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Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers

It doesn't seem possible that we are already at half term, although in fairness Kent set this a week earlier than usual this year.

Thank you for all your generous Harvest donations. We had two wonderful celebrations last week, both ably led by our Year 6 pupils. The first involved Oak class supporting their Acorn buddies in their first visit to the church for their own mini- thanksgiving service and the second was the rest of the school, joining together for our Harvest celebration. This was made extra special by the choir singing the beautiful 'Seeds of Friendship' and by the clear and confident delivery of our readings, prayers and a Harvest poem by Year 6. We are really looking forward to the seeing their poetry recitations, along with the rest of KS2, after the break. Please give your child as much encouragement and support as you are able in learning and rehearsing these over half term, ready for their first performances on Friday 31st (please see Mrs de Moraville's earlier email for full details). **Friday 31st October** is also the date for our Book Look, ahead of Parent Consultations the following week, so do make sure you have this date in your diary.

Thank you also for the amazing donations from the PTA who are supporting our Mosaic project that will take place during Art Week and the YR/KS1 in-school pantomime in December and KS2 trip to see Sleeping Beauty at the Assembly Hall, Tunbridge Wells on **Wednesday 17th December**. As you know, we are asking parents to support with transport for this to help to reduce costs, so please make a note of this date.

We were really pleased to see so many prospective parents at our first Open Morning last week. Thank you to everyone for continuing to be such great advocates for our school and a huge well done to Erin and Gabriel who each gave a wonderful speech about why they think Hever is a great school and community. Our second Open Morning is on **Wednesday 19th November** so please encourage anyone who you know is looking for a school place for September 2026 to contact the office to join this – or to book a separate tour.

On the subject of new admissions, we will be sending out our consultation to changes to our over subscription criteria to create a fairer system for siblings for all families. If you have any questions about this, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

I am at a conference today so will miss the opportunity at the end of the day to wish all of you and your children a happy half term break. Let's hope for a little bit of autumn sunshine and we look forward to seeing all the children back on **Tuesday 28th October**.

Have a lovely half term!

Mrs Bligh

HOUSE POINTS WK 5

Congratulations to Falcon!

Falcon 423

Kestrel 407

Eagle 404

HOUSE POINTS WK 6

Congratulations to Eagle!

Eagle 348

Kestrel 337

Falcon 282



Golden Book Award

Elderberry:

Eagle Boy, Isabella

Chestnut:

Phoebe, Kestrel Boy



Attendance Cup—Wk 5

Well done
Chestnut Class!

96.6% attendance



Previous week's whole
school attendance:

96.6%



Attendance Cup—Wk 6

Well done
Willow Class!

** 99.2% attendance **



Last week's whole school
attendance:

96.3%



Star of the week—Wk 5

- Acorn: Lavinia
- Magnolia: Ben
- Elderberry: Victor
- Elm: Apollo
- Willow: Eve
- Chestnut: Josie
- Oak: Gabriel & Erin

Christian Value of the Week: Belonging

“Blessed are those who act justly, who always do what is right.”

Psalm 1



Star of the week—Wk 6

- Acorn: Jack
- Magnolia: Amelie
- Elderberry: Jacob
- Elm: Emma
- Willow: Eliah
- Chestnut: Lily
- Oak: Izzy

Birthday Announcements:



- Jesse, Arlo M,
- William M,
- Rocco, Phoebe,
- Kaiya, Mabel-Jane,
- Jacob T, Aaron

Half-Term Birthday Announcements:

- Vienna, Daniela, Elsie,
- Oliver F, Sophia

Yr 4 — Yr 6 Scrapbooking Club

Scrapbooking Club is something I look forward to every Wednesday! The children’s creativity, individuality, and enthusiasm for trying out new layouts have been fantastic. To finish off the half term, they completed the front cover of their scrapbook albums — here’s a little sneak peek!

