

HERNE CE INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL WEEKLY BULLETIN

FRIDAY 4th SEPTEMBER 2026



WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

We have had a great first week at school!

Our New Year R children have visited their class and explored the environment. We cannot wait for them to stay for their first session and look forward to getting to know them!

Our children have moved seamlessly up to their new year groups, and have been getting to know their teachers and classrooms. Children have settled well and are continuing to love learning at Herne. It is lovely to hear the joy, singing and fun they are having as they start the new year.

We have enjoyed seeing some of our old Year 2/new Y3 children as they drop off their siblings or just popping by to see us. It is great to see what a success the transition process has been and that the children are already settled and happy at the Juniors!

We look forward to a great year ahead and sharing many more wonderful moments with you!

YEAR 2 SWIMMING HELPERS ~ WE NEED YOU!

Year Two are looking forward to going swimming for the first time at Herne Infants! This is only possible with the much appreciated support of parent/carer helpers. Therefore, we are asking any volunteers who have a DBS with us at school if they could help us with our five sessions this term. You do not have to have a child in Year Two to help us. We greatly rely on parent support to enable us to go swimming. Sadly, in the past, the lack of DBS helpers has meant we have had to cancel swimming sessions so please help us to avoid this!

These sessions will take place in the mornings of:

15th September

22nd September

29th September

6th October

13th October

Please speak to one of the Year Two teachers if you are willing to join us.

Thank you in advance, Mrs Minter



PARKING IN STREETFIELD

If you park in Streetfield to drop off and collect your child from school, please ensure that you park courteously. It is an offense to obstruct a pavement and causes a safety risk to children walking into school.

We appreciate that this applies to a very small minority of parents but we remind you again to please be considerate when parking near school. We have already had an incident involving a parent who parked their vehicle across a Streetfield's resident's drive.



SCHOOL STAFF CAR PARK

Polite reminder that the school car park is for members of staff only.

We apologise for any inconvenience this causes however we cannot offer this facility to parents. Exceptions to this are at the discretion and permission of the Head teachers.

REMINDER OF SCHOOL HOURS

The school day is **8.40am** until **3.10pm**.

The gates are opened at **8.30am**. The class doors will also be open at **8.30am** to enable drop off as soon as you arrive at the class gate.

Registration is at **8.40am** when all the children should be in.

At the end of the day, gates will open at **3.00pm**. Class staff will release children from **3pm** onwards as they see you arrive.



PUNCTUALITY REALLY COUNTS

Lets start as we mean to go on and get to school on time!

A late mark in the register will count as an unauthorised absence. If your child is late, they will miss key learning and information at the start of the day. This may cause your child to fall behind and is disrupting for the rest of the class. It can also be unsettling for your child to walk into class late.



SCHOOL UNIFORM

Please ensure that **ALL** items of school uniform are clearly named. Book bags and water bottles also please.



HEALTHY PACKED LUNCHES FROM HOME

If your child brings a packed lunch from home, please ensure that it is a healthy lunch. Biscuits and chocolate covered biscuits are allowed but please no sweets or chocolate bars.



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NO NUTS IN SCHOOL PLEASE

Remember that we are a Nut-Free school. Please ensure that **no nuts** or **products containing nuts** (including products such as Nutella) are brought into school in packed lunches. This is of particular importance as we have children and members of staff with severe nut allergies. Thank you.

COOL MILK IN SCHOOL

All under 5's are entitled to free milk at school.

Once your child turns 5, if you would like them to carry on having a midmorning drink of milk at school, they need to be registered with 'Cool Milk'. Children continue to have access to water throughout the day.

Cool Milk

- Go to www.coolmilk.com/register.
- Pay Cool Milk online.
- Just pay by a Tuesday for your child's milk to start the following week.

You can still register your child with 'CoolMilk' in Year 1 or Year 2 if they wish to have milk.

