

Herne Flyer 17 – Spring Term 2026

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Dear Parents & Carers,

In between dodging frost, rain (and on one morning, thick grey smoke from a local controlled blaze, this week in school has been very peaceful with very few 'out & about' events. You've all done a great job getting children in on days when the weather and traffic has been challenging.

Thank you for your comments about those 3 huge potholes in Love Lane. We've had multiple people with burst tyres and damaged wheels. If you'd like to help with the speed of repair, please do take photos and send them to <https://www.fixmystreet.com>

This sends your complaint directly to the council for you! Please also remember that road repair is not a school's job - we know it's frustrating and damaging to vehicles too but reporting it, to the right people, is the best way to get it sorted as quickly as possible.

Our lovely Senior Midday Supervisor, Mrs Jeanette Ayling, is retiring at Easter, after 14 years at Herne. She does an amazing job and will be very hard to replace!

This role is much misunderstood by people outside school. It is so much more than the task of lunchtime supervision or being a 'dinner lady' and is key to ensuring lunchtimes are smooth and happy for children and staff. It involves organising staff timetables, leading Midday supervisor meetings with SLT and, most importantly, leading and managing lunchtime staff and systems so that our children get fed on time and teaching staff can get on with their lunch and get ready for the afternoon sessions. It also involves working with SLT on developing play provision at lunchtime - we are developing this further this year so it would be a good time to get involved with a new project. It needs someone who would be very organised, reliable and someone with a passion for children's play opportunities. It's also a good way of getting into our team as we always look to part-time staff if extra support hours or cover are needed in class (with relevant qualifications), Breakfast Club or Twilight. Training provided. A link to the job description and details of how to apply will be shared in next week's flyer.

And Finally...whatever you are up to this weekend, enjoy. We're going to be pretty busy, moving my lovely Mother-in-law into a care home nearer to us, where she can receive dementia care. Don't forget...if you are going through similar circumstances, or other family life changes, we are always happy to offer 'a cuppa' and someone to talk to. Being there for you, as well as your children, is important to us. Let us help if we can.

Best Wishes,

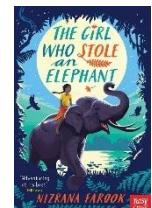
Sue Sayers

Headteacher

Author of the Week – Nizrana Farook

Nizrana Farook was born and raised in Colombo in Sri Lanka and her thrilling children's books are also set in Sri Lanka. The beautifully described landscapes are the perfect place for exciting chase scenes, beautiful creatures and unusual friendships. Nizrana's books are fast-paced and keep you on the edge of your seat. With cliff-hangers galore, you will want to keep on turning those pages! Her books include, The Girl Who Stole an Elephant, The Boy Who Met a Whale, The Girl who lost a leopard and The Boy Who Saved a Bear.

As part of the Year of Reading we have added the 'Book Drop' newsletter to the News Page on the website for you to have a look at. It is full of recommendations, reviews and interviews.



Tree Planting – RESCHEDULED DATE



Join us on **Saturday 24th January 2026** anytime between 10am and 3pm to take part in tree planting for a special Miyawaki Forest in the school grounds. (This has been moved from this Saturday 10th January due to frozen ground). The planting has been funded by the South Downs National Park. Miyawaki Forests are a great way to quickly create high density, biodiversity rich ecosystems.

Please bring; gardening gloves, a spade, wellies and a wheelbarrow if you can.

PCSO's BACK AT HERNE!

Our local PCSO's were back at Herne this week in the playground for breaktime and also talking to our year 6 classes about internet safety. Over the coming weeks we will share their recommended websites with you. Please take the time to check them out. <https://www.ceopeducation.co.uk/parents/> 'Helping You to better protect Your Children Online'



Year 5 Community Book Swap

Year 5 will be holding their annual community book swap later on in March. If you have any children's books you would like to donate, we would greatly appreciate it. In particular, if you have any children who have recently finished Junior school and would like to donate higher level chapter books that would be wonderful. Please leave donations at the office. Thank you.

IN-SCHOOL CHILD HEALTH CLINICS

The next date in the school diary for bookable appointments to see the School Nurse is **Thursday February 5th from 9.00am – 12.00pm**. If you have concerns for your child with bedwetting, healthy eating, challenging behaviour or anxiety please contact our Home School Link Worker ltandy@hernejunior.com to book a half hour appointment. Please note that these slots should not be used as a place to seek advice regarding specific medical conditions.



School Meals Ordering System



Citrus have now sent out emails to all parents/carers with details of how to log in to the new ordering system. Please make sure you have set up your account, and deposited funds to order meals. If you have funds on Parentpay, £5 and under will be credited to Citrus, over £5 will be refunded to you. Please be aware that all lunch debts on ParentPay will be transferred to Citrus.

JANUARY		FEBRUARY	
Monday 19 th	Cedar class swimming at Churchers	Thursday 12 th	Last day of term – 12.30pm finish
Saturday 24 th	Tree Planting	Friday 13 th	INSET DAY
Monday 26 th	Cedar class swimming at Churchers	Half-Term Break Monday 16th to Friday 20th February	
FEBRUARY			
Monday 2 nd	Cedar class swimming at Churchers	Monday 23 rd	Cedar class swimming at Churchers
Thursday 5 th	Year 5 Bikeability	Tuesday 24 th	Year 3 Heath Trip – Class TBC
Friday 6 th	Year 5 Bikeability	Wednesday 25 th	Year 3 Heath Trip – Class TBC
Monday 9 th	Cedar class swimming at Churchers Year 5 Bikeability	Thursday 26 th	Year 3 Heath Trip – Class TBC
Tuesday 10 th	Year 5 Bikeability		
Wednesday 11 th	Year 5 Bikeability		

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