills next week by cutting out shapes to make a tractor!
Our letter of the week is 'p' we wonder what will be in our box this time!



Year R

Highlights from this week:

This week the children have enjoyed reading the story 'Owl Babies' and learning about nocturnal animals. We have used lots of materials to create our own owl babies. Can your child tell you what they made?

In Maths, we have explored the composition of 3 and 4. We know that even if you move objects in to a different pattern, there is still the same amount!

In RE we started to think about why Christians celebrate the Nativity story. We focused on Jesus as a baby and discussed the different stages of growing up.

Key learning for next week:

Next week we will be exploring The Gruffalo story and we will be visiting the HIVE to retell the story.

As part of our Geography learning, we will explore what we can hear, see and feel in the natural world and we will create bark rubbings.

In Computing, we will be exploring moving toys and will experiment with Bee-Bots, giving them instructions to make them move.

Notices

Now that the weather is turning colder, please ensure all hats, gloves and scarves are labelled. Please can we practise putting these on independently. Thank you.



Year 1

Highlights from this Week:

The children made us proud on Monday as we shared the many ways that we can be kind to others as part of our Odd Socks Day learning. They articulated very well that we are all different in many different ways and being unique makes us very special indeed. The trip to Herne Bay was so wonderful! The children were fascinated to find out about how the seaside was different in the past thanks to a hands-on experience led by the volunteers at the Seaside Museum. You may even like to take your children back there one weekend and find out even more! A big thank you to all the helpers on the day-we couldn't have done it without you! We hope you learnt something too about Herne Bay long ago.

Key learning for next week:

Audrey the Amazing Inventor is our key text as we explore inventions and explore adjectives to describe them. Our spelling words are **'as'** and **'has'** as we also recap **'his'**, **'her'** **'push'** and **'pull'**. In Maths we are continuing to explore the teen numbers to twenty, where we are looking at the tens and units whilst recognising the written word as well as the numeral. We will also be identifying one more and one less. Some children don't recognise all

of their teen numbers so we will be doing some catching up during our welcome activities in the mornings to support them.
Other areas of the curriculum include making sculptures based on colour using nature in Art, discussing how Christians prepare for Christmas whilst looking carefully at the traditional advent wreath seen in churches for RE and creating our own rhythm patterns to perform in Music.

Notices:

Please look inside book bags for confirmation of what your child will be in this year's Nativity Play and any lines they have for you to practise at home in clear, loud voices. There is also a costume letter with the deadline date being **Thursday 3rd December**.



Year 2

Highlights of the week:

Well done to the children who took part in the Year 2 sports morning at St. Alphege on Wednesday where they were kind and respectful to the children they were paired up with. They enjoyed many multi skills activities whilst showing great teamwork and resilience. Outdoor hockey is still a firm favourite of all the PE sports learnt so far.
It was very spiritual watching the children pass around kind words as they held a string around the circle as we discussed love and care in RE.

Key learning for next week:

Our focus festival is Hannukah and we will be using this Jewish festival to write expanded nouns phrases to write key facts. Our new spellings are **'there', 'where', 'one', 'once'**. In Maths we will be consolidating our learning of subtraction by taking away a single digit number from a two digit number. In Computing we are going to understand how data can be used to help answer a question. In Art we will be creating a large 3D sculpture out of silver foil and in PSHE we will be talking about the different ways we could solve a problem.

Notices:

Please look inside book bags for confirmation of your child's role in this year's Nativity Play and any lines they have for you to practise at home in clear, loud voices. There is also a costume letter with the deadline date being **Friday 4th December**.

