



Belonging . Courage . Perseverance . Compassion . Trust

Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers

What a wonderful week we have had in school! The choir joined Year 5 and Year 6 to sing at the Parish Christmas lunch yesterday which was very festive, and we are looking forward to some of the local residents joining us for the Nativity dress rehearsal on Monday.

Tomorrow (Saturday 5.30pm) our choir will represent us at the Hever Carols in St. Peter's Church, along with four of our poetry recital winners who will be performing Christmas poems. Do join us if you can.

We had a good turnout, with lots of positive feedback, for our second Open Morning on Wednesday which is particularly encouraging as we had added this date due to the high demand for our main one last month. Special thanks to Tristan and Olivia who spoke beautifully about what it's like to be a pupil at Hever and how much they enjoy their day to day learning, as well as all the additional opportunities on offer.

Speaking of additional opportunities, our younger children really enjoyed their pantomime on Monday and I know our key stage two children are looking forward to going to see Aladdin at the Assembly Hall next week. Thank you to the PTA for their donations towards these events and to parents for supporting with transport on Tuesday.

We are looking forward to a fun and festive final week of term and hope to see many of you at our Nativity and Carol Service next week.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Bligh



Christian Value of the Week: Hope

"The angel said to them, "Don't be afraid, because I am bringing you some good news. It will be a joy to all the people."

Luke 2:10



Birthday Announcements

Imogen, Lenny E, Matilda G,
Isabelle M, Dylan



Golden Book Award

Acorn: Mabel-Jane
Magnolia: Gregory & Arlo

HOUSE POINTS

Congratulations to Kestrel!

Kestrel 310

Eagle 268

Falcon 258



Star of the week

Acorn: Mabel-Jane

Magnolia: Summer

Elderberry: Alice

Elm: Issy

Willow: Jackson

Chestnut: Eden

Oak: Tristan



Attendance Cup

Well done

Elm Class!

97.1% attendance



Last week's whole school attendance:

92.7%

The Week in Photos—Early Years & Key Stage 1

ACORN

This week it has been full on rehearsing for our lovely Nativity and the Acorns cannot wait to show you their beautiful singing!

Lots of Christmas cheer throughout the week as we welcomed a cheeky elf into the class who brought us a new tricky word to learn each day!

We also thoroughly enjoyed the 'Dib and Dab' show on Monday as well as using our measure knowledge in maths to create Christmas tree pictures!

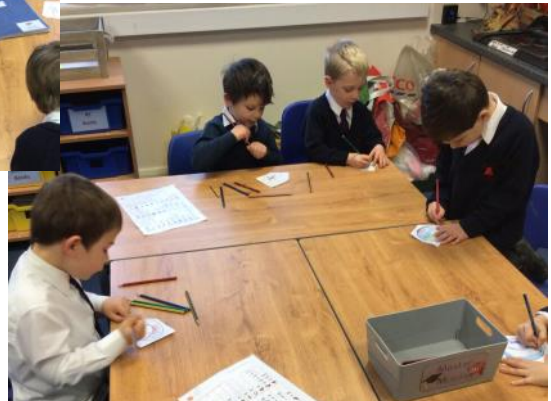
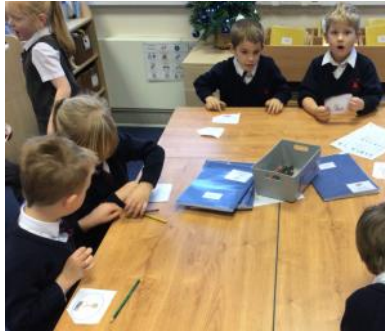


MAGNOLIA

Magnolia class really enjoyed watching the KS1 pantomime! All of the children laughed along and joined in with singing, clapping, dancing and games. It was a great performance which left all the children smiling!

This week Magnolia class have been reflecting on the school value of courage. We discussed when the children might need to show courage at school. The children then thought about a time when they have shown courage.

We shared ideas such as going down a big slide, getting in the cold sea and even standing on stage for the nativity! The children recorded their courageous moments as a drawing reading for our class display.



ELDERBERRY

Elderberry class enjoyed the antics of 'Dib and Dab' in the Panto on Monday. I think the whole of Hever might have heard the enthusiastic participation of Reception and Key Stage One!

In maths the children have been learning about the properties of 2D shapes and found different ways to make three shapes with 15 lolly sticks. We were amazed how many possibly solutions there were.

The children have had rehearsals of the Nativity in preparation for the performances next week- get your tissues ready... you are in for a treat!



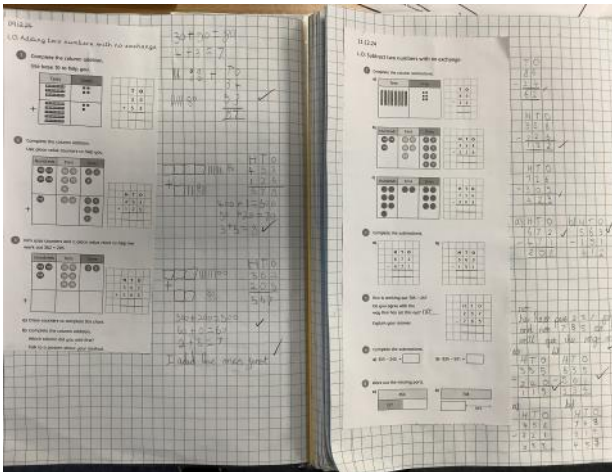
The Week in Photos—Key Stage 2

ELM

This week in maths, children have practiced mentally adding and subtracting 1s, 10s, and 100s with 3-digit numbers.

