

Herne Flyer 21 – Spring Term 2025



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A Note from our Headteacher

Dear Parents & Carers,

A short week but such a busy one! Thank goodness it's half term.

We will end this term tomorrow with a shared INSET with PIS. Based at Herne, we will listen to Kit Messenger who will talk to us about developing our philosophy for behaviour management and restorative approaches. Many of you will be glad to know that the first step was changing our "behaviour boards" – they are no longer on show and there is no "dropping off the end"! It's small start but there will be more changes for September, including changes to lunchtime routines to make more opportunities for play, quiet time and time to talk for those who need a listening ear. Watch this space.



Huge thanks to all Year 4 parents and carers who came out in droves to help with the creation of an Imaginary World. It makes me so happy to see people returning to help once again. The school was buzzing and there were lots of smiles as people left with their child's creation!

We also had our annual Local Authority monitoring visit on Tuesday. Mrs Alison Rhodes, our Leadership Partner, looked at children's work, observed lessons, and spoke to children, staff and Governors. She said we were doing an excellent job, particularly where our most vulnerable pupils are concerned. The report will come in a few weeks...I'll make sure you get the headlines! Team Herne were delighted!



Thank you to parents who attended Ash Parents' Evening with Miss Whitehead and Mrs Mackenzie who is taking over from her after half term. It was lovely to hear so many positive comments.



On that note, we have two staff leaving this week - we know Mrs Lizzie Markham is already booking holidays for her retirement time (and telling us all where she is off to in term time!) and Miss Whitehead, although sad to leave us, is excited to start her new life with family back in Manchester. We have loved working with them both and know we will see them again at some stage! Good Luck both on your new adventures!

And Finally...whatever you are up to this half term, enjoy. I'm off to spend some time with Mum & Dad followed by many lunches with friends. Hope yours is fun too!

Best wishes

Sue Sayers

Headteacher

Parents Evenings – Weds 5th March & Thurs 13th March

We have booked our parents evenings on the dates above. The online booking system will open at 6pm tonight (Thurs 13th Feb). Please click on the link below to make an appointment. Bookings close two days before the evening.



[Parents Evening Booking](#)

The Hampshire Healthy Steps



The Hampshire Healthy Steps programme offers families support and advice in a relaxed setting. These sessions will take place on Tuesdays at The Petersfield School from 16.30 - 18.30pm for 6 weeks starting on the 4th March. Families can start the journey at any session in a flexible way that suits them. Please see the information and booking link attached.

- <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/healthy-steps-family-programme-east-hants-tickets-1205266316999?aff=oddtcreator>
- [Find a Family Programme Near You](#)
- [Hampshire Healthy Steps Events - 21 Upcoming Activities and Tickets | Eventbrite](#)

INSET Days for 2025-26

We have had a few requests regarding our Inset Days for 2025-26. Please find them listed below:

- 3rd and 4th of September 2025
- 3rd of November 2025
- 13th of February 2026
- 22nd of May 2026



Hampshire HAF Schemes

Good news: Funding for the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme has been announced for 2025!

Children from Reception to Year 11 receiving benefits-related free school meals can access schemes across Hampshire during the Easter school holidays at no cost.

Schemes will be open for bookings in early March -visit the connect4communities website via the link below for guidance on how to register your child(ren) for their unique HAF booking code:

[HAF Programme Registration Guidance\(connect4communities\)](#)

UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD



SOLIHULL APPROACH

Herne Junior School is in a pre-paid area for the emotional health resources hub, <http://www.inourplace.co.uk> ('The Solihull Approach'). This means our families can access a range of free online support to better understand children's emotional health, brain development and wellbeing. All courses can be translated using Google Translate and some professional translations are available, including Arabic, Urdu, Bulgarian, simplified Chinese, Spanish, Welsh, Polish and Somali.

February		March	
Fri 14 th	INSET DAY – School closed for training	Wed 5 th	Parents' Evening 3.45 – 7.30
Mon 17th – Fri 21st Half-Term		Tue 11 th	Y4 Rainbow Theatre Workshop
Mon 24 th	Back to School Ash Class Archaeology at the Heath	Thurs 13 th	Parents' Evening 3.45 – 7.30
Tue 25 th	Fir Class Archaeology at the Heath	Fri 28 th	INSET DAY – School closed for training
Wed 26 th	Elm Class Archaeology at the Heath	April	
Fri 28 th	Oak Class Archaeology at the Heath	Fri 4 th	Last day of the-term (12.30 finish)