



Belonging . Courage . Perseverance . Compassion . Trust

Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers

We have been so impressed by how well our Year 6 pupils have coped during their SATS this week. They have arrived each morning positive and calm, supported and encouraged one another and done their very best. We are very proud of them all! Thank you to Mrs de Moraville for everything she has done to ensure their readiness and to Mrs Davies who has worked alongside her, supporting individuals and the class. Thank you also to Bridget Harris, who has supported the children's reading throughout the year, building their confidence and motivation. Finally, thank you to the Year 6 parents who prepared, served and cleared the SATs breakfast each morning, to give the children a great start to the day.

We are also very proud of all the Year 3 and 4 children who participated in the triathlon last weekend, raising funds for Restless Development and for Umoyo, and the determination shown by our netball team who played against Penshurst this week; there was a lovely atmosphere with great sportsmanship displayed by both teams.

Thank you to the PTA for organising the wonderful VE Day Anniversary celebration. We have talked to the children about the importance of honouring the sacrifices and service of those who fought in the war, as well as celebrating peace in Europe. Today was a great opportunity to do both.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the event, especially Amy House for preparing our maypole dancers, to all our bakers for the amazing cakes, to our lovely maypole dancers and to everyone who joined us!

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Bligh



HOUSE POINTS

Congratulations to Falcon!

Falcon 354

Kestrel 334

Eagle 314



Star of the week

- Acorn: Jesse-Jake
- Magnolia: Lenny
- Elderberry: Apollo
- Elm: William J
- Willow: Marco
- Chestnut: Tom
- Oak: Whole Class!



Attendance Cup

Well done

Elm class!

97% attendance



Last week's whole school attendance:

95%

Christian Value of the Week: Belonging

*"Two people are better than one.
They get more done by working together.
If one person falls, the other can help him up.
But it is bad for the person who is alone when he falls.
No one is there to help him."*

Ecclesiastes 4: 9-10



Golden Book Award

Acorn: Ralph, Roman
Elm: Eleanor, Sebastian, Eva, Archie, Charlie, Issy, Jessica, William J, Enzo
Magnolia: Alfie, Marco



Birthday Announcements:

Erin

The Week in Photos—Early Years & Key Stage 1

ACORN

There was a lot of frog action this week! We noticed more tadpoles transforming into frogs with front and back legs as well as a shrinking tail.

We said goodbye to some of the froglets as they were released back into the stream they came from and the Acorns wrote the last part of their tadpole diaries.

The children have enjoyed our topic of animals, learning about animal babies and realising that not all babies look like their parents.

We also made yummy banana muffins using the eggs collected from the chickens at the forest school farm last week.

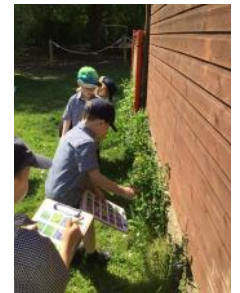


MAGNOLIA

In science this week, Magnolia class went into the school grounds to search for plants. They found a variety of garden plants and wild plants.

These included dandelions, daisies, brambles, buttercups, bluebells and much more! The children were able to use their prior knowledge to identify evergreen and deciduous trees too. They chose and identified a plant that we will be regularly studying to see if we notice any changes.

We are excited to check up on our plants again soon!



ELDERBERRY

The children have been keen to find out about the history of our school in our topic, 'School Days'. They met Mr Agate a former pupil, who talked about what the school was like when he started in 1959. The children have used a variety of historical sources, including looking at old photos and evidence around the school to find out about changes over time.

In PE the children have been developing their hockey skills, learning how to hold the hockey stick correctly to control the ball.



The Week in Photos—Key Stage 2

ELM

Elm class explored the various stages in a plant's life cycle. They began by revisiting familiar terms from prior learning, such as germination, offspring, and reproduction, reinforcing their understanding of these concepts. Then, they delved into new vocabulary, including flower formation, pollination, seed formation, and dispersal, expanding their knowledge of plant development. To put their learning into practice, each child carefully extracted seeds from a tomato and planted them in pots. Now, with anticipation, they await the first signs of growth as their seedlings begin to emerge.



WILLOW

On Wednesday, Year 4 had an amazing day at Bore Place.