There are few spaces available for Scrapbooking Club next term—if you would like to sign your child up please email the school office by **Monday 27th October: office@hever.kent.sch.uk**



Reception Class Entry for September 2026

Thank you to those who attended our open morning this term. We have one more open morning next term on **Wednesday 19th November** (school tours also available).

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



Forest School

Acorn class have been having a wonderful time over the last 2 weeks exploring our Forest School woodland. We have been investigating what grows and lives in the wood as well as working with our classmates to build dens.

After a year and a term of Forest School, Magnolia class had their last FS session today until they return as Year 2s! Over the last 2 weeks we have been working as a team to complete our woodland obstacle course and using our nature detective skills to identify trees from their leaves. We finished off today reflecting on some of the things we have learnt at Forest School with some yummy marshmallows roasted over a fire.



EMMA'S KITCHEN

Term 2'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

We had a fantastic time visiting the church with our lovely Year 6 buddies to celebrate the harvest. Everyone sang Big Red Combine Harvester with great enthusiasm! While we were there, we explored the church and its grounds to help us prepare for future services with the rest of the school. To round off our harvest learning, we were thrilled to welcome Farmer James and his tractor, a real highlight for the children!

In class, we've been reading the story of The Little Red Hen, using Makaton and puppets to bring it to life. The Acorns were especially excited to meet my very own little red hen, who clucked her way around the classroom!



MAGNOLIA

Magnolia Class have been busy starting their new maths topic on addition! We've been exploring part-whole models and discovering how the parts add together to make the whole.

In geography, we've been learning about direction and had great fun following instructions such as forwards, backwards, left, and right on the playground to see where we ended up!



ELDERBERRY

Wow! I can't believe how the children have transformed into Year 2 learners! They are embracing all areas of the curriculum with enthusiasm and a desire to improve.

They have taken onboard the key messages of being healthy in science and sorted foods into groups to identify what makes a balanced diet. For the last two weeks we have jogged every day to test whether this will help us become fitter. In computing the children applied their skills using sketchbook to create a scene from the story of the Three Little Pigs. In maths the children have written fact families and used equipment to make related facts with tens and ones. Wishing you all a well-deserved break so that you are ready for another exciting term.



The Week in Photos—Key Stage 2

ELM

On Monday, Elm Class had a fabulous day at Knole House learning all about the Stone Age. The children took part in four exciting activities; each focused on a different question: Where did they live? What did they eat? What did they make? and What did they wear?

Everyone thoroughly enjoyed making clay pots, creating cave-style drawings, and building dens for their tribe. It was a fun and engaging day that really brought the Stone Age to life!

I can't believe that we are at the end of Term 1! That seems to have flown by. I hope that everyone has a wonderful half term.



WILLOW

Last week Willow class started their warp and weft project – their resilience and willingness to help others was wonderful to see. The process can be really tricky and very fiddly so the children had to make sure they kept their focus and did not miss a piece of string! It was great to hear all their reason for choosing their colours – some liked the idea of a beach or sunset and some children were working on colours that complimented each other.

This week Willow enjoyed going all the way back to the Anglo-Saxons and created their own short interview with a Briton at that time. They enjoyed using the microphone as a prop to really get into the roles. The children created their own questions and researched the answers. Finally, the children have been working hard writing letter in English as we come to an end of our fabulous text for the term. The children have really enjoyed learning about Dame Floella and Benjamin and her life.

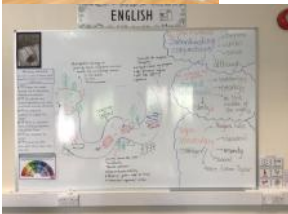


CHESTNUT

The last 2 weeks of term have been busy for our class. We were lucky enough to go on a trip to Bore Place where we explored activities and conversations surrounding the importance of biodiversity in the UK. The children were tasked with completing 2 surveys, one relating to tree diversity and the other relating to the roosting potential of bats. We thoroughly enjoyed the day out and the opportunity to take our learning outside into the fresh air.

