



Belonging . Courage . Perseverance . Compassion . Trust

Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers

What a wonderful week it has been! After a difficult week losing the oak tree last week, this week has given us a real lift!

We received some lovely emails about our choir, who sang at the concert in Edenbridge church on Saturday evening, recognising their exceptional behaviour as well as their wonderful singing. A huge well done to our choir and thank you to Mrs Cherry for all her time preparing them.

When we go out on visits or have events, I always remind the children that they are ambassadors for our school and we talk about what that means and why it is important. This week, our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils were great ambassadors during an everyday PE lesson on the field! A headteacher from another local school, who arrived early for the cross-country event, was sufficiently impressed that he emailed in, describing them as 'the best-behaved Year 5 and 6 group in West Kent'! Fantastic to hear!

Well done to everyone who participated in the cross-country event. It is great to host events like this at Hever. There were some great individual and team results, with Hever coming third overall. Thank you to Mrs de Moraville and Mr Rogers for running this.

Of course, we were very proud of all our children during Sports Day yesterday where we saw our school values shining through. Throughout the day, we saw so many examples of children challenging themselves and showing great perseverance; equally important were the displays of support and encouragement within and across teams and year groups. Thank you to everyone who was able to join us and support the children and to those people who helped on the day. Thank you to our Year 6 children, who did an amazing job helping to set up and run the event, particularly during the morning when they supported Reception and KS1, and special thanks to Mrs de Moraville for all her planning and organisation.

We had a lovely celebration worship today, recognising all of these achievements and encouraging every child to think about when they have shown courage and perseverance this week.

This hotter weather looks likely to continue into next week so please ensure your child has a sunhat in school every day, with sun screen applied before school.

Happy Father's Day to all our dads - have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Bligh

HOUSE POINTS

Congratulations to Eagle!

Eagle 434

Falcon 414

Kestrel 404



Star of the week

Acorn: Eagle Boy

Magnolia: Indy

Elderberry: Casey

Elm: Evelyn & Amelie

Willow: Mia

Chestnut: Evita

Oak: Evie



Attendance Cup

Well done

Elderberry class!

99.5% attendance



Last week's whole school attendance:

92%

Christian Value of the Week: Belonging

'For now Jesus' friends were able to speak in foreign languages—languages they had never learned—all because of God's Holy Spirit! What better way to tell the world about Jesus?'

**The Lion Storyteller Bible,
'The Helper Arrives'.**



Golden Book Award

Elderberry: Amelia

Willow: Ralph



**Birthdays this week:
Sophie, Winter, Eagle Boy**

The Week in Photos—Early Years & Key Stage 1

ACORN

What a busy week for Acorn class!! They all absolutely excelled at their first sports day and were fantastic!

Lots of lovely play with an under the sea theme this week from using loose parts to painting and pattern making. We enjoyed exploring and looking at the patterns and sizes of large shells, real coral and a massive sharks jaw full of teeth!

In maths, we've been using shells to explore sharing and doubling, identifying whether numbers are doubles or not. We then extended our learning to discover the difference between odd and even numbers.



MAGNOLIA

What a busy week we've had in Magnolia class with sports day and the phonics screening check! Sports day was a great success; we are so proud of all the children for taking part and trying their absolute best. We have spent lots of PE lessons recently practising our skills for the big day!

Throughout the year all of the children in Magnolia class have worked so hard to improve their phonics and reading and we are so impressed by the unbelievable progress the children have made, well done all of you! A special thanks to Mrs Turner for her commitment to supporting all of the class with extra practise.

During the rest of the week, Magnolia class have started a new science topic all about animals. We have learnt the 6 groups of animals: fish, birds, mammals, amphibians, invertebrates and reptiles. To help us remember each group the children have come up with short sentences and actions which we practise regularly!



ELDERBERRY

The children have been learning what the word 'form' means in art and looked closely at real roses to investigate how flowers are 3D. They used clay to create their own representations of the form of a rose by rolling and layering the clay.

Of course Sports Day was a huge highlight of the week with the children entering into the games and races with great enthusiasm and team work.

