



Belonging . Courage . Perseverance . Compassion . Trust

Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Next week is Children's Mental Health Week and we have intentionally planned our Art Week to coincide with this. The arts have been shown to increase emotional wellbeing by enabling children to become more aware of their feelings and providing a means to express them; it can also boost confidence, helping children to feel more engaged and resilient. You may recall, our Ofsted report highlighted a lovely example of how children's learning in art enabled them to learn how to be emotionally resilient.

Strong relationships are another protective factor that can strengthen mental health and we were proud that these were highlighted by Ofsted *and* SIAMS:

'Relationships between adults and pupils are full of warmth and respect. Adults are consistent role models in kindness and working together as a team'. (Ofsted, October 2024)

'Relationships, built on trust, are key at Hever school. There is genuine compassion between pupils and adults which supports their flourishing.' (SIAMS, November 2024)

This is why our school values are central to our vision, as the many demands in a busy school day means that these have to be an integral part of how we live and learn together, and that supporting children's mental health and well-being cannot be an add-on. Equally, it is important that there is additional support available for the times when individual children and families need this. Often this support is part of a graduated response that starts from light touch interventions and increases according to need but sometimes there may be a particular event or change that requires an immediate or escalated response. Please speak to your child's teacher, Mrs Seymour (our SENCO) or myself if there is ever a time when you need support; if we cannot provide the help you need we can signpost you to other services.

Next week, we are also very excited to have the first of our two author visits with Sue Hendra (Supertato author) working with Reception and KS1 on Monday. We are very grateful to our Governors, since both of our author visits (this one and KS2 at the end of February) have been funded by the Governor's Fund (which is supported by the Hever Castle Christmas Fair) and we are very fortunate to be able to provide these opportunities for all the children.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Bligh

HOUSE POINTS

Congratulations to Kestrel!

Kestrel 321

Eagle 308

Falcon 238



Star of the week

Acorn: Shelbie-Jo

Magnolia: Jude

Elderberry: Issy

Elm: Sebastian

Willow: Megan

Chestnut: Arnie

Oak: Kestrel Girl



Attendance Cup

Well done

Willow Class!

98.4% attendance



Last week's whole school attendance:

94.2%

Christian Value of the Week: Humility

'Then he looked to heaven and thanked God for the food. Jesus divided the loaves of bread. He gave them to his followers, and they gave the bread to the people. All the people ate and were satisfied.'

Matthew 14:19



Golden Book Award

Acorn: Anya

Elderberry: Toby W, Freya, Alice

Elm: Eve, Vienna, Amelie, Dylan,

Finn, Poppy, Sebastian, Issy,

Austin, Evie

Willow: William, Taylor



Birthday Announcements

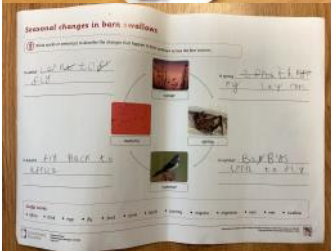
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The Week in Photos—Early Years & Key Stage 1

ACORN

Acorn class have been working hard on their maths this week, recognising 2D shapes and using them to create rocket pictures and describing the properties of the shapes to a friend.

We continue into Space, learning about stars and constellations patterns as well as using an old classic, 'Mr Benn' to do Drawing Club. Acorn class produced fantastic drawings of rockets and had amazing imaginative ideas of different planets they would fly off to! They have then written words or sentences to tell me what their rocket would do or where it would go to.



MAGNOLIA

Our science topic in Magnolia class is currently focusing on the four seasons. We started by comparing the seasons and considering the changes in temperature and weather. We then looked at two types of trees, deciduous and evergreen and learnt how trees change between seasons.

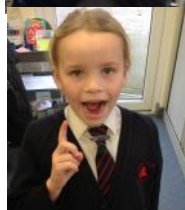
This week, Magnolia class have looked at a range of animals to understand how they adapt and survive. The children worked in pairs to describe the changes to barn swallows, grey squirrels, common frogs, grass snakes and wood ants across the four seasons.



ELDERBERRY

Elderberry class have been very keen to find out what happens next in our class text, 'The Lion Inside'. They imagined themselves as the mouse, bravely deciding to go and ask the lion how to roar. The children explored the thoughts and feelings of the mouse through drama, which led into some fantastic diary entries written in character.

(The photos show worried mouse and when he gets an idea!)