SPECIAL EVENT AT ST.MARTIN'S CHURCH

6th September at 10am
St Martin's Church, Herne

Back to School
School Bag Blessing
Bring your school bag to church!



WORLD MAP DISPLAY

We are updating our world map display in the main corridor and need your help!

This display is designed to support the children's geographical knowledge and skills (e.g. *reading coordinates on a map, naming the seven continents and five seas, locating the equator*) and to encourage a curiosity of the world in which we live.

We will also be using this world map display to celebrate all the wonderful places the adults and children at Herne have visited on holiday.

If you would like to add a holiday photo of your child/family to this wall, please email it to Miss Thorn at badger@herne-infant.kent.sch.uk

Please include:

- One photo of either your child or your family on holiday
- Full name of your child and their class name
- Where you went on holiday (as specific as possible e.g. *Barcelona, Spain* or *Rome, Italy*)

We can't wait to fill the display with photos of all your exciting adventures in different places around the world! Thank you.



ATTENDANCE

For those parents new to our 'Weekly Bulletin', we celebrate good attendance at Herne on a weekly basis. Our whole school attendance target for the year is 96.00% or higher. For the first 3 days back this term week we had a great whole school attendance of

97.20% for the first week of term!



THIS WEEK'S NEWS FROM CLASS

Look out in next week's 'Weekly Bulletin' for Windmill Nursery and Year R's exciting news!



Year 1

Highlights from this Week:

Although this was a very short week, we have filled it with so much fun! It has been lovely spending time with all the new Rabbits, Owls and Moles and getting to know all their personalities. We have been talking a lot about ourselves, our families, who we love and our summer holiday news. We have drawn pictures of our homes, shown the adults how we can write our names and enjoyed COOL Time every afternoon to ensure a smooth transition from Year R. We have also started our Maths and Phonics learning.

Key learning for next week:

For the next few weeks, we will be using the story of 'The Three Little Pigs' to base lots of our learning on such as materials for Science and English activities involving nouns and role play. In Phonics we will continue to practise all our sound talk, blending, recognition and spelling skills. In our Maths learning will be recapping and deepening our understanding of number by counting forwards and backwards from different starting points, and focusing on one more and one less using ten squares, multilink and number tracks. Our PE this term will be our Wake Up and Shake Up routines and basketball. In RE we will be learning more about Christianity where we will be discussing parables such as The Lost Son.

Notices:

Please continue to ensure all clothing is named so that lost property can be returned and to promote children's independence. We also ask that you are patient with us at the end of the day as there are a lot of adult new faces to recognise when it comes to sending your children out. We are sorry it's taking a little time but we will get quicker!

We will be sending home reading books next week.



Year 2

Highlights of the week

Wow! We are so proud of the children! They have come into Year Two with confidence and an eagerness to get stuck in! This week we have enjoyed hearing all about the things that make each of them unique and have ensured the children become familiar with their new environment by having COOL Time and exploring all our year group resources. The children have loved sharing their summer holiday news with us and have begun to learn our new class Wake Up and Shake Up!

Key learning for next week:

Next week we have a whole week full of exciting activities and learning. We will begin our Phonics and GPS sessions based on the children's next steps in their learning and will be using numbers to 100 to read, write and understand place value. Other areas of the curriculum include naming the seven continents in Geography, discovering living, dead and things that have never been alive outside in our wildlife areas and Creation in RE.

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Please be patient with us at the end of the day as we get used to all the new adult faces as we send children out at home time. Thank you!

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Swimming:

This term we are taking the children swimming at Herons, in Herne Bay as part of our PE sessions. We will be travelling there by bus and will be back in time for lunch. Children will need to bring with them a swimming costume (no bikinis or tankinis please), a towel and a pair of goggles in a named swimming bag. The Tuesday dates are as follows:

15th September

22nd September

29th September

6th October

13th October

We know the children are going to be really excited as they learn and practise this key life skill.

