

Herne Flyer 16 – Spring Term 2025



Knowing Every Child – Inspiring Every Mind – Achieving Every Day

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A Note from our Headteacher

Dear Parents & Carers,

We ended last week with a Friday of truly wonderful events. The Values assembly (pics on last week's Flyer) reduced me, staff and many parents to tears because of the children's responses to being chosen. We had an introductory assembly to the WOW programme we are starting which should encourage more children to come to school in an active way...see more info below.

The children were SO excited. We also had a brilliant Rock Steady assembly where 5 "rock groups" of children played to their first audience of parents and carers. It really was an amazing day. Huge thanks to Stephanie, our Rock Steady teacher. Throughout the day there were lovely touches - children offering, unprompted, to help set up for the next event, children offering encouragement and a hug to nervous performers, children showing huge levels of understanding and support for those who received certificates and a huge amount of love shown by staff in the beautiful words used to explain children's demonstration of our RESPECT value. I don't know which I was prouder of...the formal presentation bits or the Herne kindness behind each event. Either way, I drove home last Friday singing to the radio and remembering the words of William in Yr 3, "Mrs Sayers, there is always time for a boogie."



We will now be safer during school trips and community visits thanks to a generous donation of 60 hi-vis jackets from The Godfrey Homes Foundation. The donation was made possible by local resident Anouchka Holmes, who arranged for funds from her late father's Foundation to support this initiative. "The Foundation caters for the advancement of health and saving lives, among other things," Mrs. Holmes said. "I'm delighted that we can contribute to the children's safety." Huge thanks also to Anouchka but also to Love Lane resident, Mrs Ann Saunders who supports our aim to work within the community and is constantly looking for opportunities to enhance our offer and provision.

And Finally...whatever you are up to this weekend, enjoy! I'm having lunch with some ex-colleagues from my old school and have a whole afternoon of Yoga Workshops to tackle – should be very chilled out by Monday!

Best wishes

Sue Sayers

Headteacher



Drop-off Window 8.30 – 8.40am

Just a reminder that our morning drop-off window is 8.30 – 8.40am, so the children can put away their things and be sat at their desks by the 8.50am register. If you know your child struggles with their mathematics, the earlier in this window they can get to the school, the better – as this will mean they will get more time and support to work on their morning maths each day. We know this will not be possible for all families, but where this is possible, we would recommend this. Thank you for your support.

Twilight Club

Please note that on Thursday 13th of February, there will be no Twilight or afterschool clubs on as we are finishing at 12.30 for Half term.



Family First

Family First was founded in 2017 with a simple mission: to empower parents and schools with the necessary resources to improve the well-being of children and young adults across the UK. Their first magazine can be accessed by copying and pasting the address into your search engine <https://familyfirst.co.uk/magazines/family-first-issue-1-2025/> or via our own website on via the Community/ Community Advice and clicking on the PDF file called Family First Newsletter.





A free mental health & wellbeing event
for all parents and carers who support
or work with young people

WHAT CAN I EXPECT?
PACE events consist of two main components:

1. A number of introductory sessions on young people's emotional health and wellbeing.
2. Information stands from local organisations.

Attendees can choose which sessions they would like to attend; select as many or as few as you would like to attend.

THURSDAY, 23RD JANUARY 2025

ALTON MALTINGS, MALTINGS CLOSE,
ALTON, HAMPSHIRE, GU34 1DT

SESSIONS:
NEW Connecting with your child, AI & Safeguarding, Understanding ADHD - an extended session

To find out more and booking scan this QR code



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hampshirecamhs.nhs.uk/events

January		March	
Monday 20 th of January	Year 4 Imaginary World Workshop	Wednesday 5 th of March	Parents' Evening
		Thursday 13 th of March	Parents' Evening
February		Friday 28 th of March	INSET DAY – School closed for training
Thursday 13 th February	School breaks up at 12.30pm for Half-Term	April	
Friday 14 th February	INSET DAY – School closed for training	Friday 4 th of April	School breaks up at 12.30pm for Easter