



*Belonging . Courage . Perseverance . Compassion . Trust*

## Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers

What a wonderful morning we have had, full of energy and enthusiasm, with children challenging themselves and supporting one another. Dean and Alex – our marathon runners – have really inspired the children to be the best that they can be! Thank you to the parents who helped to marshal our sponsored run this morning, and special thanks to Elissa Mitchell for baking enough cakes for the entire school, individually iced with cups, to celebrate our runners! Thank you to everyone who was able to come along and support the children and for your generous sponsorship. We wish Dean and Alex every success in their final weeks of training.

We had another treat yesterday, when our choir sang for us in worship. Thank you to Mrs Cherry and all our choir – they sounded amazing and are looking forward to sharing their performance with you at the Easter Fair next week.

Our governing body met this week and will soon be looking for a new parent governor to replace Caroline Crooks who has served as a governor since 2018. Being a governor is a voluntary role and I would like to thank Caroline for her time and commitment to the children and staff during her term of office. The governor's role is a strategic one – they are not involved in the day-to-day operation of the school – but are responsible for providing support and challenge to the senior leadership team. The office will be sending out further information next week, if you feel you have the time and would be interested in knowing more about this important role.

Sadly, it doesn't look like the sunshine is going to last, but have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Bligh

Christian Value of the Week: **Courage**

*'Let those with ears use them and listen!'*

Matthew 13:9



## Golden Book Award

**Magnolia:** Sophie, Isabella  
**Elderberry:** Freya, Aurora, Lenny  
**Willow:** Matilda, Maisy S, Evie  
**Chestnut:** Eden  
**Oak:** Naevia, Max

## HOUSE POINTS

Congratulations to Kestrel!

**Kestrel 249**

**Eagle 241**

**Falcon 238**



## Star of the week

**Acorn:** Ralph

**Magnolia:** Falcon Girl

**Elderberry:** Oscar

**Elm:** Evelyn

**Willow:** Chloe

**Chestnut:** Erin

**Oak:** Evie



## Attendance Cup

Well done

Magnolia class!

99% attendance



Last week's whole school attendance:

**96%**



## Birthday Announcements:

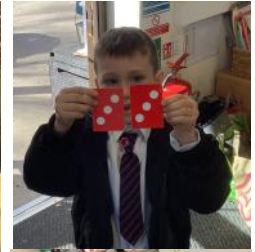
Sebastian, Gabby, Rémy

## The Week in Photos—Early Years & Key Stage 1

### ACORN

Acorn class have tried really hard with their independent writing this week. We had to write a list of foods to give to Gigantosaurus to stop him eating the baby dinosaurs! Lots of interesting foods were written using their phonic knowledge. We also looked at some of the words in the book used to describe the noises dinosaurs made. We then use musical instruments to try to recreate them!

In maths we have been learning about 'doubles'. We found two numbers that are equal and matched them to create a double. Understanding that doubles mean "two lots of something". Fantastic learning this week Acorns!



### MAGNOLIA

It has been a creative week in Magnolia class!

In RE this term, we are learning about the Easter story. This week we have thought about the parts of the story where there is happiness and where there is sadness. The children created two colourful crosses to reflect these emotions. They then added images from the Easter story to either their happy or sad cross.

Our DT project this term is all about vehicles! The children worked in pairs to create prototype cars. Each pair followed a different set of instructions for how to add the axles and wheels to test which method worked best!



### ELDERBERRY

Recently in Geography, the children thoroughly enjoyed finding London landmarks on a map and working out routes using compass points to give directions.

In DT the children discovered how much easier it was to move heavy things with wheels. They investigated many different things with wheels and learned what an axle and a chassis is.

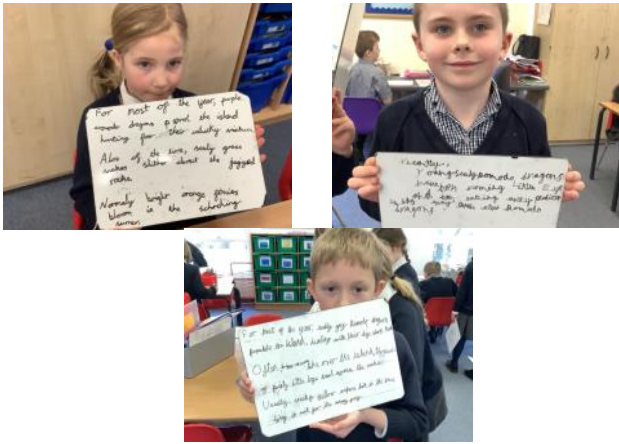
In Science we have begun an investigation, where we are testing to find out the conditions needed for a seed to germinate.



## The Week in Photos—Key Stage 2

### ELM

We eagerly delved into the next section of our story, where the characters hurriedly boarded their boats, fleeing their island as it was swallowed by ash from a volcanic eruption. Their destination: a mysterious, uninhabited island, filled with uncertainty about what lay ahead. Our task was to craft noun phrases incorporating a fronted adverbial, descriptive adjectives, and an adverb. To spark our imagination about what Little Eye might be like, we drew inspiration from the non-fiction book *Amazing Islands*.



