



Herstmonceux

Church of England Primary School

Learning, Loving, Living



Dear Families,

Welcome back! I hope you all had a wonderful, restful summer break. It is always such an exciting time of year as we open our doors for the start of a new term, and I have been so looking forward to welcoming the children back into school and hearing all about their summer adventures.

The first day of school is always full of energy, and I am delighted to share that the children have settled remarkably quickly into their new routines. It has been fantastic to walk through the corridors and see everyone diving straight into their learning with such enthusiasm and big smiles.

We have a brilliant term planned, full of engaging activities and new opportunities for the children to grow, learn, and shine. Thank you, as always, for your continued support in making our school community such a warm and vibrant place.

If you have any questions or need anything as we get under way, please don't hesitate to reach out to us. Here's to a wonderful year ahead!

Kind regards

Miss Emmett
Head of School

Building works

A huge thank you to all our families for your support and patience as our building work gets under way. We know changes to the school routine take time to adjust to, and we are listening carefully to your feedback so we can review and adapt our systems if needed.

I was so impressed by how brilliantly the children took the new morning gate process in their stride on Friday—their adaptability is fantastic!

To help keep local traffic moving and ensure everyone stays safe, please do not use the recreation ground car park.

During the morning drop-off, we recognise that space to wait inside the gate is currently reduced and the footpath can feel busy. To make this smoother, we recommend delaying your arrival slightly. The gate remains open from 8:30 to 8:45 AM, and arriving just a few minutes later means a much quieter, easier experience. Thank you for working with us!

PE Timetables

Please see below the PE days for each class.

Children should come to school wearing their PE kit. Full kit details are available on our website.

Reception	Tuesday only	
Year 1	Wednesday	Thursday
Year 2	Tuesday	Wednesday
Year 3	Monday	Friday
Year 4	Monday	Thursday
Year 5	Thursday	Friday
Year 6	Monday	Tuesday

Meet the Teacher

Our Meet the Teacher event this year will be held on **Thursday 10th September, 3:30pm to 4pm.**

Once our staff have dismissed the children, they will make their way back to their classrooms and look forward to sharing information about the year ahead.

If you cannot make this, the information will be on the class page on the website.

Dates for this year

Following family feedback, I am happy to share term dates and Inset days with you for the academic year 2026 to 27.

Term	Start date	End date
Inset Day, school closed to pupils	Wed 2nd September 2026	
Inset Day, school closed to pupils	Thur 3rd September 2026	
Term 1	Fri 4 th September 2026	Fri 23 rd October 2026
Autumn school holiday	Sat 24 th October 2026	Sun 1 st November 2026
Inset Day, school closed to pupils	Mon 2nd November 2026	
Term 2	Tues 3 rd November 2026	Fri 18 th December 2026
Christmas school holiday	Sat 19 th December 2026	Sun 3 rd January 2027
Term 3	Mon 4 th January 2027	Fri 12 th February 2027
February school holiday	Sat 13 th February 2027	Sun 21 st February 2027
Term 4	Mon 22 nd February 2027	Thur 25 th March 2027
Easter school holiday	Fri 26 th March 2027	Sun 11 th April 2027
Term 5	Mon 12 th April 2027	Thur 27 th May 2027
Inset Day, school closed to pupils	Fri 28th May 2027	
May school holiday	Fri 28 th May 2027	Sun 6 th June 2027
Term 6	Mon 7 th June 2027	Thur 22 nd July 2027
Inset Day, school closed to pupils	Mon 21st June 2027	
Summer school holidays	Fri 23 rd July 2027	Tues 31 st August 2027

Inset dates

1. Wed 2nd September 2026
2. Thurs 3rd September 2026
3. Mon 2nd November 2026
4. Fri 28th May 2027
5. Mon 21st June 2027

Safeguarding at Herstmonceux CE Primary School

Our school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, and expects staff, including volunteers and visitors, to share this commitment.

No worry is too small.
If you see or hear something that concerns you, speak to one of our safeguarding team.
We are always here to listen and help.

If you have safeguarding concerns or would like to discuss any issues that arise, please contact us in person, via the school office or by using the email address safeguarding@herstmonceux.e-sussex.sch.uk.

		
Helen Emmett Head of School Safeguarding Lead	Catherine Cottingham Executive Headteacher Deputy Safeguarding Lead	Kally Livingston SENCO Deputy Safeguarding lead

You can also get advice if you have a concern about a child from the following helplines:

East Sussex Single point of Advice :01323 464222

NSPCC Safeguarding advice line: 0808 800 5000

*Chair of Governors: Liz Ford
Safeguarding Governor: Jenny Alder*

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/>

ChildLine: <https://www.childline.org.uk/>