

Herne Flyer 28 – Summer Term 2025



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A Note from our Headteacher

Dear Parents & Carers,

Firstly, thank you to all Year 5 parents who gave us such a warm welcome back from **Avon Tyrrell** on Friday evening and to those who sent in appreciative messages over the week.



The staff team did their very best to get photos out as quickly as possible and they were disappointed to receive quite abruptly worded (and in some cases, upsetting,) messages making demands for certain children to be shown or passing negative comment on the order, or number of photos posted.

I'm not sure everyone fully understands how this process works - taking 98 children on a residential is no mean feat. There were 11 adults taking photos daily of their groups, with 6 sessions each day. We were on a 65- acre site with poor Wi Fi. We also had safeguarding checklists to ensure all photos were filtered for content and a balance of children posted overall and to ensure those without photograph permission were not inadvertently included. This was an epic task...thank you Miss Buckle who received ALL of the photos to filter and post! Thank you to those who were patient and grateful enough to appreciate that our first priority was looking after the children during their activities. Most of the posting and filtering had to be done back at the main house where the Wi Fi was strong and whilst the children were at lunch, dinner or in their rooms.

Please also be aware that staff have removed all photos from personal devices used during this trip so will not be able to provide any that have not already been posted. The responses caused us to think about the mechanics of feeding back on trips generally and we will be looking at a much simpler method for staff to operate which potentially might involve more of an end of day diary rather than ongoing posts.



Secondly, I'd like to say a huge thank you for the responses relating to the **Cruise** item about potential actions for prevention of suicide and support for families dealing with the aftermath. Your stories were heartfelt and precious - thank you so much for sharing with me - they will remain confidential. It is mind blowing how many families in our Herne community alone, have been affected. One family sent me a link to another avenue of support developed by a family in

tribute to the loss of a young life and a national event to raise awareness. Both are inspiring. Do have a look. <https://thecanmoretrust.co.uk/>

<https://batonofhopeuk.org/#watch> One of our parents is carrying the baton in Portsmouth!

We started this week with our **Values Celebration Assembly** for last half term's Honesty awards – Please see the photos of the proud recipients below. A more obvious value to evaluate than some of the others and easier for teachers to choose. Many focused on self-honesty and the children's abilities to understand their own actions and reactions and their growing ability to self-regulate. This fits beautifully with our new approach to Positive Behaviour Management which will be rolled out fully in September. Watch this space!



On the morning of Thursday 8th May, we have been invited to take a group of children to take part in the **VE Day parade through Petersfield**. This parade and short service around the memorial in the town centre marks the 80th anniversary of VE Day. We feel very honoured to be included. You can find the timings of this event on our website in the section labelled Community News & Advice. Please do come and take part if you are around.

And finally...whatever you are up to this weekend, enjoy - particularly the extra day off for the Bank Holiday! My eldest, and much loved, Godson lost his mum to cancer last October and is getting married this weekend. There will definitely be an empty chair at the table but I have absolutely no doubt that it will be an event filled with love and happy memories.

With Best Wishes,

Sue Sayers

Headteacher

. P.S. A reminder -our **School Improvement** morning is on the **INSET of 23rd May**. It would be good to have some Parents joining with Staff and Governors to look at themes for next year. Sadly, we won't have any childcare on offer as all staff will be involved in the activities

but if you would like to join us from 9 am to 12, please let me know by next Friday by emailing admin@hernejunior.com to book a place, marking your email, INSET Day FAO SS. No experience is necessary, please just come along and join in! We will also be looking at our new Positive Behaviour approach.

Afterschool club collection – polite reminder

If your child is doing an afterschool club, please be aware that at the end of the session, the supervising club staff will **bring them to you** at the front of the building. If it is an indoor club, please wait near the front gate. If it is an outdoor club, please wait at the top of the playground steps or hideout only. Please do not allow any of your other children to play on the playground or equipment as this is used by the afterschool clubs. Only parents/carers collecting from Twilight club should enter the playground to collect their child. If you need to collect your child early, please go to the office, rather than walking around the site. Thank you for your cooperation.

Message from Hampshire County Council Road Safety Team

The Road Safety Team are always shocked to hear how many children don't always wear their seatbelt, even as young as Year 5 pupils, so we are aware that this is such an important message and could save the children's and their families lives. Please see link.

[Seatbelt Safety](#)

[Herne's 50th Birthday](#)

As part of our celebrations, we are putting together an exhibit to celebrate Herne's 50th year. As part of this we would like to borrow toys from you and your family that provide an insight into how toys have changed over time. It can be any toys from the past 50 years. from Rubik cubes, cabbage patch dolls, furbies to toys of the modern age. Any type of toy would be greatly appreciated. We understand that old toys hold sentimental value so please be assured they will be used for display only and returned after the event.



Additionally, if anyone has any old red, or grey jumpers with the old Herne logo we would love to add them to the exhibit.

Finally, if you are, or know an ex-pupil and you/ they would like to share "Where you are now?" to contribute to our exhibition please contact m.armitage@hernejunior.com. We would love to know where pupils have ended up from down the road to Timbuktu. Where ever and whatever you are doing, we would love to hear from you. We thank you in advance.

Community News

Please see our website under Community News & Advice – There is information on VE Day which details timings, a May Half Term Tech Camp, held at Ditcham Park School and Advanced Football Training at TPS.

April		May	
Monday 5 th of May	Bank holiday	Monday 12 th May Monday 19 th May Monday 20 th May	SATs Week Rainbow Theatre (Yrs. 5 and 6) Rainbow Theatre (yr. 3)
Friday 20 th of June	Herne Fest 2025 3.30-6.30	Wednesday 21 st May	Music evening 6pm-8.30pm
Wednesday 9 th July Thursday 10 th July	HAFs discos: year 4 and 6 year 3 and 5	Thursday 22 nd May	Herne breaks up for half-term 12.30pm finish