



Belonging . Courage . Perseverance . Compassion . Trust

Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been another busy week in school. On Tuesday, the Fire Service delivered presentations to each year group, sharing important age-appropriate fire-safety messages, as part of our PSHE curriculum.

We have had lots of lovely feedback on our writing this week, initially when Mrs Cherry and Mrs de Moraville led the Sevenoaks Partnership annual KS1 and KS2 writing moderation events and additionally from the writing lead from a neighbouring school, who are looking to introduce our writing scheme.

In her capacity as music lead, Mrs Cherry took a group of Year 3 and Year 4 musicians to participate in a Sevenoaks Partnership music afternoon in Chiddingstone church. It was a great opportunity for our children to play as part of an ensemble, particularly for children who have individual music lessons. There will be an opportunity for these children to showcase their work, along with our Year 4 violinists, on Thursday 17th July (details to follow).

Yesterday evening, we welcomed our new and current parents of children who will start school in September. Despite the heat, it was a lovely evening, well-attended and with a real buzz of excitement and anticipation for their children joining Hever. As you probably know, we are very pleased to be full this year, with a substantial waiting list for Reception. We look forward to welcoming the children for their stay and play afternoons over the next couple of weeks.

At the same time, Mrs de Moraville and Mrs Nightingale attended a summer drinks party at Bore Place, where they were thrilled to hear that, despite earlier concerns regarding funding, Bore Place have secured sufficient funds to continue to offer their amazing programme of visits next year. We are delighted that our Year 4, 5 and 6 children will continue to benefit from this amazing opportunity. Thank you for supporting the fundraising and volunteering at the sessions with the classes.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Bligh

HOUSE POINTS

Congratulations to Eagle!

Eagle 254

Falcon 231

Kestrel 206



Star of the week

Acorn: Winter

Magnolia: Arlo

Elderberry: Freya

Elm: William M

Willow: Mara

Chestnut: Izzy

Oak: Eagle boy



Attendance Cup

Well done

Willow class!

99% attendance



Last week's whole school attendance:

94.8%

Christian Value of the Week: Belonging

'May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all'.

2 Corinthians 13:14



Golden Book Award

Magnolia: Bells, Albie, Arlo

Elderberry: Alice

Elm: Dylan, Eva, Amelie, Isabelle, Jessica, William M



Birthdays this week:

William J, Jacob W, Matilda S

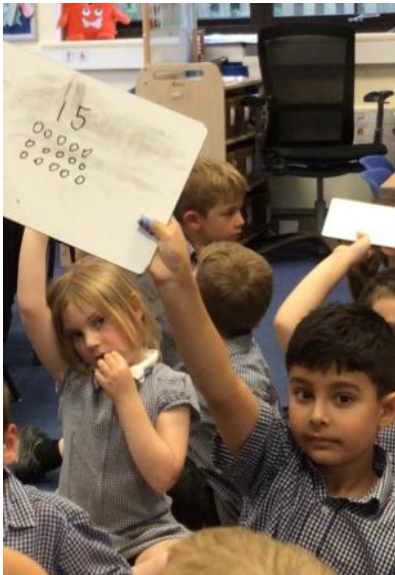
The Week in Photos—Early Years & Key Stage 1



ACORN

The 'chilly peas' arrived this week in reception, frozen in ice! They left a letter asking the Acorns to release them from the ice using a number of ways. We had great fun exploring ways to melt the ice. This will lead into our new English book - Supertato!!

We are lucky to receive six balance bikes and helmets from Bikeability and had our first exciting session with them this week! We learned how to carry out safety checks, walk with the bikes, and set them down carefully. We practiced balancing while stationary. We can't wait for more fun with them in next week's PE lesson!



MAGNOLIA

In maths this week we have been learning about arrays. The children used their prior knowledge of adding equal groups to arrange objects in columns and rows as arrays. The arrangement helped the class to see the equal amounts and how they are grouped. We started by looking at real-life examples such as egg boxes and muffin trays. We then moved on to working with counters to arrange them into arrays and then finally we practised by drawing arrays.



ELDERBERRY

Elderberry class have been learning about lifecycles in science and were very excited to discover that ladybirds had laid eggs in the hedgerow! We were even more amazed to see ladybirds at different larval stages!

In English the children explored the viewpoint of Billy and the Giant when they finally came face to face. They sorted words with partners which best described how each character was feeling.



The Week in Photos—Key Stage 2

ELM

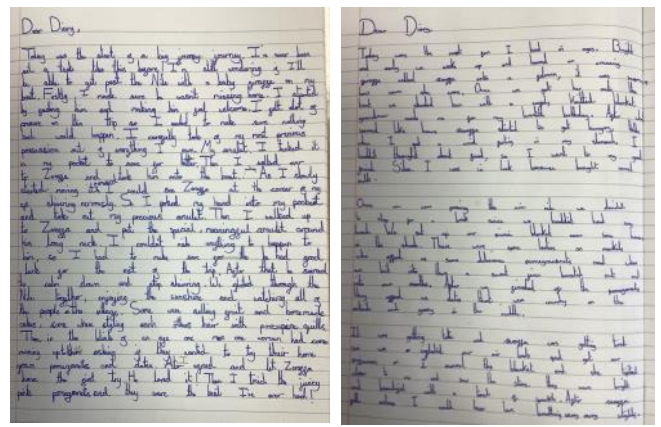
Elm class reinforced their understanding of length and perimeter through a hands-on outdoor math activity. Using metre sticks, a trundle wheel, and a tape measure, they measured various pieces of playground equipment. They also tackled the challenge of calculating the perimeter of both the playground and the table tennis table. Working in pairs, the students demonstrated accuracy, teamwork, and strong mathematical thinking.



