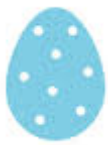


HERNE CE INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL WEEKLY BULLETIN THURSDAY 2ND APRIL 2026



HAPPY EASTER

We would like to take the opportunity to wish you all a very Happy Easter! We hope you have a good break and your children enjoy all that you do. We look forward to seeing you next term for more learning!

Term 5 begins on Monday 20th April

PARKING

You will be aware that parking is an ongoing issue at times for our school families and our Herne community. We do appreciate that many of you try to park with courtesy or walk to school however we are still regularly contacted about individual incidents from our neighbours. Recently, the Parish Council held a meeting to discuss parking and several possible initiatives were raised which could have a positive effect on this situation. Two ideas which can be considered immediately are car sharing and a walking bus. Do you have a friend or neighbour who you could share lifts with to reduce congestion? If you would like to volunteer your time to run a walking bus to and from school, please email the school.



EARRINGS IN SCHOOL

If you are considering having your child's ears pierced, please be reminded that our school policy does not allow children to wear earrings whilst taking part in PE and sports day. Children must be able to remove these themselves as staff are not permitted to do so.



DANCE FESTIVAL

The children were absolutely fantastic in the dance festival today. We were blown away by their confidence, choreography, inclusivity, joy and independence. We cannot wait to share the dances with you so please may a note of your child's date and time (as advertised in previous bulletins) in your diary.



'AROUND THE WORLD IN A WEEK' WEEK

During the second week of Term 5 (week beginning 20th April), we are having a whole school 'Around the World in a Week' enrichment theme. The children will have the opportunity to learn about different countries and engage in exciting cross-curricular activities.

To celebrate this and round up the week, children are invited to come to school on

Friday 1st May is non-school uniform, please dress in the colours of a flag from the country of your choice.



LUNCH MENU

We have a new menu for school lunches which starts after Easter Holiday. Please see attached flyer and our web site for more information.

COOL MILK

Due to delivery issues, there will be **NO** Cool Milk for children on the first day of next term.

Cool Milk



ATTENDANCE



Dormouse and Otter Classes both with a fantastic

100% attendance this week!



WELLBEING TEAM NEWS



Due to all the Easter activities this week, Nurture groups have not been running.

Don't forget the Easter Challenge to paint a stone or shell for our sensory garden. Information poster attached to email.

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 in our Monday session, the children did an Easter Egg hunt. They were divided into 3 teams and had to find paper eggs in their team colour. All 9 eggs had letters on them. Once found, they had to re-arrange the letters to decipher the hidden words "Easter Egg". Team work and communication skills were needed to complete the task.



THIS WEEK'S NEWS FROM CLASS

Windmill Nursery

Highlights from this week:

This week everyone has had a great time making our lovely Easter cards, and some tasty Easter treats! We loved seeing everyone's wonderful Easter bonnet creations too! Our first half of the week children had a great time performing our dance to the YR children, and we're looking forward to performing these again to our families after the holiday.

We've also been looking at and watering our seeds – they've started to grow!

Next term:

When we come back to Nursery, we will be thinking about what we've been up to on our two week break, and drawing pictures of what we've been doing!

Notices:

Remember to dress your child in their blue or orange top on Wednesday! Performances for the families are at 11:15am and 2:40pm in the Nursery classroom.



Year R

Highlights from this week:

We have had a wonderful week of celebration! On Wednesday, the children wowed us with their dance performances at our dance festival and we were so proud of how they worked as a team to perform their dance routines with confidence and big smiles!

We have enjoyed celebrating Easter this week in lots of 'egg-citing' ways such as creating Easter cards and arts and crafts, making yummy chocolate treats and participating in an Easter bonnet parade today!

Key learning for first week back:

Next term we will begin a new theme, 'Around the World with Paddington Bear'. We will learn about the UK as well as other countries around the world. We will be thinking about new languages, how to look at globes and read maps, experiencing the arts and culture from different countries, learning about key landmarks and about different wildlife and landmarks.

Notices:

Thank you for another lovely term. We have learned lots as well as had lots of fun and we can't wait to see you all again after a well-deserved rest! Happy Easter from the YR Team!



Year 1

Highlights from this Week:

The children have particularly enjoyed learning about Easter this term and singing Easter songs, creating Easter cards and spring pictures and even going on an Easter Symbol treasure hunt around the school! We also thoroughly enjoyed performing our dance routine to the rest of Key Stage One. We are so proud of the children and they all looked fantastic in their dance costumes, so thank you so much for your support with this. We cannot wait to show you these dances after half term.

Key learning for first week back:

Our new theme will be 'What a Wonderful World', where we are going to start with Herne and looking closely at the United Kingdom, finding out about the countries that make it up and finding out about key facts about them.

In Writing we are focusing on capital letters and punctuation marks as we write words and sentences. Our spelling words are 'we', 'me', 'was', 'one', 'were', 'our', 'mouse'. In Maths we are learning to tell the time to o'clock and half past the hour and in RE we are focusing on Judaism. In DT next term we are looking at mechanisms to eventually create a moving picture.

Notices:

Please wash and re-label PE kits ready for the first day back in Term 5. We will be doing Athletics and Tag Rugby, so please check outdoor PE kits especially. Thank you.

During the morning of **Friday 24th April**, we are going for a little walk around the perimeter of the school using a map to help us navigate our way. Please ensure your child has a waterproof coat or jacket just in case. We will wear our wellies and have our snack whilst we are out.

Home learning:

During the half term break, please keep reading with your children to ensure they keep applying all the skills they have learned. Could you also keep looking through all the sounds on the sound sheet we emailed out following the phonics Parent Workshop, so that they don't forget them during the two-week break? Thank you.

Please see below some online Phonic Games your children can access at home. Typically, the children are on Phase 4 and Phase 5.

<https://www.phonicsbloom.com/>

<https://letters-and-sounds.com/>

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>

We wish you all a wonderful Easter and look forward to seeing you all again in Term 5!



Year 2

Highlights of the week:

Rememberable moments this week include leading singing and prayers in our Easter Worship, making Easter cards for our families and drawing Tudor houses with much greater detail than before. It was also great fun seeing if we can attach wooden axles and wooden wheels to our cardboard fire engines in order to make them move-some were very fast, some a little slower! The dance festival was also fantastic! Thank you so much for their amazing costumes. We can't wait to show you our moves after half term.

Key learning for first week back:

Next term, our main theme will be Superheroes-real life and fictional, so we anticipate this will be a very exciting term!

In Writing we will be creating some factual writing about real life heroes, drawing upon sentence structure, using suffixes and applying appropriate punctuation.

In Maths we are looking at positional and directional language to follow instructions.

Other areas of the curriculum include grouping and identifying beats in Music, looking at other ways of showing Ready, Respectful and Safe in different environments in PSHE and learning about Hockey and Athletics in PE. In RE we are exploring Islam.

Notices:

Save the date! On **Friday 22nd May** we are inviting Year 2 children to come to school dressed as a superhero for a day and take part in superhero themed activities to end our SUPER theme!

Don't forget to recheck labels on PE clothes as you wash them ready for Term 5!

Home learning:

As an Easter half term challenge, we would like to give the children two pieces of home learning that will support our planned activities during Term 5.

1) We would like to invite the children to think of their real-life heroes and fill in an empty fact file that we are sending home today in book bags. Please bring in the completed fact files the first day back as will be using the children's research to create a non-fiction narrative that week. Thank you so much for your support.

2) Please can children bring in/email a photograph of their bedroom to help them with describing a setting for our creative writing. A reminder of our email addresses are:

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fox@herne-infant.kent.sch.uk

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