

HERNE CE INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL WEEKLY BULLETIN



FRIDAY 5th DECEMBER 2025



Save the Children
CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

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We are holding this year's Christmas jumper day at school on **FRIDAY 12th DECEMBER**. The children are invited to wear a festive jumper or anything Christmassy, in exchange for a small donation to Save the Children. Please note that we will not be having collections at our Nativity performances this year.

We have a few donated jumpers and some baby and toddler christmassy clothes that will be on display out side on Monday afternoon for anyone who would like one for their child.



CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES REMINDER

You will be aware that rehearsals are well underway for this year's Christmas performances which start next week! On the day of your child's performance, please wait outside the main office entrance of the school. A member of staff will then open the doors and let you in when the children are ready. Please leave any buggies outside as we do not have room inside! Thank you



Tuesday 9th December Squirrel Class 9.15am Rabbit Class 2.15pm	Wednesday 10th December Dormouse Class 9.15am	Thursday 11th December Hedgehog Class 9.15am Mole Class 2.15pm	Friday 12th December Owl Class 2.15pm
Monday 15th December Otter Class 2.15pm	Tuesday 16th December Fox Class 2.15pm	Wednesday 17th December Badger Class 2.15 pm	



HEALTHY PACKED LUNCHES

If your child brings a packed lunch from home, please ensure that it is a healthy lunch. This should be a well-balanced meal for example it may include a sandwich, crackers or pasta, some fruit or vegetables and a treat. A lunch box only containing chocolate and crisps is not good for your child's growth, health and learning in the afternoon. A biscuit or chocolate covered biscuit is allowed as a treat but please no sweets or chocolate bars. Also remember that we are a nut free school as we have both staff and children with nut allergies.



CHRISTMAS AT ST.MARTIN'S



WHAT'S ON

Yew Tree Carols: Friday 5th - mulled wine from 7pm

Christingle: Sunday 7th at 10am

Memorial Carols: Sunday 7th at 3pm (put a star on the tree)

Christmas Tree Festival 13th-14th

Bubble Church Special Sunday 14th at 9am in St Martin's HALL

Christmas at St Martin's Herne

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KCC / KENT FAMILY HUB PARENT COURSES

Baby, Family and You is an 8-week course for parents-to-be or parents with a baby up to 12 months old. The sessions give practical strategies to help parents create the best environment for their baby's development and to feel more confident in their parenting journey. It covers ways to cope with frequent crying, setting up good sleep habits, reading your baby's cues, looking after yourself, adapting to changes in family life, and more.

Understanding your Child is a 10-week course for parents/carers who want to know more about sensitive and effective parenting. This course will be aimed at families with children in years R to 6 (we will have future courses aimed at year 7 and up).

This course is based on the Solihull Approach and the sessions cover tuning into children, exploring feelings, parenting styles, communication and more.

All our courses can be booked via our website:

[Activities and groups near you - Kent County Council](#)



FESTIVE FUN~TIME EVENT

There are a few spaces left on the Festive Fun-time event at Herne Bay Family Hub this Saturday – see flyer attached to email. To book on please email: canterburyfh@kent.gov.uk or call: 03000422889.



WELLBEING TEAM NEWS



Our TED (Together Everyone Decides) Team (School Council) met this week and it is always a pleasure to hear the ideas that our students come up with. They have really creative imaginations and are great at expressing their views. There was a positive theme to our meeting, highlighting that the children are enjoying school and are especially having fun rehearsing their Christmas nativities, which they are excited to share with all of you.

Our next drop-in afternoon with Herne Juniors and Social Prescribers is on Wednesday 10th December 1.30pm at St Martins Church. If you have any questions about support available inside and outside of school, want to meet your local Social Prescriber for young people or meet the FLO from the Junior School call in for a cup of tea and a chat. We'd love to see you, all are welcome. If you would like help before this please contact the Wellbeing team. wellbeing@herne-infant.kent.sch.uk

FOREST GROUP NEWS

This week in Monday Forest Group we made stick Christmas Trees. The children were given an outline of a Christmas Tree and they had to snap twigs to the right length to make the Christmas tree shape. We made some extra's to help decorate our tree at the Church Christmas Tree festival next weekend. In the afternoon Forest Groups we made stick reindeer. The children attached the sticks together and added eyes and a nose to make a hanging decoration. Due to all the Christmas activities happening in school in the next 2 weeks this was the last afternoon Forest Groups of the term. I hope your children have enjoyed attending, there will be new children selected to attend next term.



