

HERNE CE INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL WEEKLY BULLETIN

FRIDAY 27th FEBRUARY 2026



WORLD BOOK DAY DRESSING UP!

Thursday 5th March is World Book Day. Children may come to school in non-uniform, dressed as a favourite book character.

Favourite Book Character Day



WORLD BOOK DAY 2026



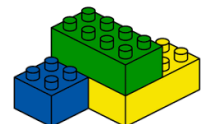
This year World Book Day is on Thursday 5th March. Your child is invited to dress up as their favourite book character on the day.



SAVE THE DATE

YEAR 1 AND YEAR 2 AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Y1 and Y2 after school clubs start next week and run for 4 weeks. Please collect your child promptly at 4pm and wait outside the double door by the ICT suite, top end of car park. Your child will be brought outside to you but parents/carers must come to the door to collect, please do not wait in your car.



KNIVES AND FORKS

The expectation at school is that children should be able to use a knife and fork correctly when eating their school lunch. We are noticing that many children are unable to do this. Please practice as much as possible at home, while eating with your child, encouraging them to hold and use cutlery correctly.



CHICKEN POX

There have been several cases of chicken pox at school this week. Your child may return to school if they are feeling well enough, once all their spots have dried up and crusted over.

WELLBEING TEAM NEWS

This week in worship the children were encouraged to do a random act of kindness everyday of Lent. Please encourage your children to perform any act of kindness each day. This can be a simple task like feeding the cat, laying the table, opening a door for someone, asking a friend to play with them, the list is endless.



Some of you will have received an email with a link to a questionnaire so we can gather some feedback on the additional support we arrange for some of your children. If you have received an email please fill in the questionnaire. It should only take a few minutes and your feedback is valuable to us so we can review the support we offer and ensure we are meeting the needs of our children.

Our next Social Prescriber Clinic will be held on Wednesday 11th March from 1.30pm at St Martins Church. This is a fantastic opportunity to meet our local young person social prescribers. They are an amazing source of help and information, so whether there is something you'd like advice on or you just want to find out more about what they do and what help is available in our community.

If you have any questions or need any help The Wellbeing team is available on the playground most mornings, or you can e-mail on wellbeing@herne-infant.kent.sch.uk

FOREST GROUP NEWS

This week on Monday the children enjoyed learning about semaphore signalling. We had a go at sending a word across the Cove and interpreting what the flags meant. The children really enjoyed deciphering the code and working out what the word was their friends were sending. Unfortunately, we will not be having any afternoon Forest Groups this term but we will still ensure all remaining children have a turn to experience Forest Group



ATTENDANCE

Great job this week Year R with great attendance across the year group of **96.99%**

Hedgehog Class with a fabulous **98.60%**



THIS WEEK'S NEWS FROM CLASS

Windmill Nursery

Highlights from this week:

This week the nursery children have enjoyed using the outdoor space to the max! Several children have really enjoyed exploring and learning about shape and space with the outdoor bricks and blocks. Some children have been building their own houses and buildings, and others have enjoyed creating their own arrangements by adding 'walls' and 'porches' to the existing sheds in the nursery garden. These have both been excellent opportunities for the children to develop their spatial awareness and understanding of shapes.

Elsewhere in the garden we've also been enjoying mark making with chinks and water. The children have been painting the fences and sheds and watching the water dry out in the sunshine, leaving the fences ready to be painted again. We've also been experimenting with mixing water and chalk to make different colours.

Next week:

Next week we will be celebrating World Book Day, so we'll be thinking about and reading our favourite books and stories all week. We'll have a go at drawing our favourite characters, and create a tasty treat based on one of our favourite stories!

Notices:

As World Book Day falls on a Thursday this week, we would like to invite the first half of the week children to come in wearing their costumes on Wednesday morning!



Pathway groups:

Dragonflies:

In Dragonflies this term we are going to be thinking about animals. This week we have thought about our pets and used Language Through Colour approaches to think about what they are like, how we would describe them and where our pets like to play. The children have done some amazing writing this week! In maths we have thought about place value and have been using our skills to count accurately to 20. We have had a lovely calm Friday where we enjoyed being vets and making animal crafts. Next week we are thinking about zoo animals.

Butterflies:

This term our theme is People Who help us. Over the week we have been thinking about nurses and what they do to help us. We have done lots of work on our fine motor skills and have worked hard to be more independent when changing for PE. We have been very busy looking after the teddies and babies and making sure that they are well. We have thought about the colour blue and have explored this through a range of sensory activities. Next week we will be focusing on firefighters and the colour red.

