

Herne Flyer 11 – Autumn Term 2025

Knowing Every Child – Inspiring Every Mind – Achieving Every Day



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Dear Parents & Carers,

Firstly, a huge thank you to HAFS for organising our two Autumn Disco events. The children had a brilliant time. Thanks also to the many parent volunteers and to staff who gave up their evening to man the events. Particular thanks to the very kind people who stayed outside to man the car park on those dark, wet evenings. Special thanks must also be given to Mr Aeschlimann who came back to help when the new smoke machine set off our new fire alarms and to the cleaning team and staff who sprung into action as Fire Marshalls. The children were amazing and the building was cleared in record time. Several parents commented that their children thought the event was exciting and made their night (but we will definitely be having smoke free discos in future!)

Thank you for your feedback about the new gate times. It was a bit chaotic for the first few days but people seem to be adjusting their times and it has eased off. To aid the situation we will open the gates at 8.25 a.m. instead of 8.30 a.m., giving a full 30 minutes before 8.55 registration when the gates close - this is what most schools do. It has definitely made the site safer in the morning and it is also safer for children attending early clubs (who are now all coming in via Breakfast Club in the hall). Thanks for your patience.

And Finally... we hope you can join us in the square tonight as the choir sing for the switching on of the Christmas lights. For me, this is the start of the Christmas season. It's a wonderful time in schools with all the plays, carols services and festive jumper days. Hope your preparation is going well. I've just got a couple of "tree presents" to buy - these are a family tradition of small, price-limited gifts with no name on, given out at the table after Christmas dinner but before Christmas pudding...a bit 'pot luck' but always fun to open...then swap!! Whatever you are up to this weekend, enjoy!

Best wishes

Sue Sayers

Headteacher

PS Can you help? I could do with some book suggestions for over the holidays! I'm indulging in a spot of murder mystery (always my go-to, comfort read). Just finished, "All the Wicked Girls," by Chris Whittaker and have just started, "Death at the White Hart," by Chris Chibnall (Writer of TV series, Broadchurch). Any recommendations welcome!



Christmas Tree

A huge thank you to Sarah from Picketts and Pursers for the donation of our Herne Christmas Tree this year which is being delivered on Monday 1st December!

Have your say on the future of local councils in your area

The Government is currently consulting on plans to reorganise local government across Hampshire and the Solent area. This could mean big changes to how councils work and deliver services such as education, social care, roads, planning, parks and waste collection in communities across Hampshire, Southampton, Portsmouth and the Isle of Wight. Everyone is invited to share their views before 11 January 2026 on the different proposals being put forward. To find out more and take part, visit:

<https://consult.communities.gov.uk/local-government-reorganisation/hampshire-isle-of-wight-portsmouth-southampton/>

Local Environmental Initiatives

1) **Community Hedge Planting Day** - Love Lane - Saturday, 20th December, from 11am to 3pm. The first of 2 planting events - the next will be Jan/Feb. All to increase biodiversity on the edges of the Love Lane Playing Fields.

FREE TREES

2) **Free Tree for Residents** - <https://www.petersfield-tc.gov.uk/front-garden-tree-planting-initiative/>. Opportunity for Petersfield residents to request a free tree to help increase tree cover across the town.



Safe Driving

A reminder to drive safely and slowly when dropping off and picking up your children. This is particularly important now the light is fading.

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

[Report an Absence](#)

IN-SCHOOL CHILD HEALTH CLINICS NEXT WEEK - SLOTS AVAILABLE!

We are really pleased to share with you that we now have a regular drop in with the school nurse. The next date is booked for Wednesday December 3rd from 9.00am – 12.00noon. If you have concerns for your child with bedwetting, healthy eating, challenging behaviour or anxiety please contact our Home School Link Worker I.tandy@hernejunior.com to book a half hour appointment. Please note that these slots should not be used as a place to seek advice regarding specific medical conditions.



TOO GOOD TO GO APP – Check it out!

[Too Good To Go](#) is a mobile phone app which allows you to 'rescue' food from local shops, restaurants and cafes to prevent it from going to waste. Once you've downloaded the app, you can search by location and distance to see what food goodies are being offered at bargain prices near you.

Plea for equipment for Woodland Wonders

There are a few items that we would love to add to our woodland wonders sessions and would be immensely grateful to receive:

Cable reels (to make small tables)

Decorative stones

Adult sized wellies specifically size 7 and 8

A few car tyres

Craft paper / craft supplies

Balls of wool

Waterproofs age 7-15 years



CM Sports December Activity Clubs

Please see the attached flyers detailing CM Sports clubs over the Christmas break. These holiday courses are designed to keep children active and engaged.

Headlice

We have had a few cases of headlice in Year 4. Please be extra vigilant when washing your child's hair and follow this guidance from the NHS. [Head lice and nits - NHS](#)



Hertfordshire Catering Limited



From January, Hertfordshire Catering Limited will be taking over the provision of our school meals. To help you get to know the new team and learn more about the meals they will be offering, Hertfordshire Catering Limited will be visiting school from 3.30pm on Wednesday 3rd December. During this time, you will have the opportunity to meet the team and sample a selection of their dishes. We hope many of you will be able to attend and see what HCL has to offer.

Special Values Time Winners



DECEMBER		DECEMBER	
Monday 1 st	Maple class swimming at Churchers	Monday 15 th	Maple class swimming at Churchers
Monday 1 st	Haslemere Museum in school for Y5	Tuesday 16 th	Year 5 Church Service – 2pm
Wednesday 3 rd	Meet with Hertfordshire Catering Company	Thursday 18 th	School Christmas Dinner
Friday 5 th	RockSteady Concert to Parents/Carers	Friday 19 th	Last day of term – 12.30pm finish
Monday 8 th	Maple class swimming at Churchers		
Thursday 11 th	Y3 Christmas Play		