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Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers

We are always keen to hear about how former Hever pupils are doing and we have had some lovely feedback about how well last year's leavers are getting on in their new schools. It was also great to welcome back a couple of older students who came in to volunteer on their INSET day today; it is lovely when former pupils choose to come back and spend time with us.



What a great turn out from our Reception parents to our phonics meeting, followed by a stay and play with their children this afternoon! This is such an important opportunity to share information and to work together at this crucial stage in the children's learning journey – thank you all for joining us and for your positive feedback. The children are already so confident in their new environment and were very excited to share this with their parents

Thank you to everyone for supporting the children with their manifestos last week. Congratulations to our new School Council who will meet for the first time next week; we know that they will fulfil this role diligently.

We continue to be grateful for the support we receive from Bore Place. Year 4 and Year 6 have already had their first visit of the year and always return energised and full of interesting new information, with these opportunities supporting both their learning and well-being.

This week we had an exciting zoom call with the team from The Mosaic Studio. I am thrilled to share that we are commissioning Paul Siggins, who has completed an extensive range of inspiring projects, to design a stunning creation for our hall wall. All the children will have the opportunity to work alongside Paul in creating our mosaic during our Art Week in the spring term. The project is largely being funded through several generous donations, including money raised by our fabulous marathon runners last year. We will be sharing more information on this as the project unfolds.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Bligh

HOUSE POINTS WK 3

Congratulations to Falcon!

Falcon 322

Kestrel 307

Eagle 302

HOUSE POINTS WK 4

Congratulations to Falcon!

Falcon 347

Eagle 345

Kestrel 311



Golden Book Award

Magnolia:

Rosa, Mabel-Jane, Aubrey

Elderberry:

Gregory, James, Bells, Arlo

Elm:

Amelia, Casey

Willow:

Poppy, Daniela,



Attendance Cup—Wk 3

Well done
Chestnut Class!

98.8% attendance



Previous week's whole
school attendance:

96.5%



Attendance Cup—Wk 4

Well done
Elderberry Class!

** 99.7% attendance **



Last week's whole school
attendance:

95.4%



Star of the week—Wk 3

Acorn: Amelia

Magnolia: Millie

Elderberry: Frankie

Elm: Issy

Willow: Daniela

Chestnut: Mara & George F

Oak: Harrison



Star of the week—Wk 4

Acorn: Lola

Magnolia: Lilly

Elderberry: Eliza

Elm: Amelia

Willow: Eleanor

Chestnut: Kestrel Boy

Oak: Harmony



Litter Picking

Join us on Haver Parish Field
tomorrow: 9.30am

Christian Value of the Week: Friendship

"Suppose a believer is rich enough to have all that he needs. He sees his brother in Christ who is poor and does not have what he needs. What if the believer does not help the poor brother? Then the believer does not have God's love in his heart."

1 John 3:17



Birthdays Announcements:

**Dylan, Eli, Poppy, Jack,
Freya, Freddie, Rosa**

AN EVENING WITH LUCINDA MILLER



ST LAWRENCE
SCHOOL
PRESENTS



Raising neurodivergent children can be a rollercoaster ride at the best of times. Add this to a crazy work and parenting juggle, and this can mean that a child's nutrition can drop right to the bottom of the list. Research has found that when you nourish a child with proper food, then behaviour, focus, learning trajectories, sleep patterns and immunity improve immeasurably.

Come and join us for an inspiring talk with Lucinda Miller – a leading naturopath and child nutrition expert. Lucinda is also a triple, bestselling author of *The Good Stuff*, *I Can't Believe It's Baby Food* and *Brain Brilliance*.

Lucinda has helped thousands of families feel better through natural approaches to food, health and wellbeing and could offer the solutions you and your family are looking for.

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Reception Class Entry for September 2026

Open mornings this year will be held on:

Friday 10th October and Wednesday 19th November (school tours also available)

Please email: admissions@hever.kent.sch.uk for bookings and more information.



Forest School

Over the last 2 weeks Acorn class have been getting used to Forest School at our school nature area. They have been on a bug hunt, discovering what insects live hidden away. We have also made our own bug puppets and this week we investigated different shapes of leaves and created some colourful leaf rubbings. We are now ready to explore the woodland forest school site next week!

Meanwhile, Magnolia class have also been creating some autumnal artwork and jewellery, learning why some trees drop their leaves in autumn, and learning how we can make our own weather station and what it can tell us.



EMMA'S KITCHEN

Term 1's lunch menu & ASC menu is now on the school website:

<https://www.hever.kent.sch.uk/school-meals/>
Please send any feedback to the school office.

Emma's Kitchen



** Reminders **

Please continue to book your child's lunch in advance. If your child is not booked for a school lunch on ParentMail they will need a packed lunch.

School Office

The Week in Photos—Early Years & Key Stage 1

ACORN

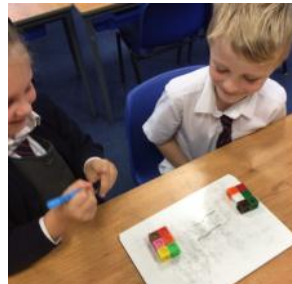
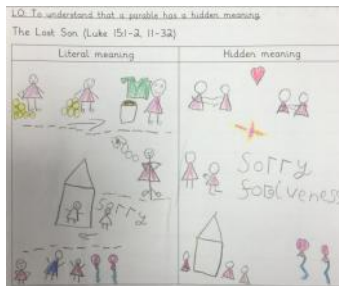
The last couple of weeks we have been embedding routines and enjoying our topic of 'Me and My Community'. After a good song and dance of head, shoulders, knees and toes we all drew our faces and our families. We have also looked at what our friends mean to us and how we can make new friends.

