

HERNE CE INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL WEEKLY BULLETIN

FRIDAY 24th APRIL 2026



AROUND THE WORLD IN A WEEK



Next week (WB: 27th April), we are having a whole school 'Around the World in a Week' enrichment theme, in which 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 in non-school uniform, dressed in colours of any flag they choose.**



YR VISION SCREENING

Nurses from School Health Team at Kent Community Health NHS Foundation Trust will be in school on Monday morning to complete Vision Screening for children in Year R, and to see any children who require a second Hearing Screening.

SCOOTERS/BIKES ON SCHOOL SITE

We love to see our children scooting and riding bikes to school in the morning, the fresh air and exercise preparing them for the day ahead.

Please remind your child that they must walk with their scooter or bike at all times on the school site.

We understand the temptation to ride on site, but this may cause traffic jams, children being out of sight of parents and collisions.



SAY CHEESE!



WHOLE CLASS PHOTOS

Vancols School Photographers will be in school on Wednesday 13th May to take whole class photos

GAS WORKS MARGATE ROAD

Please see information flyer attached to email regarding the Gas Network Upgrade – Margate Road Herne Bay



NO DOGS ON SITE

A polite reminder that **NO DOGS** are allowed on the school site unless working at the school!

WELLBEING TEAM NEWS

Forest Group News

This week on Monday we played a game where the children all had to find a stick and then use them as the adults directed, for example they used them as motorbikes or wands or a big spoon. We talked about which spells they would perform or what they would eat with their spoons. All the children showed great imagination and creativity. In the afternoon groups, the children found 7 sticks to make pictures with. They made different shapes and worded with a partner to make a house.



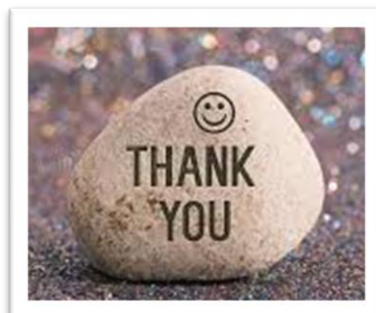
Wellbeing News



In our Nurture groups this week we have been thinking about all the things that make us happy. We have been writing an A-Z of all the different things. It's been wonderful to hear all their ideas and watch the smiles grow on their faces.

Thank you to everyone who has painted stones for our Sensory Garden, they all look amazing, you have obviously worked really hard on decorating the stones. We will start to put them in the garden next week but if anyone still wants to bring one in, they will always be welcome.

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



**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

ATTENDANCE

Great whole school attendance for the first week
back after Easter of **96.90%**

Squirrel, Otter and Fox classes all with over
98.00%



THIS WEEK'S NEWS FROM CLASS

Windmill Nursery

Highlights from this week:

It's been lovely to see everyone again after two weeks off! We've heard all about everyone's holidays, which have included beach visits, going to Wildwood and even a trip on an aeroplane! The children have also made some fantastic pictures of what they got up to.

Elsewhere in the nursery we've had a wonderful time washing the babies (and getting a bit soapy ourselves!), building houses and rockets with the Duplo and making some wonderful junk modelling creations. Up at the Hive we've been getting 'painty' with some natural paintbrushes, as well as looking for minibeasts and having a go at obstacle courses.

Next week:

We're looking forward to learning all about Saint Lucia for our Around the World Week. We'll be making and tasting some banana bread, and having our own Nursery Carnival!

Notices:

We'll be having our carnival/colour of the flag day on Wednesday (AM) and Friday (PM), so don't forget to wear your colourful, carnival clothes then!

Children often need to get changed in the nursery – please could you ensure they are wearing clothes they can pull down/up easily themselves!

Pathway groups:

Dragonflies:

In Dragonflies this week we have been learning about Italy. I wonder if your child can remember any key facts that they have learnt? We have made a word bank all about Italy to help us with our writing next week. In maths, we have started to learn about fractions and have had to work out a whole half and quarters of objects – some of us have also tried to work out fractions with numbers!