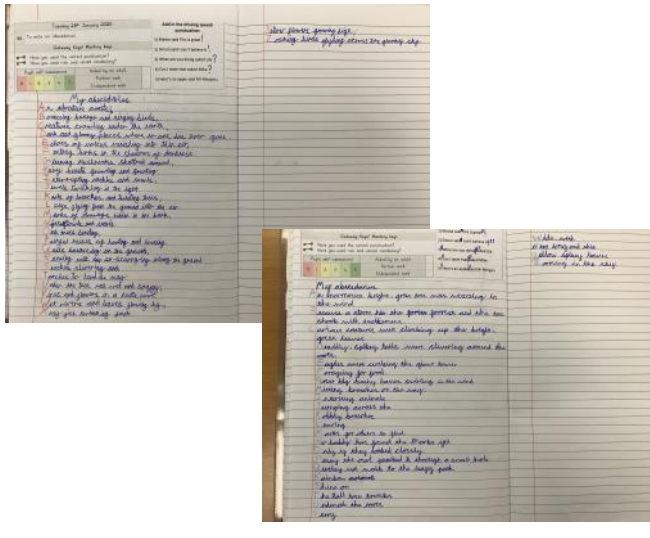


The Week in Photos—Key Stage 2

ELM

Inspired by watching Joseph Coelho craft an 'abecedarius' first-hand, we formed pairs, equipped with vocabulary books and dictionaries.

Our task was to draw inspiration from our writing book, 'Our Tower,' to create our own unique poems using the alphabet.



WILLOW

The children are having a great time learning to play the violin. They are extremely focused and are embracing the challenge with enthusiasm and curiosity. The joy on their faces when they master a new skill is an indication of their dedication and love for learning an instrument.



CHESTNUT

Chestnut class have been persevering this week in maths, working on adding fractions greater than 1 with many steps to remember and follow. This helped strengthen their understanding of improper fractions and mixed numbers.

In writing, the children focused on punctuating speech correctly - a key skill for making dialogue clear and engaging.

Art brought a creative challenge as the children made relief pieces using natural materials from the playground, encouraging both imagination and resourcefulness. To top it off, they took their learning outside, using sundials to explore how shadows and the sun help us tell time.

A great mix of hands-on, creative and practical learning!



OAK

This week Oak class have had to think creatively in writing. They have been imagining what it might have been like for Arthur to sail across the Icelandic seas facing endless dangers including treacherous waters and two-headed sea monsters! They have planned sentences including relative clauses, adverbial phrases and passive voice. I look forward to reading the recounts they write next week.

In science, they were finally able to get outside to put their home-made sundials to the test - thanks to the beautiful mid-week sunshine! They were interested in seeing how the shadows moved throughout the day and were surprised by the direction of travel.





Forest School

Today at Forest School Acorn class learnt all about spiders. We learnt how they have 8 legs where insects have 6 as well as their amazing super strength silk webs and what they use them for.

We also made some of our own webs, together with mini spiders to take home.



EMMA'S KITCHEN

The current 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 when you are parking in
the Hever Castle Car Park—thank you.

School Office

UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Weekend	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	3rd February: Visit from Sue Hendra (YrR & KS1)	4th February:	5th February:	6th February: Netball Vs Chidd (away)	7th February: PTA Valentines Disco

*** CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK ***



Thursday 13th February: Netball Vs Weald (home)
Thursday 13th February: YrR Reading Meeting & Stay & Play



PTA Update

Disco booking closes Monday next week so please make sure you book before then! We will be splitting the discos as planned - we just need 2 more volunteers for KS1 - please get in touch to support!

We will start planning for our larger events soon so make sure you watch this space and see how you can be involved!

Upcoming Dates:

Astronomy Evening - Thursday 6 February 2025 - Free event for Year 5 and 6

Arrival 18:00, Start 18:15.

Come along for an exciting astronomy evening on the field, with telescopes for planet and star spotting.

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/heverprimaryschool>

Valentines Disco - Friday 7 February 2025 - WI Hall - £5

This disco is split between KS1 and KS2, as long as we have enough children and volunteers, otherwise they will be linked. **We need at least 20 more children to make it worthwhile splitting so please book now!**

KS1 - 16:30 - 18:00

KS2 - 18:30 - 20:00

Free glitter tattoos on the night!!

Booking closes Monday 3 February, if last minute tickets are available there will be an additional cost.

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/heverprimaryschool>

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

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):

<https://buy.stripe.com/biYeYq4S6dVU3tu3cc>

Dancing only tickets (initial deposit £15 - final payment of £10 due by 31 Jan 2025):

<https://buy.stripe.com/14k5nQcky6tsfccblj>

If you have already bought your ticket, we will be in touch shortly to remind you of how much you need to make payment for so don't worry!

Have a lovely weekend!

The PTA Trustees

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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



The Friends of Hever School Present

Quiz Night

All Welcome!

£15^{pp}

QUIZ ENTRY
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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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