

# Herne Flyer 15 – Autumn Term 2025

Knowing Every Child – Inspiring Every Mind – Achieving Every Day



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Dear Parents & Carers,

On Wednesday, we said goodbye to our lovely librarian, Mrs Mary Pitt. Mary is retiring after 33 years at the school. I'm sure you will join me in wishing her good luck in her well-deserved retirement. Although we have someone overseeing her duties, while we decide how to follow the irreplaceable Mary, we are looking for a team of parent volunteers to man the library. This will involve helping children choose books and perhaps hear some read, along with light library duties. Training provided. If you are interested and have a few hours to spare, please do let us know. It might work very well for someone who could stay an hour or more after drop-off or arrive early, before pick-up, even if it's just on one day. We are looking for a team approach. Send any interest to [admin@hernejunior.com](mailto:admin@hernejunior.com) marking your email LIBRARY.

On behalf of Maureen Page, Chair of Governors, we'd like to say a huge thank you to Mary for all her hard work over the years at Herne, in both her voluntary roles and as our school librarian. In particular, a special thank you for her dedication and support in enhancing the school's exterior appearance through her green-fingered care, hanging baskets, and thoughtful improvements.

Huge thanks to Yr5 for a wonderful Carol Service at St Peter's on Tuesday. They all did a brilliant job and thank you to our parent volunteers who helped walk us to the church.

**And finally**, on behalf of Team Herne, we wish you all a Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy 2026. We reopen on Monday 5th January for children. Like many of you visiting family over the hols, I'm off to Liverpool to Mum & Dad. Thank you to those who have sent me book suggestions for my Christmas reading list - that will definitely keep me busy!

Best wishes

*Sue Sayers*

Headteacher



## INSET Days

We have been made aware that one of the parent-led class WhatsApp groups displays incorrect dates for our INSET days this academic year. Please see our school website for our confirmed INSET days. [Herne Junior School - Dates for your Diary](#)

## Tree Planting

Join us on Saturday 10 January 2026 anytime between 10am and 3pm to take part in tree planting for a special Miyawaki Forest in the school grounds. The planting has been funded by the South Downs National Park. Miyawaki Forests are a great way to quickly create high density, biodiversity rich ecosystems. Please bring; gardening gloves, a spade, wellies and a wheelbarrow if you can.



[Update your child's details on Arbor](#)

[Report an Absence](#)



## School Nurse Drop In

Our school nurse drop in sessions returns at the beginning of February so watch out in the first edition of the Herne Flyer for 2026!

## Plea for Information

Did you witness a hit & run car accident in the Love Lane (Football Club) car park last week on Wednesday 10th December? During school drop off one of our parents' grey Nissan Qashqai was severely damaged by a suspected red vehicle between 8:30–8:45 am. The car owners are appealing for witnesses after the driver failed to leave details. Please, if you saw or know anything do let us know. Any information would be hugely appreciated!

## Doodle Winter Trail Reminder

Earn rewards by Doodling 'little and often' Between the **1st – 24th of December**, the Winter Calendar is returning to DoodleMaths and DoodleEnglish! Designed to encourage a few minutes of daily learning, joining the fun is a great way to keep your child **motivated and engaged** over the holidays. Most excitingly, if they open all the calendar doors, they'll receive an **exclusive festive virtual badge!**



## Support to help Young People with their Mental Wellbeing (including Bereavement)

### Guidance, tools, and tips

[Crisis, Self-Harm and Suicide – CAMHS](#)  
[Self-harm support hub](#)  
[Mental Wellbeing Hampshire](#)  
[Mind's Info for young people](#)  
[Parent and Carer support – CAMHS](#)  
[Autistica – Tips Hub app](#)  
[Kooth: kooth.com](#)  
[ZSA suicide awareness training courses](#)

### Support services NHS 111 Mental Health triage

[SHOUT](#) text HANTS to 85258  
[Help in a crisis:: Hampshire and Isle of Wight NHS Foundation Trust](#)  
[NE Hants: Get help in a mental health crisis : Surrey and Borders Partnership NHS Foundation Trust](#)  
[Papyrus: Papyrus UK Suicide Prevention | Prevention of Young Suicide](#)  
[Therapeutic support services](#)  
[Cruse Support After Suicide Service](#)  
[Project Iris: Growing Hope | Inclusion Education](#)  
[ChatHealth: ChatHealth : Hampshire Healthy Families](#)  
[Young Minds Parent Helpline: Parents Helpline | Mental Health Help for Your Child | YoungMinds](#)  
[Children and Young People's Safe Haven – Havant & East Hants Mind](#)  
[Sasha's Project: Facebook](#)

### Events (in person)

[How To Cope When Your Child Can't – Winchester 2026 – CAMHS](#)  
 Anxiety – understanding and strategies to help, Basingstoke: [Events – CAMHS](#)  
 Local online and in person events: [Local Support Groups and Events for Parents/Carers » Winchester Youth Counselling](#)

JANUARY		FEBRUARY	
<b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December to Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> January</b> <b>Christmas Break</b>		Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Cedar class swimming at Churchers
		Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 Bikeability
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>School re-opens to pupils at 8:30am</b> Maple class swimming at Churchers	Friday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 Bikeability
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Cedar class swimming at Churchers	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Cedar class swimming at Churchers
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Y5 Virtual Reality Workshop		Year 5 Bikeability
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Cedar class swimming at Churchers	Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 Bikeability
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Cedar class swimming at Churchers	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 Bikeability
		Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Last day of term – 12.30pm finish</b>
		Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	<b>INSET DAY</b>