

Herne Flyer 03 – Autumn Term 2025

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Dear Parents & Carers,

Each Friday, as part of our new **Positive Behaviour Policy**, 15 Gold Heroes (one from each class) have their lunch and play games with members of SLT in our newly developed Orchard room. The first group, last week, helped us to shape ideas for making the weekly treat even more exciting for those earning it. These privileges include: a special lunch; sitting on a Heroes bench in Assemblies; going first in class lines and individual classes are trialling ideas based on pupil feedback about what would motivate them, e.g. choosing where to sit in class each day, sitting on special cushions, etc. Last week we gave the Golden Heroes a Special Gold HT Sticker but, as one pointed out, these are hard to wear for a week as they lose "stickiness", so Golden sashes have arrived. We are trialling this for a month to develop ideas based on pupil feedback before committing to our new policy. You'll get to see this when it is redrafted. See next week's Gold Heroes in the picture to the right.



The Orchard (old Elm classroom) has been developed this year as a "Ready To Learn" provision. It isn't an official Resource Provision such as that at Liss Schools as we don't receive additional funding from the LA but as budgets get cut annually, we are exploring ways of allowing more of our children with additional needs to access support in an alternative and more cost-effective way than having an extra adult in the classroom which may only serve one or two children. It also allows some of our children who may have higher emotional or social needs to build relationships and learn in a less formal way in a safe space. This involves up to 25 children and a team of 4/5 adults, 3 afternoons a week. Staff involved have specific training and skills suited to meeting the needs of the children involved and are fully committed to our new approach to promoting positive behaviour and learning choices. The activities are designed to develop confidence, personal resilience in order to support children to manage their time in the main classroom more effectively. It's quite an exciting project!



I also went off to the first meeting for the **Remembrance Parade** this November. The new Council Chamber in the Festival Hall is due to be opened next week after a huge renovation. Our children, the future of Petersfield, are very important to the committee and we feel privileged to be included. Put Sunday 9th November in your diary now and join us in the square and at the cenotaph.



And Finally, whatever you are up to this weekend, enjoy. New school shoes were purchased last weekend so this weekend is a very quiet one in the Sayers household...a rare event!!

P.S. Someone bought me the 3rd Richard Coles novel, "A Death on Location"...but I'm struggling (the story seems very slow). I did read A LOT over the hols and can recommend: Jody Picoult, "By any other Name"...historical novel pondering on who really wrote Shakespeare's plays and poems...sounds heavy but it wasn't and Jess Kidd, "The Night Ship." Another historical novel about one child's journey by sea in 1628 and her link with a child in 1989. Enjoy!

Best wishes

Sue Sayers

Headteacher

Mobile Phones:

We are part of a joint schools' Smartphone Free Childhood campaign, and following the lead taken by TPS in banning Smartphones for pupils. We continue to have a form for parents to request permission for a Yr5 or 6 child only to bring a phone. IF they are walking alone BUT it will need to be basic, non-smart phone which only sends and receives calls and messages. We have the right to turn down an application for a child to bring a phone into school and those accepted and brought in will be locked away for the day. Our policy is clear – any abuse of this privilege or phones brought in without parental permission will result in the phone being removed and the permission being denied.

Toys

Please can we remind you that toys of any kind are not permitted in school. We know these are special to the children and as a result we do not want them going missing or broken. In particular, we have had an influx of Labubus, teddies and mini plastic ducks. Whilst we appreciate Labubus are bag ornaments, they are being taken off and played with as toys, which is not appropriate during lessons.

IN-SCHOOL CHILD HEALTH CLINICS

We are really pleased to share with you that we now have a regular drop in with the school nurse. The first date is booked for November 7th 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 l.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.

School Photos

This coming Friday, 26th September, is our school photo day. If your child has PE or Woodland Wonders, please ensure they have their school uniform to change into for the photo.



Changeable Weather

With the changeable weather we have been having recently please can we remind you to send your child in with a coat. We are finding that although it may be sunny first thing in the morning by break/lunchtime it can be a little damp.

Invitation from St Mary Magdalen Church

We'd love to invite you and your children to join us for some of the exciting events that are going on at St Mary Magdalen Church over the next few weeks.



Breakfast Church - Monthly on Sunday mornings @ 10.00am

Breakfast Church is our monthly family service designed to be accessible to all ages. With hot drinks and pastries, crafts, discussion and family friendly worship, Breakfast Church is a great place to come and encounter the Christian faith. There's no need to pre-book, just turn up and receive a friendly welcome.

Dates: This Sunday (21st September), 19th October and 16th November

Harvest Messy Church - Sunday 12th October (3.30 - 5.15pm)

We'd love you to come and join us for our Harvest Messy Church at the Village Hall, Sheet. It's offered FREE and features games, exciting crafts, family worship, a hot meal and a church mouse hunt (With prizes). Tickets can be reserved using the link below on a first come, first served basis so book early to avoid disappointment.



[Harvest Messy Church @ Village Hall, Sheet Tickets, Sun, Oct 12, 2025 at 3:30 PM | Eventbrite](#)

Please be aware that, for this event, a parent / guardian needs to remain with the children at all times.

If you'd like to know more about our regular services or any of the exciting groups, clubs or events on offer please do not hesitate to get in touch.

SEPTEMBER		OCTOBER	
Monday 22 nd	Beech class swimming at Churchers	1 st – 3 rd October Y4 Grittleton Residential Trip	
Tuesday 23 rd	Willow class trip to Gilbert White Y3 Meet the Teachers		
Wednesday 24 th	Damson class trip to Gilbert White		
Thursday 25 th	Y5 Meet the Teachers	Monday 6 th	Beech class swimming at Churchers Fir class trip to Gilbert White
Friday 26 th	Individual school photos	Tuesday 7 th	Oak class trip to Gilbert White
Monday 29 th	Beech class swimming at Churchers Quince class trip to Gilbert White	Wednesday 8 th	Ash class trip to Gilbert White
Tuesday 30 th	Mimosa class trip to Gilbert White	Thursday 9 th	Parent's Evening
		Monday 13 th	Beech class swimming at Churchers Y5 Winchester Science Centre Trip – Maple Class
		Tuesday 14 th	Y5 Winchester Science Centre Trip – Beech Class
		Wednesday 15 th	Parent's Evening
		Monday 20 th	Beech class swimming at Churchers
		Tuesday 21 st	Y5 Winchester Science Centre Trip – Cedar Class
		Wednesday 22 nd	Y5 Winchester Science Centre Trip – Rowan Class
		Friday 24 th	School closes for half-term at 12:30pm
		Friday 31 st	Y6 deadline for submitting applications for a secondary school place