Bumblebees:

As we start our new term, we have discussed learning new skills and what ours would be. Our Bumblebees wowed us with some amazing skills that they would love to try! These included aerial gymnastics, building sheds, being able to perform magic tricks and hula hooping. This week in our groups we all hula hooped and tried using the hoop in a different way. Our activities to choose from included following the recipe and making play dough, tac toe with corks and pinecones and kitchen.



Year R

Highlights from this week:

This week we started our new learning theme, 'People Who Help Us'. We have been learning about people who help us to look after our bodies, such as, doctors, nurses and dentists.

During our COOL time we have learnt about these people using arts and craft resources to create emergency vehicles. We had so much fun building fire engines in our outdoor area using crates and tyres!

In our LEO Learning, we labelled a body using our phonic knowledge to help us spell key words.

On Friday, we had a special visit from Nurse Debbie. Nurse Debbie spoke to us about the importance of her job and even showed us the special equipment she uses in her role as a nurse. We enjoyed asking her lots of interesting questions.

Key learning for next week:

We will be learning about people who keep us safe, such as, firefighters and paramedics.

In writing, we will be reading themed sentences, linked to our topic and will have a go at writing our very first sentence as a team.

We will have a visit from a paramedic and a fire fighter who will tell us about their jobs.

In PE we will be practicing a dance routine for a very exciting dance festival!

Notices:

Please remember to take earrings out on children's PE days. We are not able to take them out for them and therefore they will miss out on the session.

PE days are as followed:

Dormouse – Monday & Wednesday

Squirrel – Wednesday & Friday

Hedgehog – Tuesday & Wednesday

Year 1

Highlights from this Week:

We are really proud of how the children have returned after the half way break and hearing all about their holiday news. They couldn't wait to tell us all about it!

The term started with an animal adventure, where we had to locate some friendly escaped animals that had somehow made their way to Herne. This hunt has really hooked the children into their learning about animals and they really cannot wait to learn more!

Key learning for next week:

Next week we will be finding out about two classifications of animals - birds and fish. In English we will be exploring the picture book 'Chalk' that will inspire us to do lots of creative things outside. For Writing, we will be creating weather diaries and learning how to spell the days of the week. In Maths we are continuing our learning about Measures but this time we are focusing on weight, mass and volume. Other areas of the curriculum will be following and creating instructions using Purple Mash in Computing, learning about Spring and New Life for RE and finding out about pitch in Music.

Notices:

Please remember to tie hair back on PE days and to fill water bottles with water please, not squash. Thank you.

Diary date reminder:

Please don't forget to join us on **Monday, 2nd March, at 2:30pm** in the hall to find out about the Year One Phonics Screening Test.



Year 2

Highlights of the week:

It was so lovely welcoming back the children from the half term break and seeing all their home learning about Tudor houses and the great Fire of London! We were so impressed! The children have been so eager to get stuck in with this History based theme and ready to learn more. A big thank you to the adults for supporting us with this. The classes have been filled with so many questions already!

Key learning for next week:

As part of Book Week, we are focusing a lot of our learning around the picture book 'Chalk'. In Writing we are writing a fictional narrative across the week, focusing on each of the three parts every day using this week's class planning sheet and our own bright ideas. Our spelling words of the week are '**bath**', '**path**', '**after**', '**child**', '**children**' and '**again**'. In Maths we are delving deeper into our knowledge of time by adding hands to a clock to tell the time and comparing and sequencing the intervals of time. Our Rainbow Challenges include sorting man made and natural objects, making simple mechanisms using wheels and axles and ordering pictures of events using a timeline.

Notices:

Please keep those cardboard boxes coming in for DT this term. Each child will need a cereal box for a vehicle using axles and wheels and a sturdier box for creating a Tudor house. Thank you.

Diary date:

We are inviting you into your child's class for a Maths workshop on either:

Wednesday 25th March at 2:00pm or Friday 27th March at 2:00pm.

This is an opportunity for you to come into class and find out how we teach addition, subtraction, multiplication and division in Year Two at Herne Infants. You will be finding out about the learning objectives we cover, the strategies we use to support the children and very importantly, joining in with relating activities with your child! Please sign up on the sheets on class whiteboards for one of these sessions from next Monday. If you are unable to sign up in person please email us. We look forward to welcoming you!

