



Herstmonceux

Church of England Primary School

Learning, Loving, Living



Dear Families,

It has been an extraordinarily busy first week back, but I could not be prouder of how seamlessly our children have settled in. They have taken all the new routines in their stride, filling our corridors with energy, focus, and enthusiasm right from day one.

A very special welcome goes out to our brand-new Reception class, who officially joined us this week following their home visits. They have completely blown me away with their positive start to the year! Seeing so many big smiles and watching them speak so confidently to their buddies and adults around the school has been an absolute joy. If this week is anything to go by, this year is going to be truly amazing.

I also want to extend a huge thank you to our Year 6 Buddies. You have shown exceptional leadership skills in the lunch hall and out on the playground, acting as wonderful role models for our youngest pupils. You are already proving what it means to "be the best you can be," and your kindness has made a huge difference.

Thank you to all our families for your continued support in making the start of this term such a success. Please read on for key dates, updates, and news from across the school!

Miss Emmett
Head of School

Celebration Assembly

All the children work hard to follow our Golden Rules and to use their Learning Powers, and in the last two weeks we especially congratulate ...

Maple Class Y1 – Meadow & Mason & Seth
Willow Class Y2 – Rosie & Theodore
Chestnut Class Y3 – Isabelle & Jacob
Spindle Class Y4 – Alfie & Poppy
Ash Class Y5 – Nelly & Marlee
Sycamore Class Y6 – Amelia & Jacob

Prayer from Celebration Worship

Dear Lord,

Thank you for our school and everyone around us.

Give us the courage to be honest and brave.

Please guide me to be a kind and strong person in the future.

Thank you for the food and supplies you gave us.

Thank you for the people who make our school great and respectful.

Amen

Written and read by Esmie - Sycamore Class Y6

Attendance

Good attendance is key to your child's success, learning, and happiness at school. Arriving on time every day ensures they never miss out on vital lessons, exciting activities, or time with friends.



Congratulations to our winning class this week...

Chestnut Class with 98.4% attendance

Maple Class - Year 1	97.93%
Willow Class – Year 2	97.24%
Chestnut Class – Year 3	98.4%
Spindle Class – Year 4	98.33%
Ash Class – Year 5	97.81%
Sycamore Class – Year 6	95.81%



Thank you for your continued support in helping our pupils achieve their very best by prioritising regular attendance!

Calendar dates

Please visit our website to keep up to date with all school events. This is the easiest way to keep an eye on everything school life.

<https://www.herstmonceux.e-sussex.sch.uk/Calendar/>

Fundraising

Our school office team have worked incredibly hard on fundraising. These funds have enabled the much-needed redesign of the KS1 playground.

We have achieved:

- the self-portrait class tote bags
- the Christmas art project
- the Easter competition
- the Christmas bauble decoration competition
- the Fundraising Auction
- financial support from a local company

Thank you to all our families for supporting our events!

The total raised is £7598.47 🎉

Mrs Robinson, Mrs Read and Miss Lawson



Can you help?

We are looking to continue to improve our outdoor and sensory play areas and we need your help! Before you make a trip to the recycling centre or clear out your garage, please take a look at our wish list below.

We are currently hunting for:

 **Car Wash Sponges:** The big, chunky, colorful ones! (new or very clean/unused, please). These are amazing for water play, sensory squeezing, and giant bubble fun.

 **Construction Barriers:** Our little builders would love them for their construction zones.

 **Log Slices & Tree Stumps:** Different sizes and thicknesses. These are perfect for stepping stones, outdoor seating, building, and natural loose-parts play.



If you have any of these items to spare, you can drop them into the school office.

Want to support your child's classroom directly? Don't forget that each class has its own curated Amazon Wishlist, which you can easily find on the school website.

Thank you so much for helping us create wonderful, hands-on learning experiences for the children. We appreciate our amazing community so much!

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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 Governors: Nina Jabang and Emma Robinson*

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

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