

Herne Flyer 31 – Summer Term 2025



Knowing Every Child – Inspiring Every Mind – Achieving Every Day

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A Note from our Headteacher

Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back! Happy June. Hope you had a lovely **half term break**. We were in Derbyshire, walking the Peaks and visiting lovely venues like Chatsworth House! It's been lovely to come back and talk to the children about their adventures.



This week started with our **Values Assemblies** for last month's value of Motivation. See below the happy recipients. This half term is **Enjoyment** – particularly how to help others enjoy life and find enjoyment in all they do. Not always easy!



This week has been **Child Safety Week**. This year's theme is '**Safety is for Sharing**'. We thought we would share the Child Accident Prevention Trust's expert safety advice with you.

There is lots of useful information on topics including burns, toy safety, choking, safety around dogs, button batteries, preventing poisoning, falls, road safety, water safety, and fire safety which may be of use to you, put together in a very user-friendly Parent Pack – see link below. (We will also publish the Parent's Pack in our community news and advice section).

[Child Safety Week 2025 Parents' Pack.pdf](#)

And finally... whatever you are up to this weekend, enjoy. I'm still tackling the post-holiday washing pile and getting ready for the end of next week when Mrs Marshall, Miss Buckle and I are going to Birmingham to attend the National Leadership Conference. This is a great opportunity to hear about the latest educational research, to network with schools who are demonstrating good practise and get to grips with the latest news from the Department of Education.

Best Wishes

Sue Sayers

Headteacher

Music Evening

At the end of the last half term, we were delighted by the wonderful, talented musicians that performed at our annual Music Evening. We spent a lovely evening listening to a variety of performers; to see the amazing talent that Herne has to offer is truly magical.



Keep an eye out for openings in our peripatetic lessons coming this September if your child is interested in learning an instrument!

Herne's 50th Celebration Week! (16th – 20th June)

Don't forget we are holding our celebration week later this month. There will be lots of activities going on within the school day. Dress up day will be on Friday 20th where we are excited to see lots of iconic costumes from any decade. Please can we try to avoid football kits as this is not just a Muffy day but a day to dress up and celebrate the past 50 years! Also, on the Friday there will be a special 50th Birthday lunch consisting of "All our favourite things!"

Further details can be found in the email that was sent home before half term.

Finally, don't forget homework will be due next Friday 13th. We have already had so many amazing pieces and we are excited to see what else is produced.

Hampshire Cup Final

A calm, focused (and unusually quiet) team arrived in Southampton ready for the Girls Hampshire Cup Final on Wednesday afternoon. Met by our special guest, we huddled for a team talk. With 2 of the original team missing, the girls faced a big challenge and Weeke Primary School were a tough opposition. Herne showed commitment from the start though and an early goal from Weeke didn't dampen Herne's spirits. They gave absolutely everything; running the length of the pitch, defending every ball and making some great attempts on goal. The second half was full of chances (and torrential rain) and Herne were incredibly unlucky not to score. If only the game had gone on for 5 minutes more! The girls were disappointed not to win but we are not disappointed in them at all. They showed great tenacity from beginning to end and demonstrated true Herne spirit to make us incredibly proud. Congratulations, girls- you are stars!



Havant and Waterlooville Tournament

On Wednesday 21st June the Year 6 boys went to Havant and Waterlooville Football Club to take part in a tournament with other schools from the area. We started in a tough group with a 1-1 draw before a convincing 3-0 win. In our final group games, we came up against two tough teams, unfortunately drawing and then losing to last second goals! After a tense wait to discover our fate, we found out that we had made it through to the quarter finals as the best placed 3rd placed team. In the Quarter Final we played a strong Bidbury team. Despite our best efforts, we were beaten 2-0. The boys showed excellent effort and team work throughout the tournament and were a credit to our school.



Absence from school:

Herne wants all children to have a positive experience of school life and be able to reach their full potential. One way in which parents can help their child to do this is by ensuring they attend school every day.

Recently, we've had a couple of parents querying the LA fine as both parents have been fined for the same absence. Please be aware that if your child has 10 or more unauthorised absences (5 days) within a 10- week school week period, we are obliged to issue a penalty notice on behalf of Hampshire County Council. Each Penalty notice is £80 per parent, per child, if paid within 21 days of the date of posting and £160 if paid after this but within 28 days of the date of posting. In some cases, where parents share parental responsibility, we have been asked why the County issue 2 fines. This is because you are both consenting to the child being absent, even if only 1 parent has booked the holiday. Hope this helps to understand the system. It can be confusing.

For Community News - Please see our website under Community News & Advice - there is new information on a Toy Swap, a Summer holiday club poster and information on the Herne Fest.

		<i>May</i>	
Thursday 5 th June Plum	Year 4 Watercress line	Thursday 12 th June Palm	Year 4 Watercress line
16 th – 20 th June	50 th Anniversary/Harmony Week	Thursday 19 th June Lime	Year 4 Watercress line
Friday 20 th of June	Herne Fest 2025 3.30-6.30	Thursday 26 th June- Pear	Year 4 Watercress line
Tuesday 10 th of June 3.45pm	Ironbridge meeting	Friday 27 th June- 2.15pm	Rock Steady concert
Monday 30 th of June-3 rd of July	Yr.6 Ironbridge and Yr.6 Expert Explorers	11 th of July 14 th of July	Changeover Day Sports Day
Wed 9 th of July 12:-3.30 – 9 th and 10 th July	Year 5 Swimming Gala - Open Air Pool HAFs discos: Yrs 4 and 6 and Yrs 3 and 5	Tuesday 22 nd of July	Last day of term: School closes at 12.30pm