WILLOW

Our English text for Term 6 is Zeraffa Giraffa. This is a true story of Zeraffa, a giraffe who was sent as a gift from Egypt to France in 1827.

Atir was the young boy who took care of Zeraffa on her epic journey to Paris. The children have thought a lot about what the first day of travel, down the Nile, would have been like for Atir and have written a diary to document this.



CHESTNUT

This week, Chestnut class thoroughly enjoyed an engaging debate on who was the most significant Athenian in ancient Greece. The children demonstrated excellent debate skills, including critical thinking, clear articulation of their points, and respectful listening to opposing views. This lively exchange helped deepen their understanding of Athenian history. In addition to their historical exploration, the class have also been captivated by their DT unit focused on architecture. They have been learning about the stability, structure, and stiffness of different shapes, exploring how the properties influence building design. They discovered why certain shapes, such as triangles, are more effective. This practical knowledge is helping them to think creatively and critically about engineering principles and how ancient architects might have applied them to construct lasting structures.



OAK

Oak class have been working hard in English this week, writing for a range of different purposes. Using the book *The Paperbag Prince* as inspiration, they have created thoughtful letters and imaginative diary entries. They have learnt to include modal verbs, the subjunctive form, and colons and semicolons in lists. I have been impressed with their creativity and enthusiasm for writing.

At Forest School this week I was very impressed as Year 6 completed a forest obstacle course—commendable in this heat. Well done!

Finally, some of our Year 6 children have also begun attending transition events at their new secondary schools. It's been wonderful to hear them return full of excitement, sharing their positive experiences.





Forest School

This week Acorn class created, and fashioned, the latest line in Forest School jewellery made from things we could find in the wood.

Meanwhile, Oak class got physical using their combined teamwork to complete the Forest School adventure course one last time, solving the woodland puzzles along the way.



Wild Wednesdays & Nature Makers

10am-12noon

5-12 years (with accompanying adult)

Holiday fun for families on Ashdown Forest learning about nature.

Wild Wednesdays - seasonal nature activities, games and exploring

Nature Makers (Thursdays) - craft inspired by nature and outdoor exploring



Wednesday July 30 and Aug 6, 13, 20, 27
Thursday July 31 and Aug 7, 14, 21, 28

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Wych Cross, RH18 5JP

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£10 per child

ashdownforest.org



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Weekend	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Sat 21st June:	23rd June:	24th June:	25th June:	26th June:	27th June: Reception Starters Stay & Play 1/2 9.30 & 1.45pm
★ Tuesday 1st July: Bore Place Trip—Year 6 Thursday 3rd July: Year 1 & 2 Trip to Hever Castle ★					

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 **

All children are to arrive to school with suncream already applied. Should your child be in an after school club, please remind them to re-apply suncream at lunchtime in the school office.

School Office

PTA Update

Thank you so much to everyone who donated a bottle to the WWYLD collection for the Summer Fete. These will be ticketed over the next few days and ready for the bottle tombola, come and find us on the day and see if you can win your bottle back!

It was wonderful weather for dancing at Cowden Fete over the weekend, thank you to Amy House again for teaching this, the children did so well as it was new routines and learnt in a very quick timeframe. Thank you to Mrs de Moraville for coming to support the dancers and even taking part in some dancing herself!

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

Please make sure you are supporting in any way you can. Set up and take down are always a massive operation so please help us!

SCHOOL FETE RAFFLE

Your child should have come home this week with raffle tickets, please SELL SELL SELL! More are available from the office if you run out. Please seal the stubs and cash in the envelope and post in the PTA post-box outside of reception, alternatively card payments will be taken for raffle tickets from Tuesday at drop off next week.

SECOND HAND TEDDIES

All second hand teddies and games for the preloved stall can be handed in on Friday morning, please do not bring any earlier than this as there is simply no room to store until the day before.

CAKES FOR CAKE STALL

Any cakes for the refreshments stall can be dropped off on Friday morning on the usual cake trolley, please remember no nuts and a list of ingredients would be amazing.

This is a huge event for the school and last year it made over £4000 profit, please come and support and bring your friends and families. The Summer Fete is not just a fundraiser, it is a great community event and a lovely family day out.

Thank you so much in advance for all your help and support next weekend – we are almost there!

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



Hever Church of England Primary School

HEVER SCHOOL FÊTE

SATURDAY 28 JUNE 2025

HEVER PARISH FIELD

11:30 - 15:30



FREE ENTRY & PARKING