### WILLOW

On Friday 14th March, Willow Class visited Bough Beech Reservoir. We had an absolutely fantastic day learning about the water cycle and how water is treated at the site.

Then, on Monday 17th March, we had our fourth visit to Bore Place. The children absolutely love it here, and it's wonderful to see them so comfortable and fully engaged in the activities that the leaders had planned for us. This time, we planted leaves and conducted a worm survey!



### CHESTNUT & OAK

This week in English, Year 5 and 6 were eager to learn about the 1969 moon landings. They explored video clips, examined newspaper front pages that reported on the event, and read the story *One Giant Leap* by Robert Burleigh.

After attending the 'From Mars to the Moon' talk at last week's STEAM event, the children were even more excited to dive deeper into the topic.

They summarised their key learning in bullet points, including accurate punctuation, before writing a non-fiction paragraph about the moon landings.

The timing was perfect, as it coincided with the return of the SpaceX capsule, which brought astronauts back to Earth from the International Space Station on Wednesday. They also found this fascinating to watch highlights of!





## Forest School

This week Acorn class created forest stick people and a lovely mini village for them to live in. We also learned about the signs of Spring.

Meanwhile Elderberry class used teamwork to complete the adventure course whilst looking out for the first signs of Spring and testing their memory skills along the way.



### Hever Litter Pick!

**DON'T FORGET!** There is a community litter pick on Saturday 22nd March at 9.30am on the Hever Parish field. Hi Vis vests and litter pickers will be provided.

Please join us to clean up the surrounding countryside, to protect animal habitats, pick up anything dangerous and to make Hever a better place!

Snacks will be available for any donations to our school charity—The Umoyo Project.

Thank you!

School Council

### EMMA'S KITCHEN

Term 4'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 drive safely at drop off and collection times, in the car park and the roads around the school.

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## Sponsored Walk

Thank you to everyone who supported the sponsored walk/run this morning. All of the children had fun and enjoyed the cakes too! Thank you to the parents and staff for organising, baking and facilitating.



**GOOD LUCK ON MARATHON DAY! SUNDAY 6TH APRIL—BRIGHTON MARATHON**



# UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>24th March:</b> Love2Dance even (Dance Club only)	<b>25th March:</b> Health & Vision Screening (Year R)	<b>26th March:</b>	<b>27th March:</b> Hever Castle Trip (Year R)	<b>28th March:</b> Book Look PTA Easter Fair (More details TBC)	

Tuesday 1st April & Thursday 3rd April: Parent Consultations

Tuesday 29th April: School Class Photos

Tuesday 13th May: Bore Place Trip (Year 5)

## PTA Update

**HEVER HEROES SPONSORED WALK** - Massive well done to all the children for the Sponsored Walk today and to Dean and Alex for an amazing run! Elissa and Rob baked over 170 cakes for everyone to have a treat at the end so a massive thanks to them and to our volunteers on the field. Please put sponsorship money in the PTA postbox 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>

**EASTER FAIR - Friday 28 March 2025** - We hope you are all excited for our Easter Fair next week. **WE STILL NEED VOLUNTEERS.** If we don't have enough we just won't be able to run all the stalls so please volunteer for 30minutes. **Second hand books** - we will be collecting next week at drop off so have a clear out this weekend.

**RAFFLE PRIZES/SILENT AUCTION PRIZES TO WIN AT THE BALL** - the more we get the more we raise! Use all your contacts!

**DRESS SWAP** - Do you need a dress for the ball! Watch out for the FB group we will post it on the Hever Group - join to swap away!

### Upcoming Dates:

**Friday 28 March - Easter Fair** – we are looking for volunteers for 30min to 1hour slots – please email to get involved!  
[heverpta@hever.kent.sch.uk](mailto:heverpta@hever.kent.sch.uk)

**Saturday 26 April - Hever School Fundraising Ball** - Book your tickets for the evening dancing from 20:15 here - <https://buy.stripe.com/7slbMe2JY4lk7JK8wC>

**SECOND HAND UNIFORM** – Donations – please leave with Mrs Reddaway in the office. If you are looking for something in particular please email Emma: [eskorczewski@icloud.com](mailto:eskorczewski@icloud.com)

Have a lovely weekend!

The PTA Trustees xxx  
[heverpta@hever.kent.sch.uk](mailto:heverpta@hever.kent.sch.uk)

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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- Once registered, we'll get a £2 donation!

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## Easter Fair

Friday 28 March  
3pm  
School Playground

Hever School Choir  
Easter Bonnet Parade  
Easter Egg Trail  
Easter Egg Raffle £1  
Bouncy Castle £1  
Cakes and Tea £1  
Plants from £1.50  
Glitter Tattoos 50p  
Second Hand Uniform  
Second Hand Books

