

Herne Flyer 34 – Summer Term 2025



Knowing Every Child – Inspiring Every Mind – Achieving Every Day

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A Note from our Headteacher

Dear Parents & Carers,

This week started with a visit from the **Local Authority Moderation Team** to look at our Yr6 Writing levels. This happens to all schools every 3/4 years and we were reassured to find that they agreed with our teacher assessment. **Well done, Year 6 team**...it's a lot of additional work post SATs. How great to be told (officially) that we are getting it right!



Everyone a learner at Herne: At the end of last week, I took Assistant Headteachers, Erika Marshall and Amy Buckle, to Birmingham for the Inspiring Leadership Conference. Over a thousand school leaders from all over the country attend. It's hard to find good CPD (Continuing Professional Development) for Senior Leaders but this really fits the bill. We had lectures and workshops from excellent leaders in all fields of work about how to inspire teams and empower them to get the best results in any context: a Gymshark Excellence Trainer; a hostage negotiator (bizarre parallel for those working with children - scarily similar! Key tip? Don't teach 6yr olds to negotiate!); an Olympic Gold medallist for rowing (we even got to hold THE medal!!!) and an AI (Artificial Intelligence) expert. We also took part in a Drumba session as a pre lecture warm up...think Zumba with drumming!

On a serious note, there was an underlying theme of what "best results" mean in the context of children. For the first time in many years of headship, I saw a small glimmer of light that perhaps the world will one day measure school success on the happiness and skill set of children over SAT results? I am ever the optimist - hence our pursuit of Forest School, engaging trips and a creative curriculum.

The new **Government Minister for School Standards** also presented the DfE manifesto for change to schools being launched in the 2025/6 academic year: a new approach to SEND; a National Curriculum rewrite (Again?) and guidance for use of AI in schools as a teaching and learning aid. The latter was (if we are honest) absolutely terrifying - how on earth do we as educators and parents stay ahead of what our children are experiencing so that our computing curriculum and parental guidance is relevant and continues to safeguard our children?



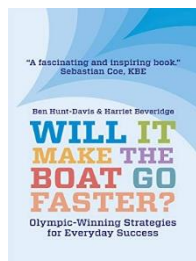
All in all, it was both inspiring and mind- blowing...particularly the AI content, which was actually quite shocking! We will spend the rest of the term making sure our training programme for next year prepares staff for the huge changes coming for school provision and provides even more opportunities to inspire our staff in order to help our children to be the best they can be academically and pastorally.

Herne Feste & our 50th Birthday

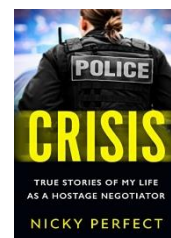
Thank you to everyone who has worked SO hard to make our 50th Birthday celebration so wonderful. Particular thanks to the **50th Committee** led by the wonderful Miss Clare Morphew and to HAFS for adapting Herne Fest. Special thanks to Mrs Suzanne Tong (who is here more than ever post retirement) and Mrs Emma Chapman who threw themselves into the legacy and promotion work with gusto, and to everyone, past and present, in the community who contributed to the planning and resource gathering.



Mrs Bishop is going on Maternity leave today. On behalf of everybody, I would like to wish her lots of luck.



And Finally...some reading for you from our conference. Not my usual fiction offer but we found the talks so inspiring we ordered the books or downloaded the audio books on the train home and devoured them this week. Whatever you are up to this weekend...enjoy! I'm off to negotiate peace in Grayshott, practise my rowing (in circles) at Waggoners Wells and recover from the 50th fancy dress!



Best wishes
Sue Sayers
Headteacher

North East Hampshire Youth football league winners

Congratulations to our three champions whose team won their division of the North East Hampshire Youth football league. We are very proud of them!



Use of the Adventure playground

Please note the adventure playground is not accessible at the end of the day. For health and safety reasons, it is locked at the end of day.

Lunchboxes

Please encourage your child to remember to take home their lunch box everyday as the school can not be held responsible for any damage caused to lunch boxes overnight.

Community News- please see our community board on our website.

JUNE		JULY	
Thursday 26th June	Year 4 Watercress line Pear Class	Tuesday 1 st – Friday 4 th July	Yr.6 Ironbridge and Yr.6 Expert Explorers
Friday 27th June- 2.15pm	Rock Steady concert	Wed 9 th of July 12noon to 3.30pm	Year 5 Swimming Gala Petersfield Open Air Pool
Monday 30 th June	Yr.6 Ironbridge and Yr.6 Expert Explorers	9 th and 10 th July	HAFs discos: Yrs 4 & 6 and Yrs 3 & 5
		11 th of July	Changeover Day
		14 th of July	Sports Day
		Tuesday 22 nd of July	Last day of term: School closes at 12.30pm