



Belonging . Courage . Perseverance . Compassion . Trust

Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers

Yesterday, our Year 6 pupils hosted our annual tea party where we thank everyone who has supported our school during the year. This year was particularly special as it was our official farewell and thank you to Bridget Harris, our Chair of Governors. Bridget's tenure started well before I arrived at Hever so I can only talk from personal experience of the last couple of years but I know from talking to others that the commitment and the passion I have witnessed goes back well before my time.

I doubt there is anyone who knows Hever better than Bridget, having experienced first-hand the turmoil during and after Covid and remained steadfast and determined despite two difficult Ofsted inspections. Where others might have given in to the challenges presented, Bridget persisted, remaining resolute, and is a shining example of our school values of courage and resilience.

Bridget's generosity in terms of her time, knowledge and experience have been extraordinary! From repeatedly joining Teams calls whilst on holiday, to writing persuasive letters and emails, to responding rapidly to an unexpected crisis, Bridget has always been swift and pro-active in her support. Bridget has been equally generous in her direct support for the children, ensuring no child misses out due to lack of funding, regularly donating books and resources and inspiring our Year 6 children to become avid readers, through her enthusiasm and encouragement as a reading volunteer. Happily, Bridget intends to continue this role.

Bridget's thorough approach and her eye for detail has been an asset to the governing body; whether it was monitoring policies, checking documents or responding to issues requiring her legal background, nothing was missed!

As a community, we owe a huge debt of gratitude to Bridget. I know I speak on behalf of our whole school community – staff, children, parents and governors – in saying a heartfelt thank you for Bridget's tireless dedication and unwavering support. Thank you!

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Bligh



HOUSE POINTS

Congratulations to Falcon!

Falcon 357

Eagle 351

Kestrel 338



Star of the week

Acorn: Amelie

Magnolia: Kylie

Elderberry: Grace

Elm: Whole class

Willow: Whole class

Chestnut: Harmony

Oak: Elsie



Attendance Cup

Well done

Magnolia & Willow
classes!

97.7% attendance



Last week's whole
school attendance:

95.3%

Christian Value of the Week: Hope

"But the people who trust the Lord will become strong again. They will be able to rise up as an eagle in the sky. They will run without needing rest. They will walk without becoming tired."

Isaiah 40:31



Birthdays this week:
Rufus, Theo, Harrison L

The Week in Photos—Key Stage 2

ELM & WILLOW

In Elm and Willow classes had a wonderful day exploring Hever Castle together. Their adventure began with a scenic walk around the lake, where they gathered clues and information to complete an exciting scavenger hunt. Along the way, they sketched wild meadow plants and observed bees busily collecting nectar, sparking thoughtful conversations about the vital role of pollinators and the importance of growing bee-friendly plants.

After their nature walk, everyone enjoyed a well-earned lunch before settling into the perfect spot to draw Hever Castle in all its majestic beauty. To round off the day, a much-appreciated visit to the park provided a fun and relaxing end to their outing before heading back to school.



CHESTNUT

The class has shown fantastic enthusiasm this week as they practised their play performance with energy, focus, and teamwork – it's been a joy to see their confidence grow on stage. Many pupils have also taken on the impressive challenge of participating in a triathlon, demonstrating determination and resilience.

In DT, they've been applying their creativity and problem-solving skills to construct models of Ancient Greek temples. With careful thought given to stability and sturdiness, the results have been both architecturally impressive and structurally sound!



OAK

Oak class had the pleasure of welcoming many guests to our annual tea party this week. The guests have either volunteered at or supported Hever school over the past year. The children enjoyed preparing the party, chatting to the guests and some well-deserved cake! They were also excellent representatives of our school, speaking so confidently to many of the guests. The tea party also provided a lovely opportunity for the children to thank Bridget Harris for her time reading with them over the past two years. They have loved reading with her and shared some touching memories of the fun they've had.





Forest School

This week Acorn class participated in the Forest School Olympics, testing their jumping, balancing and throwing skills with a bit of water fun mixed in to keep cool!

Meanwhile, Oak class learnt about the woodland food cycle, investigated what life an oak tree supports, and to link in with their Ancient Greeks topic, had a go at making some Greek pots using Weald clay.



TUITION LESSONS

Tuition offered in phonics, reading, maths and 11+

YEARS 1-5
WEEKDAYS 4-6PM

For more information please email:
smedleychantelle89@gmail.com

 **NOMADS FC**

NEW UNDER 7s

LOOKING

ARE LOOKING FOR PLAYERS!

Will need to be in school year 1/2
aged 6 before December 2025

Call Liam
07949716521



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 **

There are no after school clubs for the rest of term.

After school club will finish at 5pm on the last day of term.

School Office

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Weekend	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Sunday: Forest Church St Peter's Church Hever—4pm	14th July:	15th July: Yr5 & Yr6 Performance 2pm & 6pm	16th July:	17th July: YrR to Yr1 Transition Meeting—1.15pm	18th July:



Tuesday 22nd July: End of Term

Wednesday 4th September: Start of New Academic Year



PTA Update

Thank you to all those who donated to Bridget's thank you present and wrote in her card. We bought a Fortnum and Mason hamper for her which she greatly appreciated.

PTA AWARDS - Still time to nominate - please email in your suggestions for **VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR and CLASS REP OF THE YEAR** with the reasons why to heverpta@hever.kent.sch.uk All feedback will be passed on anonymously whether your nomination wins or not so they know how grateful you are.

Next Year Already?

NEW ROLE: Plans will be starting for 25-26. We will be looking at a new Events Lead Role for all our events- so if there is an event you would like to work on to make it bigger and better - please get in touch.

TRUSTEES: Our trustees will be considering over the summer whether they would be able to continue or not in their roles, however if you would like to be the Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, or Secretary please get in touch they would welcome the help.

GRANT GROUP: This is where you can make a massive impact. Grants are funding from outside our parent/carer body so can massively increase our potential. Let us know if you want to help.

OUT OF HOURS SUPPORT: We appreciate there is a lot of support needed in school hours, which is tricky for anyone with fixed work hours. However there is ALWAYS smaller things to do out of hours so let us know if you want to be added to this group.

BONFIRE FLOAT - Team Bonfire are starting to gather ideas and volunteers - see the attached leaflet and get your ideas in here:
<https://bit.ly/HeverFloat>

We look forward to hearing your nominations and we are working on the end of year totals now so we can hopefully let you know how much we raised plus how much the fete made!

The PTA Trustees xxx
heverpta@hever.kent.sch.uk

Fundraising Update

2024-2025

Fundraising Total: £17,700

PROJECTS

Playground: COMPLETE!

Outdoor/Wellbeing

Classroom: £12,712



JOIN THE FUN!

BE PART OF THIS YEAR'S HEVER SCHOOL FLOAT BUILD!

It's that time of year when we start to design and build our school float for the Edenbridge Bonfire Society Parade (8th November) – and it's brilliant fun for kids and parents alike!

🎉 **THIS YEAR, WE NEED YOU!** 🎉
Help us choose a theme for the float!
The best ideas are linked to the school in some way – please get creative!

Previous themes include:
🚤 RNLI Lifeboat | 🎧 London Tube | 🐼 Trolls | 🌿 The Jungle Book

💡 Got ideas for the float this year?
Tell us here: bit.ly/HeverFloat

👏 **WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!** 👏
We need people to: Design, build, sew, paint, decorate – you name it!
No matter if you're aged 1 to 100 – we can't do it without you!

🔥 **Let's make this year's float the best one yet!** 🔥

Join the team:
bit.ly/HeverFloat