



Belonging . Courage . Perseverance . Compassion . Trust

Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers

As we come to the end of a short but busy term, I would like to thank you for your continued support. It was lovely to see so many of you at the Book Look last week and Parent Consultations this week. I hope you have enjoyed celebrating your child's progress with them. I am pleased to share that our attendance is sitting at our target of 95%, a 1.5% increase on the previous year-to-date. Whilst this might sound a small increase, it represents an additional 604 sessions – 302 days - in school! The children had extra playtime today to celebrate this.

We are sending out a gentle reminder about school uniform expectations which I would ask you to read, particularly if you are buying uniform ready for next term. Ensuring high standards across all aspects of school life, including school uniform, provide clear and consistent expectations of learning and behaviour for all children.

Offers of school places for September will go to prospective parents during the Easter break. We are delighted to share that, for the first time in several years and despite a low birth-rate, **Hever is over-subscribed for September**. We are grateful to parents who share positive messages about our school and also know that our children are great ambassadors. I would also like to recognise the part played by the entire staff team, supported by governors, to move the school to a position where it is sought by so many parents. This really is something to celebrate!

Despite Easter being a little way off, it was lovely to have our whole school Easter celebrations in the church yesterday, led by our Leading Lights. It looks like the mild and sunny weather is set to continue at least for the next few days, giving a lovely start to the Easter break. We look forward to seeing the children back on **Tuesday 22nd** April.

Have a lovely Easter break.

Mrs Bligh

HOUSE POINTS

Congratulations to Falcon!

Falcon 356

Eagle 342

Kestrel 303



Star of the week

Acorn: Lilly

Magnolia: Eagle Boy

Elderberry: Lily

Elm: Daniela

Willow: Jackson

Chestnut: Gabriel

Oak: Florence



Attendance Cup

Well done

Elm & Willow

classes!

98% attendance



Last week's whole school attendance:

93%

Christian Value of the Week: Compassion

'You saw these things happen—you are witnesses. You must tell people to change their hearts and lives.'

Luke 24:48



Birthday

Announcements:

Eagle Boy, George F

Easter Holiday Birthdays:



Josie, Oscar, Grace T,
Gregory, Alice



Golden Book Award

Acorn: Thomas

Elm: Archie

Willow: Thomas

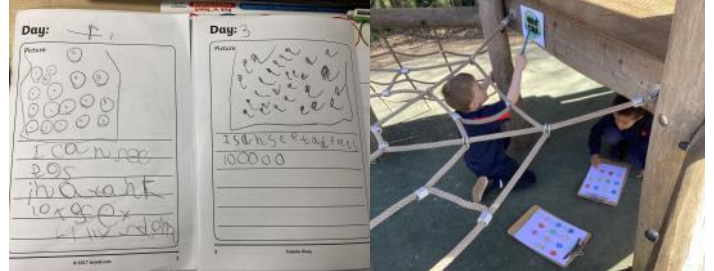
The Week in Photos—Early Years & Key Stage 1

ACORN

This final week before Easter, Acorn class have impressed me with their confidence for writing and phonic knowledge. We enjoyed a maths Easter egg hunt in PE as well as learning about 3D shapes.

The frog spawn has hatched and we have lots of tadpoles now. We are documenting this in our own tadpole diaries.

Wishing all Acorn class a well-rested Easter holidays and enjoy the wonderful sunshine!
Miss Winder x



MAGNOLIA

In Magnolia class the children have been playing games with maps. The children worked in pairs to give and follow directions on their map to see where they would end up! It was great to see how many directions the class had remembered from our previous learning.

In maths, the children have been looking at numbers to 50 and partitioning them into tens and ones.

Finally, in music with Mrs Turner, the children were experimenting with different instruments to play short rhythms in time with the pulse!



ELDERBERRY

In science this week, the children investigated how plants protect themselves from being eaten. They looked closely at some real-life examples and were fascinated to discover there were eight different ways plant defend themselves.

In DT the children designed and constructed their taxis, applying all their learning about wheels and axles. The vehicles are almost finished and the children will be excited to bring home their amazing models.



The Week in Photos—Key Stage 2

ELM

Following the initial prototype, the children engaged in thoughtful discussions to evaluate what aspects were successful and what needed improvement.

It was by no means an easy task, but with their designs finalized and resources prepared, each child crafted their own unique cam mechanism. While some were sturdier than others, the school's core value of perseverance truly stood out throughout the process.



WILLOW

This week in gymnastics, the children have been designing sequences that incorporate a variety of levels and directions of movement. They were tasked with ensuring that these movements were performed either in unison or as a canon.

