

HERNE CE INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL WEEKLY BULLETIN

FRIDAY 15th MAY 2026



COME AND SEE OPEN DAY ~ FRIDAY 22nd MAY

School will be open from **2.15pm on Friday 22nd May** (last day of Term 5) for you to come and have a look around. This is an opportunity for your child to show you their classroom and other areas of our wonderful school. You may take your child home with you once you have collected them from their class. Nursery children who attend the first half of the week and morning sessions, may come and see the nursery on Wednesday 20th May at 11.00am.



SPORTS DAY REMINDER

Tuesday 19th May 9.00am Squirrel Class
Tuesday 19th May 2.00pm Hedgehog Class
Wednesday 20th May 9.00am Dormouse Class

PARKING IN STREETFIELD

Please respect our neighbours on Streetfield and do not park on the double yellow lines or across drive ways.

It has also been noticed that some cars are arriving and parking leaving their engines running when signs state clearly not to.

Parking enforcement officials have been notified.

Parents and carers **PLEASE** park legally and do not leave your engines running.



Let's talk about PUNCTUALITY



LATENESS ~ EVERY MINUTE COUNTS!

Arriving late to school is unsettling for your child and can be disruptive for their teacher and other children in the class. It is important that your child arrives on time. If your child arrives up to 30 minutes late, this will be marked Late in the register. If your child arrives over 30 minutes late, this will be recorded as unauthorised absence for the whole morning.

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As the weather will hopefully be warming up again soon, why not try to walk or scoot to school more often? You can use this as quality time with your children while enjoying some fresh air and the beautiful surroundings of Herne.

WELLBEING TEAM NEWS



Wellbeing News

In our Nurture groups this week we have been exploring what colour we associate with which emotion. We have talked about how we are all unique and we may not associate the same colour with “happy” as our friends do. We have been trying to encourage the sun to shine for our sports days with mixed success.

Forest Group News

This week in our morning group we made a “bridge” over a “river”!

The children had to construct a bridge over the tarpaulin without standing in the “river”. They worked out that once they had put the first tree stump in the water, they could stand on that to place the next and so on, working together to create a safe path over the river. They used lots of negotiation and problem-solving skills to make their bridge and enjoyed playing, balancing over it. In the afternoon we made play equipment out of the planks and tree stumps in the Hive. Some children made slides, some made seesaws and some made swings. They all showed an amazing imagination and the idea engaged some for the entire session.



Save the date

We will be having a family picnic and outdoor games (weather dependent) on Friday 12th June 3.00pm – 4.00pm. We would love to see you there.

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

ATTENDANCE

Whole school attendance was only **92.26%** this week, primarily due to quite a few children on holiday! As mentioned in previous Bulletins, our term dates are published in advance on our website. Please use the 13 weeks of holiday to book your trips. Your child is missing key foundational learning when they are absent from school for a holiday.

Mole Class had a fantastic **98.33%**



ATTENDANCE
Matters

THIS WEEK'S NEWS FROM CLASS

Windmill Nursery

Highlights from this week:

Well done to all the nursery children for joining in our sports days this week! They all did fantastically at balancing, throwing the bean bags and jumping in sacks! Thank you to all families who came to support and join in.

The children have enjoyed listening to the story of the Gingerbread Man. They have joined in with the repeated phrases when reading the story, and singing the chorus of the song. Some of the children have even helped to make gingerbread people, and we've all enjoyed having a taste!

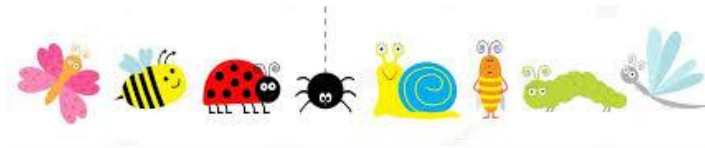
We've also been observing and exploring the changing weather this week – the second half of the week had to opportunity to get wet-suited and booted up and go out in the hail! One fantastic observation was 'I didn't know rain could turn into snow!' We've also been seeing lots of amazing child led role play this week – we've had lots of fire fighters and police officers, and wonderful collaborative play!

Next week:

Next week we will be reading the story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears.

Notices:

Reminder that our Come and See days are Wednesday 20th at 11am for our HW1/AM children, and Friday 22nd at 2:15 for our HW2/PM children. And please remember waterproof coats on rainy days!



Year R

Highlights from this week:

We have started our minibeast topic by reading 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' and exploring the life cycle of a butterfly. We have loved using the book to help us write our own sentences about the healthy food we would like the caterpillar to eat, to help him grow into a beautiful butterfly.

A highlight of our week was going on a bug hunt around our school grounds! We visited the big playground and our wildlife area to see which minibeasts we could find. We wonder if they can tell you which minibeasts they spotted on our adventure?

We made sure we had our big smiles on for our class photos – we can't wait for you to see it!

Key learning for next week:

Next week, we are continuing to explore and learn about minibeasts. We will be reading 'The bad-tempered Ladybird'.

In Science we will be learning about where minibeast live and their different habitats. Then in Art, we will be creating a collage of a ladybird's habitat by using scissors to make snips in paper.

In Maths, we are consolidating our knowledge of addition and subtraction. We will be adding and taking away; practising by adding spots onto ladybirds or role-playing taking bugs away from a leaf.

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Year 1

Highlights from this week

The children are really grasping our Geography learning as we explored India and noticed it is a hot country due to its location near the Equator. Sadly, the weather turned wet this week so we were unable to do our track races for Sport's Day but we did enjoy showing you our gross motor skills in our Sports activity session, smiled our best smiles for our class photos and had learning about singular and plural words!

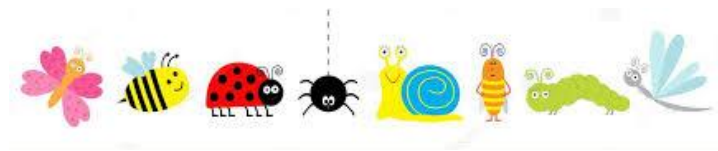
Key learning for next week:

Next week will be our last week learning about the world so we will be using our newly learnt knowledge to directly compare Iceland with India in regards to human and physical features, the animals found there and key landmarks.

In Writing we are doing an independent write about statements of the world and our spelling words are 'any', 'many', 'again', 'was', 'you'. Following on with our understanding of early multiplication, we shall also be exploring early division. Other areas of learning next week include how care is shown in Judaism, using the moving pictures we created to tell a story whilst evaluating our handy work and learn more skills in Tag Rugby.

Notices:

Please refrain from coming into class gardens before and after school. This could make some children anxious as it is not part of their routine. There is always an adult on the gate to talk to you if needed. Thank you. Don't forget our Come and See Afternoon next Friday! We look forward to welcoming you.



Year 2

Highlights of the week:

The children loved making their self-portrait collages inspired by Chila Burman. They also loved showing you how good their gross motor skills have developed as they took part in their last sports day at the Infants. Thank you to those who joined us.

Key learning for next week:

We are looking forward to writing our fictional narrative in Writing, ensuring we show our great ideas using suffixes and that our handwriting is neat and cursive. In Maths we are measuring, comparing and ordering temperature. We are also continuing with our Islam learning in RE. Our Rainbow Challenges include our last sessions of hockey and athletics, our historic knowledge of Emmeline Pankhurst and playing Boomwhackers using notation.

Notices:

We look forward to seeing the children dressed in their **Superhero costumes next Friday** and welcoming you in for our last Come and See Afternoon.