

HERNE CE INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL WEEKLY BULLETIN FRIDAY 20th MARCH 2026



MENINGOCOCCAL DISEASE OUTBREAK IN KENT

We understand that the current situation may be concerning for some parents, pupils and staff at school, however UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) have indicated that pupils can and should continue to attend school as normal and therefore, pupils should only be absent from school when they are genuinely unwell or displaying symptoms that prevent them from attending.

EASTER CELEBRATIONS

At school we shall be celebrating this special Christian festival during the last week of this term. The children will gather together on **Tuesday 31st March** for an Easter service at St. Martin's Church. Unfortunately, we cannot accommodate parents and cares at this celebration.



EASTER HATS

On the last day of term, **Thursday 2nd April**, we invite your child to wear an Easter hat to school. In the past you have been really creative with papier mâché, cardboard and upcycling old Easter hats. We look forward to seeing what you will wear this year.

**A reminder that term finishes at normal time on Thursday 2nd April.
Term 5 begins on Monday 20th April**



DANCE FESTIVAL ~REMINDER

This term each class has choreographed their own dance to a piece of popular music. We will be performing them to each other this term however we would really like to share these with you. Please make a note of the displayed times. Please wait outside the school office for a member of staff to show you in to the hall. Nursery dances will be in the nursery building. The large wooden gates will be open to let nursery parents and carers through by a member of staff. We hope that you are able to join us.

Class	Date and Time
Hedgehog	Friday 24 th April – 2.40pm
Squirrel	Wednesday 22 nd April – 2.40pm
Dormouse	Tuesday 21 st April – 2.40pm
Rabbit	Wednesday 22 nd April – 9.00am
Owl	Thursday 23 rd April – 9.00am
Mole	Friday 24 th April – 9.00am
Otter	Thursday 23 rd April – 2.40pm
Fox	Monday 27 th April – 2.40pm
Badger	Monday 20 th April – 2.40pm
Nursery – HW1/AM	Wednesday 22 nd April – 11.15am
Nursery HW2/PM	Wednesday 22 nd April – 2.40pm

DANCE FESTIVAL COSTUMES

Hedgehog - beige/brown/cream clothes. Long sleeved top please

Squirrel - Please see information on Squirrel Class whiteboard

Dormouse - black bottoms and a white top

Rabbits - black/dark long sleeve top (can be patterned but turned inside out so pattern doesn't show)

black/dark trousers/jogging bottoms

Owls - Plain blue or purple top and leggings/joggers/trousers. If anyone has an Aladdin fancy dress costume that we could borrow, please let the class team know if you wouldn't mind lending it to us.

Moles - Plain bottoms with animal print top or plain top with animal print bottoms

Otters - Plain bright coloured t-shirt and plain black shorts (if you don't have shorts, leggings or jogging bottoms will be fine).

Foxes - A fairy tale themed costume. (Think Shrek characters) such as, Little Red Riding Hood, Snow White, Rapunzel, Three Blind Mice, Big Bad Wolf, Gingerbread etc. Or alternatively, an animal such as a Donkey, cat, frog, bear etc. (This could be plain clothes and a home-made headband)

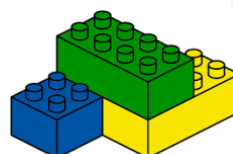
Badgers - A toy themed costume/outfit (think retro/traditional toys like in Toy Story!). For example – cowboy, cowgirl, astronaut, dolly/princess, army outfit, animal/teddy, dinosaur, superhero.

Nursery - Orange or blue t shirts



TERM 5 AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS Y1/Y2

Applying for a space on next term's Y1/Y2 after school clubs is now being done via Microsoft Forms. Parents and carers will be receiving a link via email to apply for all clubs using this method. The deadline for applying is **Friday 27th March 9am**. At this point, the form will close so no late applications will be received. There is no Charlton Athletic Club next term, but Bob Bolder will be back for term 6 for football in the summer.



ATTENDANCE



Owl Class **100%**



THIS WEEK'S NEWS FROM CLASS

Windmill Nursery

Highlights from this week:

This week we've enjoyed reading 'Jasper's Beanstalk' by Nick Butterworth and Mick Inkpen. This inspired us to plant our own seeds and beans. Just like Jasper, the children in the nursery have been watching their plant pots and wondering how long their plants will take to grow.

We've seen lots of fantastic shop role play in the nursery this week. Some of the children have been using the market stall in the garden for buying and selling items in a shop, and up at the Hive we even had a pretend McDonalds with stick burgers and stick chips!

Next week:

Next week we will carry on watering our plants and looking out for signs that the seeds are growing into seedlings.

