Herne Flyer 09 - Autumn Term 2025

Knowing Every Child - Inspiring Every Mind - Achieving Every Day

Friday 7th November 2025

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Dear Parents & Carers.

It seems to have been a very long week for the children - possibly due to the excitement and late evenings for Halloween and then Bonfire Night. They clearly had great fun but possibly, for some, not enough sleep. There have been quite a few tired bunnies. We hope they have a good rest this weekend and are firing on all cylinders by Monday. For us as adults too, many of you have commented, as the clocks went back about the dark mornings and even darker evenings. Staff agree - we are feeling it too. For our older children, who may come in and out of school alone, this can be a worrying time. If your child (Yr5/6 only) walks alone and you are choosing to provide them with a non-SMART phone, please fill in the phone contract to let us know they are bringing it to school. The phones must be **handed in to the school office daily** for safe keeping and can be collected at the end of the day. We have attached the form again for those who may need it.

Non-SMARTphones (or 'brickphones' as they seem to be being called!) can be purchased for under £10 at places like Argos or online. They only have call facilities. If you would like to know more about this, this information will help you:

Basic phones

Nokia 3210 or 110: These are great all-around options that are easy to use and have long battery life. They support 4G for calls and texts, with some models having simple games or a basic camera.

Nokia 105: A straightforward, no-frills phone that is sturdy and provides essentials like calls and texts, with no internet capability on some versions.

TCL 4022S: A simple phone with large buttons, a bright display, and basic applications like a torch and calculator.

This, as you know is the policy of all schools locally, and many nationally who are part of the SMARTphone Free Childhood campaign we have all signed up to. Any SMARTphones brought into school will be taken and returned to the parent. Please let's work together on this. If your child is heading to TPS or Bohunt, they have the same policy and currently only Year 9 and above may bring SMART phones in and these are handed in daily and not allowed in use around the school. This fits with the 13+ recommendation by all Safeguarding agencies.

And Finally...whatever you are up to this weekend, enjoy. It would be lovely to see you in the square on Sunday with our children for the Petersfield Remembrance Day event. The Choir will be proudly carrying the Herne banner in the parade.

Best wishes
Sue Sayers
Headteacher

Children in Need 2025



On Friday 14th November, children are welcome to come into school wearing their school uniform with a spotty or yellow accessory to mirror the colours of Pudsey Bear! This might be a spotty hairband or a yellow T shirt. If your child doesn't have anything spotty or yellow, they could make a wristband or badge with these colours on. A link for Children in Need donations will be sent out shortly.

NHS digital hub for emotional health learning

Togetherness is the new name for InOurPlace (The Solihull Approach)— the NHS digital hub for emotional health learning. Funded in your area, it gives families free access to expert guidance on child development, wellbeing, brain changes, and more, helping you connect with your children and support their growth. There are modules for teens and education professionals too. Togetherness is an online learning platform created by psychologists and health professionals, offering accessible, evidence-based resources proven to improve mental health, behaviour, and relationships.



Poppies for sale!

After half-term, we will be selling poppies to mark Remembrance Day on Tuesday 11th November. We also have a small selection of wristbands, where there is a suggested donation of £1.

Odd Sock Day 2025

As we have done in previous years, on Monday (10th November) we'd like to invite children and staff to join in with Odd Socks Day to raise awareness of bullying.



TOGETHERNESS

Citizens Advice Bureau is coming to Herne!

Is the cost of living becoming trickier to manage? Regardless of whether you work or not, there is help available for you to ease the cost of living for you and your family. A representative from the Citizens Advice Bureau will be at Herne on Tuesday 11th November from 9.00-10.00am. Come along and find out how you can access the help you need.



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School Transport and Post-16 Transport Policy Consultations

Hampshire County Council has opened two consultations on its current <u>School Transport Policy</u> and its <u>Post-16</u> <u>Transport Policy for 2026/27</u>.

The consultations run until Sunday, 7 December and seek feedback on a number of small, proposed changes to make the two policies easier to understand and provide greater clarity on how the services are delivered and managed. Alongside these basic changes to policy wording, the County Council is also proposing to withdraw the formal offer of a Spare Capacity Seats Scheme in its School Transport Policy.

Visit the below webpages for more information about each consultation and details of how to submit your feedback:

- School Transport Policy
- Post-16 Transport Policy

Next steps

Analysis of the consultation feedback will be presented, alongside recommendations for each policy, to the County Council's Cabinet Lead Member for Children's Services at a future Decision Day in early 2026.

Inclusion + Pan Disability Football

CM Sports have set up some Inclusion and Pan Disability football sessions for children aged 5 to 11 years old. The sessions will be free of charge and are open to children who may struggle to take part in mainstream football due to an impairment whether it be a physical, sensory, social or a mental health condition.

Message From Hampshire Music Service

On Saturday 15 November 2025, at Perins School in Alresford, the Hampshire County Youth Bands are re-launching their Endangered Species programme. Students will take part in fast-track learning every term time Saturday at our rehearsal base, before joining the Hampshire County Junior Band. There will be the opportunity to attend one of two sessions. The sessions will run from 10am –10.50am and 1am – 11.50am. We are looking for Year 4, 5 and 6 students to be the next generation of Brass players including cornet, tenor horn, euphonium, trombone, and tuba. This scheme is only available to children who are not yet receiving tuition on brass instruments. This programme has free tuition, instruments and resources whilst participating. Please do take up this rare opportunity for brass players. To sign up to attend one of the sessions, please use the link below.

Hampshire County Youth Band - Endangered Species taster sessions November 2025



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 next date is booked for Wednesday December 3rd from 9.00am – 12.00pm. If you have concerns for your child with bedwetting, healthy eating, challenging behaviour or anxiety please contact our Home School Link Worker Ltandy@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.

Special Values Winners!



NOVEMBER		DECEMBER	
Monday 10th	Maple class swimming at Churchers	Monday 1st	Maple class swimming at Churchers
Friday 14 th	Children In Need Day	Friday 5 th	RockSteady Concert to Parents/Carers
Monday 17 th	Maple class swimming at Churchers	Monday 8th	Maple class swimming at Churchers
Monday 24 th	Maple class swimming at Churchers	Monday 15 th	Maple class swimming at Churchers
Wednesday 26th	HAFS - School Disco for Years 4 & 6	Thursday 18th	School Christmas Dinner
Thursday 27 th	HAFS - School Disco for Years 3 & 5	Friday 19 th	Last day of term – 12.30pm finish