Butterflies:

In Butterflies this term our new theme is the weather and emotions. This week we have focused on sunny and happy. We have used the colour monster story to help us to understand different emotions and have been thinking about what might make us happy. Our Butterfly children have loved the sunshine this week and have enjoyed opportunities to be outside exploring our gross motor skills.

Bumble bees:

This week, our groups explored the theme of positivity and what it feels like to "feel good." Each participant created a "Positive Flower," personalising it with things that make them happy—such as going for a walk. We also spent time reflecting on the positive highlights of our day and ourselves. Other activities included practicing fine motor skills by pouring drinks and spreading toppings on crackers, as well as a challenge to see if they could create boats that could float. Finally, our magnetic tiles inspired some fantastic creations, including a hotel with a balcony and several racing cars.



Year R

Highlights from this week:

We have had such a lovely first week back with our friends and have even met a new friend too! Paddington Bear arrived on Monday with a special letter asking us to please look after this bear! We have learned about where Paddington comes from as well as learning about the UK, England and our capital city London! I wonder if your child can tell you about something they have learned this week?

Key learning next week:

We will be finding out about Paddington and where he went on holiday! This will help us to learn about a different country around the world and how it is different or the same to where we live.

In maths we will explore adding and counting amounts altogether and in writing, we will have a go at writing a sentence all about Paddington's holiday!

On Friday we will be taking a special trip around the world to find out about lots of different exciting places around the world!

Notices:

As our PE will be outside in terms 5 and 6, please can we ask that every child has a pair of trainers in school for this. Please can we have these by Wednesday 29th April. Thank you

Year 1

Highlights from this week

The children returned back to school eager and ready to get stuck in with this terms theme-What a wonderful World. They were mesmerized by looking at maps and zooming in and out to spot places they've been to and places they know. They were fascinated hearing that the United Kingdom is actually made up of four countries as we explored the map, sorted pictures, looked at flags and found out many answers to the questions we had. We also had a great first Tag Rugby PE session this week, linking in the Four Nations!

Key learning for next week:

Next week is our whole school theme of 'Around the World in a Week', so we will be leaving the United Kingdom behind as we travel to a specific country per class before visiting three countries in other classrooms on Friday. Rabbits will be exploring Poland, Owls will be learning about the Netherlands and Moles will be concentrating on Belgium.

In Writing we are writing fact files about our class country ensuring our sentences are statements and include the correct punctuation and capital letters with smaller handwriting. Our focus spellings words are '**I, is, the, should, could, would**' so please feel free to continue to practise these at home. In Maths we are continuing our learning of time by focusing on seconds, minutes and hours and in RE we are finding out what a Mezuzah is and how it is important to Jewish communities. We are also exploring mechanisms such as sliders and levers for DT.

Notices:

Please continue to bring in or email a photograph of your child somewhere in the world for class displays. Thank you!



Year 2

Highlights of the week:

It was so lovely welcoming the children back and hearing all about their half term news! They were also so excited to share their home learning challenge about their role models. Thank you so much for your support with this. We cannot wait to see their writing this week and the impact it has had. Badgers and Otters loved performing their class dances to you all and Foxes look forward to sharing there's on Monday. Hockey and Music have been particular highlights of the curriculum this week. They have enjoyed exploring key skills that will build up towards a hockey game and clapping in time to different beats.

Key learning for next week:

Next week is our whole school 'Around the World in a Week' theme so each class will be finding out lots of information about a different country. Otters will learn about Italy, Foxes will find out about France and Badgers will focus on Jamaica. In Writing, the children will be creating facts about the things you may see in these countries. In Maths we will continue to solve problems involving position and direction. In RE we are focusing on Islam this term. Our Rainbow Challenges include decorating flags, making country themed arts and crafts, exploring non-fiction books about the world and exploring our new role play areas.

Notices:

To complement our writing engagement, please can children continue to send in a photograph of their bedrooms so we can use them to write setting descriptions in a couple of weeks' time? Please send one photograph to your child's class email address. Thank you so much for your support.

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fox@herne-infant.kent.sch.uk

badger@herne-infant.kent.sch.uk

Diary date:

On the last day of term, **Friday 22nd May** we invite our Year Two children to come to school dressed as a fictional super hero! So, dig out those capes, masks and even pants for a super fun day!