I hope that you all have a wonderful Easter Break.



CHESTNUT & OAK

Oak and Chestnut classes have had an exciting and productive final week of term.

They've written impressive biographies about the astronaut Chris Hadfield, showcasing their writing skills.

The children have thoroughly enjoyed our English topic this term, gaining fascinating insights into astronauts and space exploration.

In geography, they engaged in a lively debate on the question, 'Should we import food?' After sorting arguments for and against food imports, they researched one aspect in greater detail with a partner, before presenting their views in a class debate.

To finish the week, the children participated in a fun online music workshop hosted by The Royal Opera House. After a term full of hard work, we hope the children enjoy a well-deserved, restful and happy Easter break.





Forest School

Spring is now well and truly here so we all went looking for the wonderful flora and fauna now appearing all around us in the woodland. To finish the term we also had a fire and enjoyed some freshly cooked dough balls with garlic butter made from the wild garlic foraged here in forest school.

Thank you to all the helpers this term and wishing you all a lovely Easter.

Mr Rogers



EMMA'S KITCHEN

Term 5's menu is 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 read the email regarding
 After School Club and Wraparound Care
 changes after the Easter holidays.

School Office

UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sunday
21st April: BANK HOLIDAY	22nd April: FIRST DAY OF TERM 5	23rd April:	24th April:	25th April:	26th April: PTA BALL at Hever Castle
NO EXTRA-CURRICULAR AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS THE FIRST WEEK BACK—BREAKFAST & AFTER SCHOOL CLUB IS RUNNING					
★ Tuesday 29th April: School Class Photos Tuesday 13th May: Bore Place Trip (Year 5) ★					

PTA Update

Thank you to everyone who bought lollies for Bore Place – with the match funding we will have raised well over £150!

HEVER SCHOOL FUNDRAISING BALL – Saturday 26 April

Only 3 weeks to our fabulous ball at Hever Castle. The event will not only raise some funds for the school, but it will also be an amazing opportunity to have some fun with our wonderful school community.

Feel like you are missing out? There is still time to get a ticket for the evening with drinks and dancing to a live band from 20:15pm – please buy your ticket here:

[Friends of Hever PTA](#)

RAFFLE PRIZES/SILENT AUCTION PRIZES - The more we get the more we raise! Use all your contacts! Any ideas let us know at heverpta@hever.kent.sch.uk

DRESS SWAP - Do you need a dress for the ball! Join this FB group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/690317403625479/> to swap away!

HEVER HEROES SPONSORED WALK - Massive amounts of luck to Alex and Dean for this weekend's Brighton Marathon, they have now surpassed £1,500 online and we still need to add the cash donations – if you haven't had a chance to donate please do – all the money goes directly to the school. Please post your donations in the PTA post box in front of the school or transfer it on this link—<https://www.gofundme.com/f/donate-to-help-me-raise-money-to-further-improve-the-school>

MAY PICNIC AND VE CELEBRATIONS - Friday 16 May from 15:15 – Sign your kids up to take part in the dancing now. Everyone is welcome to attend, dancing or not – use this link to sign up: [Friends of Hever School](#)

HEVER SCHOOL SUMMER FETE - Saturday 28 June 11:30-15:30 – Make sure this date is in your diary! This is our biggest fundraiser of the year and we need everyone involved! Details of class stalls will be coming out soon.

SECOND HAND UNIFORM – Donations – please leave with Mrs Reddaway in the office. If you are looking for something – please email Emma eskorczewski@icloud.com

Have an amazing Easter!

The PTA Trustees Xxx
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Alex & Dean, The Brighton Marathon.



HEVER C OF E
PRIMARY SCHOOL
BRIGHTON MARATHON

gofundme

Scan to donate to Dean's fundraiser
"Alex & Dean, The Brighton
Marathon."



Fundraising Update

2024-2025

Fundraising Total: £14,952

PROJECTS

Playground: COMPLETE!

Outdoor/Wellbeing

Classroom: £12,712



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**HEVER SCHOOL
SPRING
FUNDRAISING BALL**

SATURDAY 26TH APRIL 2025

THE GUTHRIE PAVILION, HEVER CASTLE
AUCTION, RAFFLE & LIVE MUSIC

FULL TICKET FROM 6PM - £85pp
Prosecco reception on The Loggia, 3 course meal
DANCING FROM 8:15PM - £25pp
CARRIAGES AT MIDNIGHT

Don your glad rags & join us for a fabulous evening!