Notices:

Please could you make sure your child's jumpers are named. As the weather is getting nicer, we are spending more time outside with lots of water play, and so lots of jumpers are coming off and on again!

For our costumes for the dance festival, we will ask the nursery children to come in wearing their blue and orange t-shirts on the day of the dance.



Pathway groups:

Dragonflies:

This week we have started to learn about animals under the sea. We have learnt some facts about the animals and next week will be writing some clues about our favourite under the sea animal so that our friends can guess the answer! We have really impressed our grownups this week as we have been able to show how amazing we are at addition and subtraction. We have explored many stories about sea creatures and practised our handwriting patterns and letter formation.

Butterflies:

This week we have been thinking about how a dentist might help us as well as how we keep our teeth healthy, clean and bright. We have explored toothbrushes and toothpaste and talked about why we need to brush regularly. In phonics we have focused on the sounds r, h, b and f and played lots of listening games. We have been practising our counting skills and matching these to numbers. Next week we will be thinking about our pets and who might help them!

Bumble bees:

Our new skill to learn this week was gardening! We have been very lucky to have sunny afternoons to be out in the sensory gardening using the rakes to tidy up and look at the bulbs we can plant. Our discussions during circle time led to many different conversations. We started talking about gardening after listening to the story The Little Sunflower. Our year 2 group spoke about planting trees because its good for the environment. Year 1 spoke about potatoes coming from the ground and who liked roast potatoes with a roast dinner. Our year R group spoke about flowers. Our other activities included painting shells to go in the sensory garden, filling pots with soil, colouring and sticks and leaves pictures.



Year R

Highlights from this week:

This week we have learned all about the new season, spring. We have created spring art work using different media. We used our fine motor skills to scrunch or paint to create blossom trees and they look beautiful!

We read a Peter Rabbit story and practised some key spring vocabulary using Makaton – can your child show you one of our words at home?

We went on a Spring walk in the bright sunshine to see if we could spot any signs of the new season.

Key learning for next week:

We are going to be exploring the different animals that live on farms as well as the names of baby farm animals. We will be writing a sentence using capital letters, finger spaces and full stops about our own farm designs.

We will continue to practise our dance routines ready for the following week when we showcase them in our dance festival!

Notices:

Please can we have costumes in as soon as possible ready for our dance festival the following week. Thank you

Year 1

Highlights from this Week:

The children were fascinated about fact files! It was so lovely watching them read them with a partner, sharing new facts about a range of different animals. A surprise highlight was learning about conjunctions! They loved learning new ones and spotting them in the fact files, filling up our conjunction carriage on our Sentence Train.

Today was a rather comical day where we found out why we were wearing back to front clothes! We all looked a little silly!

Key learning for next week:

Our animal learning continues, where we will be creating our own fact file about our favourite animals by applying all our newly learned knowledge about the different classifications of animals and conjunctions. Our key spellings are '**some**', '**come**', '**when**', '**what**'. In Maths we are recapping all areas taught this term such as measuring involving height, length, mass, volume and capacity and place value to 100. Other areas of the curriculum include showing ways of being respectful in PSHE, labelling human body parts and discussing our senses for Science and exploring graphic notation in Music.

Notices:

Please continue to check labelling on uniform and ensure book bags are free from keyrings. Thank you.



Year 2

Highlights of the week:

The children really enjoyed our Maths learning this week where they gathered statistical data about their favourite African animal and transferred this information onto tables on the computer. We also enjoyed creating little fire sparks using special resources in the HIVE, as part of our fire lighting learning.

Today was super fun as we all tried to continue as normal and move with our back to front clothes!

Lastly, thank you for all the dance festival costumes we have received so far!

Key learning for next week:

In Writing, the children will put their fantastic ideas generated this week into a diary extract, pretending to be Samuel Pepys, using paragraphs and dates. Our spelling words are '**break**', '**steak**', '**father**', '**even**', '**mind**' and '**parents**'. Come along to our Marvellous Maths Workshop with parents/carers. In Maths we are counting in steps of 2 and 5 from 0, and in tens from any number, forwards and backwards. In RE Learning we will be reflecting on how Christians celebrate Easter and why. Our Rainbow Challenges include painting and adding detail to our fire engines alongside adding wheels and axles to make them move, and taking part in some observational drawings using our shading skills and sketching techniques.

Notices:

This is the last chance to sign up for our Maths Workshop that are taking place next week on

Wednesday 25th and **Friday 27th March** both starting at **2:00pm in classrooms**. Grandparents are more than welcome to join us if you are unable to!