The focus has now shifted to written methods for addition and subtraction.

They are learning to add and subtract two numbers, whether both are 2-digit or both are 3-digit, using the formal written method.



WILLOW

This week we had an exceptionally loud science lesson where we were exploring sound with a range of musical instruments. The children were learning how different sounds are made and heard. They looked at which part of the instruments had to vibrate to create the sound and how the volume and pitch of the instrument could be changed.



CHESTNUT

This week, our class has shown incredible effort and enthusiasm in all areas of learning. The children sang beautifully in the village hall for the local Parish, leaving everyone truly impressed. They also had a great time exploring with musical instruments, experimenting with different sounds and rhythms and showcasing their own instruments if they had brought them from home.

In DT, we continued exploring pneumatics and the children worked hard to create some amazing systems showing their creativity and problem-solving skills in action. Finally, in Science, the class have been investigating how the Earth orbits the Sun and the Moon orbits the Earth. The children demonstrated their understanding and created models to show the celestial movements.

Well done to all!



OAK

Oak class were delighted to be part of a group of children who attended the Hever Parish lunch to sing Christmas carols. It was a wonderful opportunity to share the festive spirit with others in our community.

In English this week, the children have been writing hybrid texts about white-rumped vultures, combining factual information with persuasion to encourage support for this endangered species.

They have also had great fun taking on the role of Hever 'posties', delivering Christmas cards around the school. With much to look forward to next week, we are excited to continue celebrating the festive season together.





Forest School

This week at Forest School Acorn class learned how we use tools safely to make a Christmas decoration to take home.

Meanwhile, Willow class helped to calculate how much CO₂ the trees in forest school are storing and also created some giant 'Dinosaur Skeletons'. Also, thank you to the children who helped to make a lovely 'nature' Christmas Card for Martin & Clare who let us use their land for Forest School.



School meals at Hever Primary School

<https://www.hever.kent.sch.uk/school-meals/>

Thank you for booking your school dinners in advance.
Please email the school office with any comments or feedback—many thanks.

Emma's Kitchen



**** Reminders ****

Regarding lost property:

Named Items: Will be returned to your child

Unnamed Items: Anything unclaimed will be put in clothes donation box next Friday

Many thanks, School Office

UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Weekend	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Saturday 14th Dec	16th December:	17th December:	18th December:	19th December:	20th December:
Hever Parish Carols Mince pies 4.30pm in the Henry VIII Service at 5.30pm in St Peter's Church	Nativity Dress Rehearsal 2.15pm EYFS and KS1 (KS2 watching)	Aladdin Panto KS2 Nativity Performance (1) 2.15pm EYFS and KS1	Nativity Performance (2) 2.15pm EYFS and KS1 (Filmed)	Class Christmas Parties	Christmas Lunch (Christmas Jumpers) KS2 Carol Service 2pm



A recording of the Nativity performance will be available to purchase on ParentMail — please make sure you have purchased items by 12noon on Thursday (see email next week for more details)



PTA Update

Keep the raffle tickets coming in! More tickets are available in the office. Some of our hamper making elves are leaving Hever this school year so this would be a great little project for some younger elf parent or carers to volunteer to do so please have a think. All the money raised will go towards the new Outdoor/Wellbeing Classroom so please sell sell sell! The raffle will be drawn on the last day of term.

Thank you to the Christmas Bazaar organisers, the children had a lovely time choosing some delightful presents - no peeking till Christmas!

Don't forget to book the below!

Nativity Performances next week — Raffle tickets can be purchased at the panto and **please remember to bring a lidded thermos cup for any hot drinks** that you would like to purchase for the performance!

Quiz Night - Friday 28 February 2025 - Booking open now! £15pp including a choice of delicious meals! Get your team (up to 8) together! Email: quizheverpta@gmail.com

Hever School Fundraising Ball - Saturday 26 April 2025

Limited tickets left so make sure you book soon! The last ball was in 2018 so it only happens every few years.

Full tickets including a sparkling drinks reception on the Loggia, a three course meal and wine in the Guthrie Pavilion followed by a live band, entertainment and dancing (initial deposit £35 - final payment of £50 due by 31 Jan 2025):
[Buy Full Tickets Here](#)

Dancing only tickets (initial deposit £15 - final payment of £10 due by 31 Jan 2025):
[Buy Dancing Only Tickets Here](#)

Have a great weekend everyone!

The PTA Trustees
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Fundraising Update

2024-2025

Fundraising Total:

£13,156

PROJECTS

Playground: COMPLETE!

Outdoor/Wellbeing

Classroom: £11,915



The Friends of Hever School Present

Quiz Night

All Welcome!

£15 pp

QUIZ ENTRY + FRESHLY COOKED MEAL

FRIDAY 28 FEBRUARY 2025

WI HALL, STATION ROAD, EDENBRIDGE, TN8 5LX

DOORS OPEN - 6:30PM

QUIZ STARTS - 7:30PM

Ticket includes fish/sausage/halloumi & chips meal (vegan option available). Drinks can be purchased at the bar.

Booking quizheverpta@gmail.com

Teams of up to 8.

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