

Herne Flyer 24 – Spring Term 2025



Knowing Every Child – Inspiring Every Mind – Achieving Every Day

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A big congratulations to Larry, Sorcha and Daniel who all qualified to the final bonus round of the national Primary Maths Challenge. In this final bonus round, they had to answer GCSE level questions and they all did brilliantly, receiving special certificates for their incredible efforts. Wow!



Last Friday, Herne took a girls' football team to the Hampshire Games girls' football finals in Southampton. This was a tournament for all the regional winners to play against the best teams in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. After 10 gruelling games, Herne won 7 and drew 3 to get to the final where they sadly lost against Weeke Primary School. Second place out of 28 regional winners and a Silver medal is a massive achievement by the girls. Congratulations to all our young players.

Y7 Transition - Instrumental/vocal learning

Hampshire Music Education Hub is keen to support children's transition to secondary school and to encourage their continued musical development. The Music Hub are therefore asking all Y6 parents to complete a Google Form requesting information regarding instrumental learning. The form will facilitate communication between you and your child's first choice secondary school, in order to enable a smooth transition from Y6 to Y7. The form is simple and quick to complete. Please note, the form is for ALL Y6 parents to complete, not just those whose children currently learn an instrument.

Please find below the link to the Google Form: Year 6 to 7 instrumental/vocal tuition.

[Year 7 Music Tuition](#)

The deadline for this form to be completed is Monday 17th March.

Class Photos & Year 6 Leavers Photos

Yellow will be visiting school on Friday 21st March for school photos. We are aware that is the same day as Comic Relief and the children are able to wear something red. Please send the children in with uniform items in their bag if they need to change for the photograph.



Comic Relief

Friday 21st March is Comic Relief. This year we would love children to 'Wear Something Red' for a donation OR wear an item of Comic Relief merchandise. (no donation needed). Donations will all be done through 'Parent Pay' again. We wanted to keep the day quite simple for parents, due to the enormous effort everyone went to on our fabulous World Book Day.

Webinar on Autism and Mental

Mrs Tandy would like to thank those who attended the Zoom meeting on Monday and hopes to facilitate another meeting in the summer term. Watch this space! In the meantime, the next Zoom meeting is Monday 17th March and is about Autism and Mental Health. Please this link

<https://eu01web.zoom.us/j/69832634319?pwd=5j3FsBLoHGvW72SzMt4GEPal3bFrly.1>



Meeting ID: 698 3263 4319

Passcode: 786520

Art Club News

The children in Art club have been busy creating beautiful posters for the last couple of weeks to support the important cause of saving the bees and protecting nature this spring. We were fortunate to have Louise Bevan, Trustee of Petersfield Climate Change Action Network, and Paul Turner, Education Lead of Eco Education, as our judges. and they were truly impressed by the creativity and talent! After much consideration, the winners were announced:

* 3rd Place: Flo (Year 3), * 2nd Place: Jess (Year 5), * 1st Place: Elodie (Year 4)

A huge congratulations to all the participants for their hard work and dedication. Elodie's winning poster will be proudly displayed around the local community to help spread the message, so keep an eye out!



Club Cancellations Please note there will also be no choir after school on the 18th of March due to performances

Please find the link for CM sports Holiday clubs [CM sports Easter holiday club link](#)

Rock Your Socks for Portsmouth Down Syndrome Association during Down Syndrome Awareness Week (March 17th– 21st) or on World Down Syndrome Day (21st March) and help raise awareness about Down syndrome

Over the past fourteen years, thousands of our supporters in schools, workplaces and organisations have joined our celebrations during Down Syndrome Awareness Week by supporting Portsmouth DSA's **Rock Your Socks** Campaign. This global initiative raises awareness and promotes inclusion by inviting members of our community to wear colourful socks, the more colourful and individual the better.

Individuals with Down syndrome have an extra copy of chromosome 21, so three instead of the usual two. Therefore, World Down Syndrome Day is celebrated each year on 21st of the third month, March. The shape of a pair of socks mirrors the shape of the chromosomes, hence why we rock our socks!

We are all individuals with our own strengths, and we all deserve the right to experience success and be acknowledged as valued members of our communities. By wearing bright socks, we hope to highlight the importance of tolerance and acceptance, and to celebrate our wonderful differences which make us all so unique. When people with Down syndrome are given opportunities to participate and be fully included, the whole community benefits.

Please could we ask that when you **Rock Your Socks** you avoid language like 'odd', 'mismatched' or anything with a negative connotation. Focus on positive language like 'colourful', 'individual', 'funky' etc.

As individuals look down and comment on your socks, we hope that you will let them know why you are supporting Portsmouth DSA's **Rock Your Socks** initiative, to help celebrate inclusion and diversity, and to help us to spread awareness about Down syndrome and our charity. Some organisations may also like to fundraise for us by asking for a small donation on the day or might like to accompany their event with an awareness assembly celebrating differences. Whatever you decide, we hope that you enjoy your day.

Please join our community by sharing your celebration and sock photos on our social media sites. Our campaign will be running all week, and we'd love to see your contributions. @PortsmouthDSA #PortsmouthDSA #RockYourSocks #WDS2025 #InclusionMatters

DOWN SYNDROME AWARENESS WEEK

Herne would fully support pupils 'Rocking Up' their socks (wearing colourful, individual and funky socks) next week, to help raise awareness of Down Syndrome. Read the poster from Portsmouth Down Syndrome Association for more information.



March	
Tuesday 18 th March	Avon Tyrrell information evening 5.15pm
Monday 17 th and 19 th of March	Choir performance at Petersfield Festival Hall 7pm
Friday 21 st March	Class Photos & Year 6 Leavers Photos
Friday 21 st March	Rock steady concert 1:45-3:15
Friday 28 th March	INSET DAY – School closed for training
April	
Friday 4 th April	Last day of the-term (12.30 finish)