Well done Elderberry class!



The Week in Photos—Key Stage 2

ELM

Elm class's final Forest School lesson was a resounding success! The session began with a recap of previous learning through a lively true-or-false game, reinforcing key knowledge in a fun and engaging way. Afterwards, the class divided into two groups to tackle an exciting assault course, where climbing, crawling, balancing, and overcoming challenges took centre stage.

The children embraced every obstacle with determination, demonstrating each school value—especially in their support for one another when tasks became tricky.

A huge well done to Elm class, Mr. Rogers and the volunteer parents for a fantastic term in Forest School and for all the outdoor knowledge gained along the way!



WILLOW

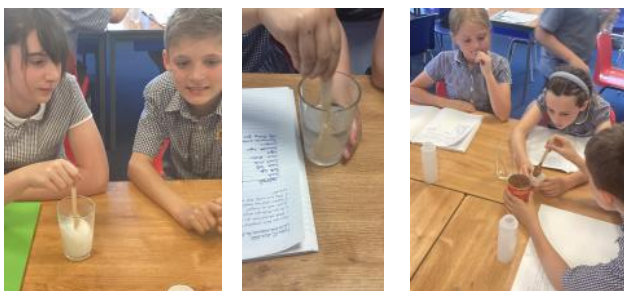
Willow class were absolutely *incredible* at Sports Day yesterday! Every pupil gave their all in each activity and race, showing true determination and team spirit. There was plenty of healthy competition, and we saw some brilliant personal bests, especially in the longer distance events. It was a truly wonderful day filled with encouragement, enthusiasm, and support for one another.

Well done, Willow class!



CHESTNUT

Chestnut class have been working incredibly hard this week! In maths, we've been exploring statistics, focusing on interpreting and creating line graphs with great accuracy. In writing, the children have been writing diary entries from the perspective of the main character in 'The Paperbag Prince', skilfully using modal verbs, relative clauses, and expanded noun phrases to bring their writing to life. We also had a fantastic time at Sports Day—everyone showed brilliant behaviour, sportsmanship and teamwork. In science, the class really enjoyed investigating solubility through hands-on experiments, asking thoughtful questions and drawing insightful conclusions. Well done, Chestnut class!



OAK

We had a fantastic time on the residential last week, and it is understandable that returning to our normal routine can take a little adjustment. However, Oak Class have settled back in to their learning brilliantly. In English, they've been writing letters, with a focus on using varied vocabulary and cohesive devices to enhance clarity and flow. In history, they explored the fascinating city-state of Athens, delving into its unique culture and influence.

Meanwhile in art, they've been experimenting with 'fabric crumb' and have created some wonderfully imaginative collage pieces.



Choir Performance with A Cappella choir

On Saturday 7th June, the school choir took part in a performance with the Edenbridge A Cappella plus group in Edenbridge Parish Church.

The first part of the performance was a mixture of songs and music inspired by nature where our school choir performed to a large audience a traditional song from Congo in three parts!

The second half of the performance was based on the creation story and featured numerous original pieces composed and written by members of A Capella group. Our choir had been practising two special songs with tricky two-part harmonies over the past term which were at the climax of the whole piece. The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience of singing with an adult choir and hearing how their parts combined with the whole piece. Numerous members of the public complimented them on their performance and their behaviour—especially as it was a very long evening for them.

Well done choir club for an amazing performance and for proudly representing Hever Primary School.

Mrs Cherry



EDSA Cross Country Tournament

This week, we were delighted to host the EDSA inter-school cross-country competition for the very first time, brilliantly organised by a team from Fordcombe School. With seven schools in attendance, the field was abuzz with the energy of determined runners and the encouragement of enthusiastic spectators!

Our pupils rose to the challenge of the undulating course, drawing on their training and showing great perseverance. Each and every child gave their all, and their sense of pride in their achievements was shared by parents and staff alike.