The students explored the fascinating world of pollinators, discovering the various types of flowers that attract bees, flies, beetles, and moths. They also learnt how the colour and shape of these flowers play a crucial role in drawing in these essential creatures.



CHESTNUT

Chestnut Class have had a lovely week enjoying the sun and lots of super learning. In History the children have been great historians, exploring and comparing the Minoan and Mycenaean civilisations in Greek history. In English, the children have created fantastic posters based on their research of plastic pollution and offering the reader ways they can help reduce the use.

Our visit to Bore Place was a highlight on Tuesday and the children made us very proud showing good behaviour and engaged participation throughout the session. The children used knowledge from their previous art unit 'Nature's Art' to collaborate and create new, natural art in the many locations we were able to explore on the day.



OAK

Oak class have coped remarkably well with their SATs this week. We are proud of their positive, hard-working attitude and support of each other. We are also very grateful to the parents of Oak class who provided a delicious breakfast each morning to ensure the children were ready with enough fuel to do their best. The children really enjoyed coming in for breakfast and starting the day in such a positive way. Oak class are very happy that the tests are done and look forward to many exciting events during their final term at Hever.





Forest School

This week at Forest School Acorn class learnt how we can safely use tools to cut hazel and holly and to explore what is inside when you peel away the bark.

Meanwhile, Elm class practiced their fire lighting skills, learnt all about nettles and made some healthy nettle tea, as well as enjoying a sweet treat.



Restless Development Triathlon

On Sunday 11th May, 4 teams from Years 3 & 4 took part in the Restless Development Triathlon at Sevenoaks School. The Hever Hotshots, Hever Hurricanes, Willows and Dream Turtles all competed as teams for each event which included: a 50m swim, a 1000m bike ride and a 750m run. It was a fantastic day and a great experience for all children who participated. A big well done to all of the teams for raising a combined total of over £1000 for Restless Development and our own school charity – Umoyo Community Project. Well done teams!

EMMA'S KITCHEN

Term 5'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 **

Any lost property will be put in the black box in front of the school. Any items still there at the end of the week will be recycled.

Thank you.

School Office

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Weekend	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	19th May:	20th May:	21st May:	22nd May: LAST DAY OF TERM 5	23rd May: INSET DAY



Monday 2nd—5th June: Residential (Year 6)
Monday 9th June: Netball Vs Chiddingstone (away)



PTA Update

We are approaching our last week of term and what a wonderful way to celebrate this afternoon! Huge well done to all the children who took part in this year's Maypole dancing, especially our Acorns who gave it their all. A huge thanks to Amy House for all the Maypole lessons, please remember lessons continue after Half Term for the Cowden and Summer Fete performances (www.pta-events.co.uk/heverprimaryschool).

Big thank you to everyone who took part in the Hever PTA School Picnic today and for all those who helped with the organisation, set up and tidy up. Well done to all those who entered the VE inspired cake competition. Please contact Amy or Megan if you would like to be more involved with this event next year (or any event!).

We are thrilled to announce that the **Hever Spring Ball raised over £3000!!** It was a huge undertaking and a brilliant night of fun. Huge thank you to the ball committee, led by Jo Edwards for all their hard work again. This money will directly impact our children.

THE FETE IS SATURDAY 28 JUNE 11:30-15:30 - we need you all! This is your chance to play a bigger role in the PTA and help create an amazing day raising money and having fun! Don't miss out!

SCHOOL FETE RAFFLE

Our fete raffle is being led by Andrea Palmer, this normally makes over £800 so please have a think who you can ask for prizes to help us out! Unless they are a personal contact please speak to Andrea to check no one else has approached already - email - heverpta@hever.kent.sch.uk

TEDDIES AND SECOND HAND GAMES AND COSTUMES

We will also have our very popular second hand stall at this years fete. Collection date will be the day before (Friday 27 June) so please hold on to good quality items for us!

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

And lastly well done to all the Oak children for finishing their SATs! We are all so proud of you! Have an amazing weekend!

The PTA Trustees Xxx

Fundraising Update

2024-2025

Fundraising Total: **£14,952**

PROJECTS

Playground: **COMPLETE!**

Outdoor/Wellbeing
Classroom: **£12,712**



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