

# Herne Flyer 25 – Spring Term 2025



Knowing Every Child – Inspiring Every Mind – Achieving Every Day

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## A Note from our Headteacher

Dear Parents & Carers,

Firstly, an apology for the disaster with the Flyer last week...we started two and forgot to combine them!!!



Perhaps I should start this week with "**Lá Fhéile Pádraig sona dhuit!**" which translates to "Happy St. Patrick's Day to you" in celebration of Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March!

Also on Monday, I went to support the choir, along with Miss Morphew, Mrs Elliot-Smith and Mrs Wason as they took part in the **Petersfield Music Festival**. Held on Monday and Wednesday, this festival brought together choirs and musicians from all the local schools in a celebration of song and orchestral pieces. Thank you to everyone who helped to organise this. As ever, I was immensely proud of our children and it was really lovely to see so many parents and carers there too!



**Exam Self Care - Young Minds:** As we head into exam season for older brothers and sisters, we recognise that exams are extremely challenging, not just for the child but for the whole family. This is not only because of what we have to learn, but also because they can affect mental health. We're told to take regular breaks, but some find it hard to know how best to use them. Exam pressure is a rich topic for which there is plenty of advice. However, much of this advice focuses on study techniques to memorise exam topics. The reality is that much of the most vital revision is executed when one is not revising. Sometimes this aspect of revision can be more important than the active element. If you are interested in finding some top tier self-care tips to share with your child, please follow the link below:

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/young-person/blog/exam-self-care/>



**This is an odd one...**and not something I've ever put on a newsletter but here goes - clearly the latest trend. We seem to have a wave of girls in all year groups bringing quite expensive items of make-up in to school, particularly lip gloss, e.g. P. Louise. Clearly, there's an excellent marketing campaign going on, targeted at the under 10s! Some items are made to look like key fobs so hang on school bags which makes them very public. We are requesting that these, or other items of make-up, don't come into school - they will be removed and returned to parents. (Clearly, this does not include any plain 'chapstick' type of vaseline balms used for medical conditions such as lip dermatitis.)

**And Finally**, whatever you are up to this weekend, enjoy. We're off for a long walk on Sunday through Hampton Court, Richmond Park and along the Thames.

Best wishes

*Sue Sayers*

Headteacher



**CM Sports**

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

## Cyberbullying

In an ever-evolving world our children can be at risk when on line. Please take the time to follow the link and also consider is this happening to your child? Do you know their daily activity online?

[Protecting children from bullying and cyberbullying | NSPCC Learning](#)

Bullying is when individuals or groups seek to harm, intimidate or coerce someone who is perceived to be vulnerable (Oxford English Dictionary, 2021). It can involve people of any age, and can happen anywhere – at home, school or using online platforms and technologies (cyberbullying). This means it can happen at any time.

Cyberbullying/online bullying:

- excluding a child from online games, activities or friendship groups
- sending threatening, upsetting or abusive messages
- creating and sharing embarrassing or malicious images or videos
- 'trolling' - sending menacing or upsetting messages on social networks, chat rooms or online games
- voting for or against someone in an abusive poll
- setting up hate sites or groups about a particular child
- creating fake accounts, hijacking or stealing online identities to embarrass a young person or cause trouble using their name.



### Lost Property

Our lost property cupboard (grey doors opposite the Herne Hideout) is currently bulging at the seams. We will endeavour to get any legible named items back to their owner but if your child has

lost an item of uniform please can you check the cupboard. Anything left in the cupboard at the end of term will be removed to be recycled. Thank you!

### Have your say on future services in Hampshire

Hampshire County Council would like to hear your views on proposals to change and reduce some local services, in a public consultation on options to help the Council meet a remaining budget shortfall of at least £97.6 million to 2025/26.

Rising costs and growing demand for important local services like social care for vulnerable children and adults continues to put council budgets under huge strain in Hampshire. With much less money available, difficult decisions are needed about the County Council's future spending so that it can continue to deliver essential services to those residents who are most in need.

#### Spring 2025 Future Services Consultation

Have your say on changes to some local services we deliver in Hampshire.



Tell us your views  
by 7 May 2025

By email or phone, visit the QR code or visit  
[hants.gov.uk/future-services-consultation](http://hants.gov.uk/future-services-consultation)



#### The Future Services Consultation – Spring 2025 runs until 7 May 2025.

Find out more and have your say: [www.hants.gov.uk/future-services-consultation](http://www.hants.gov.uk/future-services-consultation)

### Treasurer Needed

Would you be able to help as a Treasurer for HAFS? If you are interested, please contact via email: [hafs.contact@gmail.com](mailto:hafs.contact@gmail.com) or send a text to 0778620838.



### The Big Walk

We have some exciting news for you! We are taking part in Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel, the UK's largest inter-school cycling, walking, wheeling and scooting challenge. The challenge runs from 24 March- 4 April 2025. It's free to take part and we would love everyone to be involved.

#### What do you need to do?

Encourage your child(ren) to walk, use a wheelchair, scoot or cycle to school on as many days as possible during the event.

#### Why we are taking part

Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel is a great way to build physical activity in children's daily routine which is important for their physical health and mental wellbeing. Active school runs also help to reduce congestion and air pollution outside the school gate. [A 2021 YouGov study](#) showed nearly half of UK children worry about air pollution near their school. So, children thought active travel was the best way to bring down these pollution levels. Plus, there are some great prizes to be won every day if we get enough children taking part! **Useful resources:** To help you prepare, Sustrans has developed a handy free guide to walking, cycling or scooting to school. It is packed with advice to help you have a hassle-free journey to school.

Download your free family guide using this link: [Sign up to receive your free school run guide - Sustrans.org.uk](https://www.sustrans.org.uk/sign-up-to-receive-your-free-school-run-guide)

For more information about the event go to [www.bigwalkandwheel.org.uk](http://www.bigwalkandwheel.org.uk) . Enjoy the challenge!

March		April	
Week of 24th March	HAFS Children making cards for Mother's Day in class	1st April 2pm	St Peters Church Easter Service (Year 4)
		1st and 2nd of April	HAFS Easter relay races during school
Fri 28th	<b>INSET DAY</b> – School closed for training	Fri 4th	Last day of the-term (12.30 finish)
		Tue 22nd	Start of the new term
		Wed 23rd – Fri 25th	Y5 Avon Tyrrell Residential Trip