



Thornden Wood BULLETIN



Assistant Headteacher's Message

As we move through the term, it has been wonderful to see the fantastic enthusiasm children are showing for their history topics across the school. Year 1 have particularly enjoyed creating fossils from clay and are eagerly looking forward to uncovering them as archaeologists in our new dig pit! We encourage you to ask your child about their history learning at home. Over the next two weeks, children will also be taking part in a Kahoot quiz on our OPAL rules, so why not ask them to explain the rules and share what they have learnt. A huge thank you to everyone who supported our recent Art Gallery. Thanks to your generosity, we raised an incredible £165 to further enhance our art curriculum. We are also delighted to thank Friends of Thornden Wood for funding our fantastic new Book Vending Machine, which is already generating great excitement amongst our pupils. Finally, we are looking forward to welcoming prospective new families to Thornden Wood over the coming weeks as we begin our tours for children joining Year R next September. As always, thank you for your continued support.

Miss H Vaughan - Assistant Headteacher

Attendance

The class with the best attendance this week has been **CHESTNUT CLASS** with an amazing **100%** attendance!!! a HUGE well done!! They will be rewarded with a special treat one day next week.

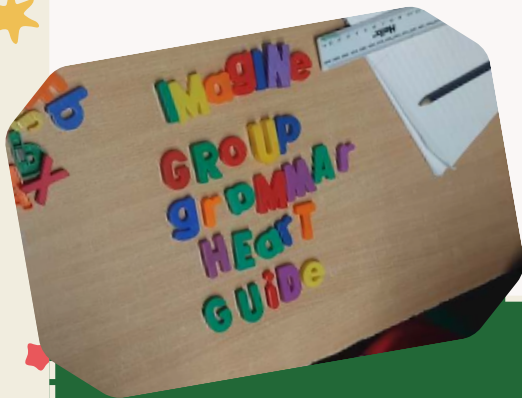


Upcoming Events

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| ★ Chestnut WWII Trip | Tues 20 th October |
| ★ Oak Class WWII Trip | Wed 21 st October |
| ★ FOTW Glow Disco | Thurs 22 nd October |
| ★ Last Day of Term | Thurs 22 nd October |
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INSIDE THE SCHOOL DAY

Science - year 4 have been exploring the digestive system where they made a model of how our digestive system works! This week we looked at the role of our teeth where we thought about the different shapes of teeth and how that helps us to chew food.



Year 4's Hands-On Learning

Year 4 have enjoyed lots of practical learning this week!

In English, we used magnetic letters to build and practise our spelling words. In Maths, we collected different coloured cones to create 4-digit numbers before ordering them from smallest to largest.

In Science, we became animal experts as we examined a variety of animal skeletons and investigated their teeth. Using our observations, we grouped the animals into carnivores, herbivores and omnivores, helping us to understand how an animal's diet affects the structure of its teeth.

The children thoroughly enjoyed these interactive activities, which brought their learning to life and helped to develop their understanding across a range of subjects.

In Year 1, we have been learning all about dinosaurs in our new topic Stomp, Roar, Explore! After learning about the process of fossilisation, we got to look at some real-life fossils with magnifying glasses! We then created our own pretend dinosaur fossils by using their feet to create footprints and other parts of their body. Next week, our teachers are going to hide them. We will then be fossil collectors, searching for the fossils we created in the digging pit!



Willow class loved spending time in the library, choosing some reading for pleasure books.





Year R have been exploring nature patterns during their Forest School sessions this week. Using natural materials they found outdoors, the children created some wonderful patterns and pictures, carefully arranging leaves, sticks, pine cones and other treasures. This hands-on activity encouraged creativity, observation skills and an appreciation of the natural world. We were very impressed with their imaginative designs and teamwork! 🌿🍂🌿📸

**SAFETY
FIRST**



Road Safety Roadshow for Years 3 & 4

Last week, our Year 3 and Year 4 children took part in an engaging Road Safety Roadshow. The interactive session helped pupils develop their understanding of how to stay safe when travelling near roads, whether as pedestrians, cyclists or passengers in a vehicle.

The children learned about making safe choices, recognising potential hazards and the importance of being alert and responsible when crossing roads. They thoroughly enjoyed taking part in the discussions and activities, and gained valuable knowledge that will help keep them safe both now and in the future.

We would encourage families to continue these important conversations at home and reinforce the road safety messages shared during the roadshow.



FOREST SCHOOL



Forest School Success!

We are incredibly proud to share that our Forest School was awarded First Prize in the East Kent Ploughing Match Forest School Competition. This was a wonderful achievement and recognition of the dedication, creativity and hard work that has gone into developing our Forest School provision and the many benefits it brings to our children.

The judges' certificate summed it up perfectly:

"For demonstrating outstanding creativity, teamwork and an inspiring connection to nature. Your dedication to exploring the outdoors is a wonderful achievement. In all things nature there is something marvellous."