We had some standout performances, including Gabby in Year 3 who finished in 10th place, Josie in Year 4 who finished in 3rd place, Jack in Year 4 who finished in 8th place, Poppy in Year 6 who came in 4th place, and Jack in Year 6 who finished in 2nd place. As a result of the fantastic efforts from all of the children, the Hever team finished 3rd overall. Well done to all the children who took part!



★ SPORTS DAY PHOTOS TO FOLLOW NEXT WEEK!!! ★

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Children's Pottery 12 Week Course

Start date: Tuesday 2nd September
Duration: 12 weeks (term time only)
Session length: 1.5 hours per week
Ages: 7-17 years
All tools and materials provided

Children's Pottery 12 Week Course

Start date: Wednesday 3rd September
Duration: 12 weeks (term time only)
Session length: 1.5 hours per week
Ages: 7-11 years
All tools and materials provided

Projects will include:

- Pinch pots, coil pots, and slab building
- Wheel throwing basics
- Texturing and surface decoration
- Fun seasonal themes
- Glazing and finishing techniques

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GET YOUR GROOVE ON AT OUR SUMMER SILENT DISCO

Friday 1st August @ The Eden Centre

10.30—12.30 5—7yrs

1.30—3.30 8—11 yrs

All children to be accompanied by an adult

Face Sparkle Station

Tattoo Station

Refreshment Station

Tickets £5, cash only please—non refundable

Available at Eden Centre



Forest School

This week Acorn class learned about the wonderful world of ants and used 'ant teamwork' to construct some giant ant's nests. We discovered how much quicker things can be done when we work together as a team, just like ants!

Meanwhile Oak class started their last Hever forest school term practicing their fire lighting skills. We safely foraged the last of this year's wild garlic, as well as making some healthy nettle tea.



EMMA'S KITCHEN

Term 6'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 **

Please remember to book your child's lunch so that we can send accurate numbers to the kitchen. Therefore if they are late in to school, we will know if they have a school lunch or not.

Thank you.

School Office

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Weekend	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Sat 14th June: Cowden Fete 12.30pm	16th June:	17th June:	18th June:	19th June: New Entrants Meeting—6.30pm ---- Netball Tournament AWAY at Chidd (A Team)	20th June: WWYLD—bring a bottle in for the Bottle Tombola for the Fete



Friday 27th June: Reception Starters Stay & Play 1/2
Tuesday 1st July: Bore Place Trip—Year 6



PTA Update

Thank you to everyone who came to support Sports Day yesterday – helping set up gazebos, selling ice creams and then the take-down. It was another brilliant day for our lovely school.

While we are thanking people...a belated but HUGE thank you to all the fantastic entries for the VE Day Cake Competition at this years' May Picnic. We have some truly talented bakers in our midst but the winning entry was the incredible tank from Cornelia Visser, one of our Magnolia parents.

Please come down this weekend to support our Maypole dancers at the Cowden Village Fete, dancing should start around 3pm but come and enjoy the day. We have received money from this event over the past few years which has paid for workshops for our children so do come and say hello!

More good news and another big **THANK YOU** to our Grants Committee for successfully securing another £5000 from GACT which will go towards our Outdoor Classroom, this takes us up to a whopping £17,700 of £19,000 raised! Grants are an excellent way to raise funds so please get in touch if you'd like to join the Grants Committee.

And finally.....the FETE! SATURDAY 28TH JUNE, 11:30-15:30 – we need you all!

SCHOOL FETE RAFFLE

Our raffle is being led by Andrea Palmer, this normally makes over £800 so please think who you can ask for prizes to help us out. heverpta@kent.sch.uk

TEDDIES AND SECOND HAND GAMES

The popular second hand stall is back, collection will be the day before, Friday 27th June so please start sorting out anything you may like to donate!

SECOND HAND UNIFORM

Please leave donations at the school office. If you are looking for something e-mail Emma eskorczewski@icloud.com

Have a fab weekend everyone, enjoy the sunshine!

The PTA Trustees xxx

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Fundraising Update 2024-2025

Fundraising Total: £17,700

PROJECTS

Playground: COMPLETE!

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