Back in the classroom, Chestnut Class have also been working very hard on their 'big writes' over the last 2 weeks and have been digging deep into their creative minds to write about the daredevil Annie Edson Taylor and her perilous stunt over Niagra Falls. The paragraphs they have produced have been wonderful to read and it is clear the children have

enjoyed
reliving the
ambitious
adventure she
undertook.



OAK

Over the past two weeks, Oak Class have enjoyed spending time with their buddies. They took them on their first trip to church for a special Harvest Service, which included a poem, prayers, and some joyful harvest songs. The children also enjoyed an autumn walk together, spotting signs of the changing seasons and spending some time outdoors together.

As we reached the end of our RE topic on Creation, the class explored the natural world through poetry. Their writing beautifully captured the awe and detail of the world around us. They also reflected on the big question: Are creation and science conflicting or complementary? Oak Class drew on their learning from across the term and shared thoughtful, respectful responses which showed an understanding of different views.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Weekend	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	27th October: INSET DAY	28th October:	29th October: School Photos (individual & siblings)	30th October:	31st October: Book Look 2.45pm & 5.15pm

Tuesday 4th November & Thursday 6th November: Parent Consultations

Thursday 6th November: Hever Castle Christmas Fair

Friday 7th November: Year 1 Phonics Meeting & KS2 Poetry Recital

Saturday 8th November: Edenbridge Bonfire Parade

PTA AGM Update

Thank you to all the parents, carers and school staff for attending our PTA AGM last week. It was wonderful to hear how much money we had raised in the past year and reflect on all we achieved. We really need everyone's involvement to get to this level again so please **GET INVOLVED!** Minutes will be sent round shortly, but until then please enjoy our 'totals' poster attached.

The trustee positions are as follows. These roles are essential to guide the PTA and ensure as a charity we are legally compliant, however to deliver what we do, we need everyone.

Chair - Amy House

Vice Chair - Megan Park

Secretary - Elissa Mitchell

Treasurer - Amy Fletcher

Core Voting Committee - This committee is there to sense check any funding requests we receive from the school to ensure they meet our constitution. Thank you to the following for standing for these roles: Mia W, Emma S, Jo E, Alex E, Kerrie T, Andrea P and Jenny A.

Other Roles: We are so grateful for all our current event leads, class reps and grant committee for all the work they have done and for standing again. We have some gaps where we need support which we will be advertising these in the next few weeks so please volunteer.

Outgoing Roles: Massive thanks to Naomi Wood, Laura Elson, and Sarah Fisk for all their support in previous years.

UPCOMING EVENTS

We kicked off with a bang at our School Disco last week, massive thanks to DJ Luck for the tunes, Sol and Laurie for the kit and all our volunteers for keeping the party going including some of our previous pupils! We have many more exciting events coming up and all our core dates are per the attached events poster. Around these we will be having Class Cake Sales as well as some other smaller events which we will announce later. Get these confirmed dates in your diary now so you don't miss out!

COMING UP SOON.....

HEVER CHRISTMAS FAIR - THURSDAY 6 NOVEMBER 2025 - Volunteers to support on the date and many cake makers needed, Contact Megan to support 07772 298455.

BONFIRE PARADE - SATURDAY 8 NOVEMBER 2025 - Sign-up deadline is **Friday 31 October** - www.pta-events.co.uk/heverprimaryschool

We hope you have a wonderful half term!

The PTA Trustees xxx

Fundraising Update

2025-2026

Fundraising Total: £1,690

PROJECTS

Playground: COMPLETE!

Outdoor/Wellbeing

Classroom: £18,500



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HEVER Christmas Fair
GUTHRIE PAVILION, HEVER CASTLE
6 NOVEMBER
10.30AM - 3.30PM
ENTRY TO GROUNDS, CASTLE & FAIR
ADULTS/CONCESSION £10
CHILD 5-17 £5
MEMBERS £3
£3 OF EACH TICKET WILL BE DONATED TO
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