ATTENDANCE

Great attendance from YEAR 1 this week with **97.50%**

Well done to OTTER Class with **98.45%**

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**



THIS WEEK'S NEWS FROM CLASS

Windmill Nursery

This week:

My goodness! What a busy week we have had! Along with the children in the main school, we made Christingles, and had a lighting ceremony in the nursery, with time to reflect and a little prayer at the end. One of our children commented that it looked like a birthday cake, which I suppose it does in a way! Very appropriate since we are remembering Christ's birth. It was also wonderful to welcome so many families to our Christmas events on Wednesday and Friday. The children did themselves proud, singing their little hearts out. We hope you had a lovely time too.

Next week:

After all the excitement of last week, we are resuming our Christmas art and craft activities, making a few surprises for the children to bring home at the end of term. We will also be making links between some of the songs we have learned with the story of the first Christmas. Finally, we will be playing a Christmas themed Kim's game, to encourage observational and memory skills.

Notices:

Please check the red bucket in the foyer for lost property items, and **PLEASE** make sure **ALL** items of clothing (and water bottles/lunch boxes) are clearly named. Thank you



Pathway groups

Dragonflies:

This week in Dragonflies we have listened to the story of Stick Man and sequenced the story using the pictures. In maths we looked at sequencing events of the day in order and matched these activities to O'clock times. We practised our fine motor skills by making paper chains and Christmas trees using different sized stick.

Next week we will continue our learning and will be writing sentences using the pictures from the story of Stick Man.

Butterflies:

In Butterflies we have continued our learning about hot and cold concepts. We have explored the outside spaces and practised our gross motor skills. We have made our own Christmas trees and enjoyed lots of sensory Christmas fun. We practised our counting and ordering numbers through puzzles.

Next week we will be continuing our Christmas activities.

Bumblebees:

In Bumblebees this week we have been learning about feeling mixed up. Together, we thought about different things this could mean and how we can make this feeling more comfortable for us. We made paperchains, played in 'snow' and learnt about colour mixing.

Next week we will be recapping on all of the emotions we have learnt about this term. Acknowledging that all feelings are OK, it is what we do that matters



Year R

This week:

This week we have been exploring 'The Nativity' story in more detail, focusing on the important people in the story as well as describing what they look like.

In RE, we learned about Advent and why this is an important time for Christians. We also shared ways that we are getting ready for Christmas at home.

We took part in a special worship, where we lit our Christingles and listened to some Christmas carols.

Key learning for next week:

Next week, is our Nativity performance! We are so excited to show you how hard we have been working, learning all the songs and actions.

We will be reading the story 'The Christmas Pine' by Julia Donaldson and will be creating our own Christmas trees using a variety of materials, such as natural objects and playdough.

In RE, we will be learning about how Christians celebrate Christmas around the world. We will be learning how to say Merry Christmas in different languages and singing along to the song 'Feliz Navidad'.

Notices:

Don't forget next week are our Christmas nativity performance. We can't wait to sparkle and shine!

Squirrels: Tuesday 9th December – 9.15 am

Dormouse: Wednesday 10th December – 9.15 am

Hedgehogs: Thursday 11th December – 9:15 am



Year 1

Highlights from this Week:

The magic of Christmas is well under way, with our classrooms filling up with Christmas trees, fairy lights, nativity scenes and themed role play areas. Some key moments this week include making Christingles and creating Christmas cards. Did you light your Christingle at home? Can the children recall what Reverend Chris told us about each of the elements of the Christingle?

Key learning for next week:

It's the week of our Nativity plays, and we are so excited to share them with you! Amongst all the performing and singing, we will be doing some Christmas writing and continuing to think about time. Can the children tell you the days of the week and the months of the year in order?

Notices:

Please keep practising Nativity lines in those big clear voices! Thank you!





Year 2

Highlights of the week:

We have been practising independently logging onto the computers and accessing learning activities in the ICT suite using our own personal log in! The children enjoyed making their individual Christingles and were able to recall what the candle, the ribbon and the four sweet cocktail sticks represented. The week ended with a very spiritual and respectful Christingle lighting in class.

Key learning for next week:

The Christmas celebrations will continue into next week as we begin to create our annual Christmas arts and crafts whilst finishing off our preparations for our class Nativities by making some edible treats. In RE we are continuing to delve into Christmas looking at it from a Christian perspective and explore big questions such as-Why do Christians sing carols at Christmas?

Notices:

Thank you for all the Nativity costumes that have been sent in so far and for practising lines at home. Thank you.