We are enjoying all things autumn! The falling leaves are carpeting our outdoor area, and we've been having fun playing with natural treasures like conkers, acorns, and woodland animal toys. We also read the story of 'The Leaf Man' and have been busy making our own leaf people.



MAGNOLIA

In Magnolia Class, our maths lessons have been full of hungry crocodiles! The children have been learning that a very hungry crocodile always wants to eat the greatest number. We've used this idea to help us understand and practise the signs $<$, $>$ and $=$ when comparing numbers, and the children have picked it up brilliantly. In RE, we've been exploring the story of The Lost Son. The children thought deeply about both its literal meaning and its hidden message. The children discovered the importance of saying sorry and offering forgiveness.



ELDERBERRY

What a busy couple of weeks it has been! Many of the children showed our school value of courage by sharing their manifestos with the class. The children learned about democracy and posted their votes in the class ballot box.

In art the children experimented with mixing different tones of their chosen secondary colour.

They discovered that mixing cool and warm primary colours gave very different effects. The children have enjoyed playing team games in P.E. learning how to work together in attack and defence skills.



The Week in Photos—Key Stage 2

ELM

This week in design technology, the children prepared and cooked a delicious ratatouille. The process involved carefully peeling, chopping, and measuring the ingredients — a great opportunity to practise their kitchen skills. As the ratatouille simmered in the slow cooker, the aromatic smell filled the classroom, building excitement throughout the day. Later, the children had the chance to taste their creation. This was met with mixed reactions — while some went back for seconds (and even thirds!), others decided it wasn't quite to their taste.



WILLOW

Willow have been super busy. We enjoyed a very exciting trip to Bore Place! The children loved taking part in some nature drawing for their front cover of their very own Bore Place journal - they found and picked all sorts of plants, flowers and even acorns and apples!

They also walked through the very impressive vegetable patch where they were asked to count as many different species as possible of plants they could see - some children counted way into the 30's! We cannot wait to go back for our next trip in term 2.

Willow class have also been hard at work during English lessons - we've been learning about the Windrush Generation as it is a vital part of our text this term. The children stepped into the shoes as one of the characters as they were interviewed in the hot seat. The questions and the responses were so impressive, and Willow class really did get into their roles brilliantly. Willow have been also working hard in PHSE as we learn all about how to work as an effective team - learning about rights, responsibilities, democracy, rewards, and consequences and how this helps different groups of people in the world to work together and make decisions as well as how we can use them in Willow class. The children created their own 'how be an effective team' poster in groups - they impressively incorporated the key vocabulary as well as Hever School values.



CHESTNUT

Over the last 2 weeks, Chestnut have been working hard at applying themselves to various areas of their learning. In Geography, we have been exploring the globe, looking at different climate zones and how those climate zones affect vegetation and animal life all over the world. In RE, we have been discussing how Christian worship music reflects what

Christians think of God and the class have thoroughly enjoyed learning and listening to a few new worship songs!

However, one of the main highlights over the last 2 weeks has been our Computing lessons, where we have been fortunate enough to be learning how to code Microbits with the help of some secondary pupils from Sevenoaks School – Rock, Paper, Scissors has never been more fun. The teachers have been really impressed with the children's teamwork and collaboration skills.



OAK

Oak Class have had a fun and hands-on couple of weeks! In Science, they investigated the circulatory system by dissecting sheep hearts, approaching the task with curiosity and maturity during a memorable lesson.

On Monday's trip to Bore Place, the children identified a variety of plants growing on the farm, including fruits that can be foraged. A highlight was baking delicious pumpkin flapjacks using pumpkins grown on-site, which they enjoyed alongside foraged rosehip and honey tea. Back at school, they've also loved reading with their Acorn buddies.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Weekend	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Saturday 4th Oct: Litter pick— 9.30am Village Hall Meeting—3pm	6th October:	7th October:	8th October:	7th October:	10th October: Bore Place Trip (Year 5)

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Monday 13th October: Knole House Trip (Year 3)
Friday 17th October: End of Half Term
Wednesday 29th October: School Photos—Individual & Sibling (All Classes) RESCHEDULED
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PTA Update

Amazing job to our Bonfire Team and all you cake makers and buyers, we have a good pot to help support us build a fantastic float! We may need some help building and painting so please keep an eye out for asks. **Signup to be part of our 'Great British Countryside' float is now open** - deadline is Friday 31 October but it is great to know as soon as possible so we can confirm roles for the night. Booking details below.

Our AGM is next Thursday 9th October at 8pm on Zoom. Everyone is welcome so please come along, it is great to feel supported by our community so we appreciate your attendance. We will also be announcing our fundraising totals from last year - make sure you are the first to know!

Our first disco is next Friday 10 October, starting with the **ACORN FAMILY DISCO** then **THE AUTUMN DISCO**. Make sure you book asap as booking closes on Tuesday next week, after this attendance cannot be guaranteed and will incur an additional charge.

We need a few more volunteers particularly for the second disco so please email or sign up when you book.

BONFIRE PARADE: Saturday 8 November
 Sign up here: www.pta-events.co.uk/heverprimaryschool

ACORN FAMILY DISCO: Friday 10 October 16:30 - 17:30
 Sign up here: www.pta-events.co.uk/heverprimaryschool

AUTUMN DISCO 2025: Friday 10 October 18:00 - 19:30
 Sign up here: www.pta-events.co.uk/heverprimaryschool

Have a great weekend!

The PTA Trustees xxx

Fundraising Update 2025-2026

Fundraising Total: £1,690

PROJECTS

Playground: COMPLETE!
Outdoor/Wellbeing Classroom: £18,500



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**AUTUMN
DISCO**
2025

Friday 10 October
 Acorn Family Disco
 16:30 – 17:30
 AUTUMN DISCO 2025
 (all other classes)
 18:00 – 19:30