A huge congratulations and thank you to Mrs Wells for her passion and commitment in making Forest School such a special part of our school community.

We have started the year brilliantly, with children rediscovering the Forest School environment, developing their outdoor first aid skills and engaging in a wide range of exciting cross-curricular learning opportunities.

**The children also
made some
wonderful
discoveries this
week!!!**



REMINDERS

Forest School Clothing Reminder

To help your child make the most of their Forest School sessions, please ensure they come to school with:

- ✓ Wellies or waterproof footwear
- ✓ A waterproof coat
- ✓ A spare set of clothes (where possible)

Please note:

- 🔥 As campfires are often part of our Forest School activities, we recommend that children do not wear shell trousers.

Your children absolutely love their time in Forest School, and having the correct clothing helps them fully enjoy every session, whatever the weather! 🍂🌳
Thank you for your support. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask. 😊

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Mobile Phone Safety

Advice for Children and Parents



FOR THE CHILD

Only chat with people you know in real life. Never share your address, school name, phone number, passwords, or live location.

Do not send photos or videos that you would not be happy for your parents or teacher to see.

If someone makes you feel worried, uncomfortable, pressured, or upset, tell a trusted adult immediately.

Never agree to meet someone you have only spoken to online.

Leave any group chat where people are being unkind, bullying others, or sharing inappropriate content.

Think before you post: messages, photos, and videos can be copied and shared by others.

Be kind and respectful to others at all times.

FOR PARENTS

Have full access to the child's account and know who they are communicating with.

Regularly review contacts and group memberships together.

Enable the highest privacy settings available:

- Profile photo visible to contacts only.
- Last seen visible to contacts only.
- Live location turned off unless genuinely needed.
- Two-step verification turned on.

Establish clear screen-time limits.

Keep devices out of bedrooms, only use where there is adult supervision.

Have regular conversations about online safety rather than relying solely on monitoring.

Make it clear the child will not get into trouble for reporting concerning messages or mistakes.

A SIMPLE FAMILY RULE

"If you would not say it in front of your parents and teacher, don't send it online. If something worries you, show an adult straight away."

Parking Safely Around School

A Friendly Reminder to All Parents and Carers



✓ Park Considerately

- Do not park on double yellow lines.
- Do not park in front of school gates or access points.
- Ensure pavements, driveways and crossing points remain clear.
- Follow all local parking restrictions and road markings.

✓ Keep Our Children Safe

- Be mindful of pedestrians, cyclists and other road users.
- Drive slowly and carefully around the school site.
- Allow extra time for drop-off and collection to avoid rushing.

✓ Respect Our Neighbours

- Please be considerate of local residents when parking.
- Avoid blocking driveways or access to homes.
- Help us maintain positive relationships with our local community.

Working Together for a Safer School Community

Every small action makes a big difference. Thank you for helping us keep our children safe and for showing respect and consideration to our neighbours.

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Safe parking protects everyone. 🚗💚🚸

INFORMATION

Herne and Broomfield Scarecrow Trail

Sunday 4th October 2026

10 AM-4 PM

Trail on sale from 28th September-4th October at the Herne Centre.

£5 per map to follow the trail and vote for your favourite scarecrow.

Children's art competition 50p per entry- collect your scarecrow picture from the centre from 28th September. Return by the 4th October.



Herne Bay Trick or Treat Trail

SAFE AND SPOOKTACULAR FOR THE
WHOLE FAMILY! ALL ARE WELCOME

SATURDAY 31ST OCTOBER 2026

MORTIMOR STREET

TIME TBD



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**OCTOBER SPORTS
AND ACTIVITIES
HALF TERM CAMP**

AGES 5-14

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MONDAY 26TH OCTOBER
TO FRIDAY 30TH OCTOBER
2026

9AM - 3PM

AT THE SCOUT HUT
HERNE DRIVE
CT6 7SH

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HERNE BAY CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Switch On Event

SUNDAY 22ND NOVEMBER

1PM TO 6.30PM

JOIN US IN HERNE BAY TOWN CENTRE FOR A
FESTIVE DAY OF FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY

MUSIC

HOT FOOD

ARTISAN
STALLS

FUNFAIR
RIDES

A Bay of Christmas Magic

DON'T FORGET TO LIKE AND FOLLOW US



Term Dates 2026/27

Term 1 - 2026	Thursday 3rd September – Thursday 22nd October
Half Term Break	Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October
Term 2 - 2026	Monday 2nd November – Friday 18th December
Winter Break	Monday 21st December – Friday 1st January
Term 3 - 2027	Monday 4th January – Friday 12th February
Half Term Break	Monday 15th February – Friday 19th February
Term 4 - 2027	Monday 22nd February – Thursday 25th March
Spring Break	Friday 26th March – Friday 9th April
Term 5 - 2027	Monday 12th April – Friday 28th May
Half Term Break	Monday 31st May – Friday 4th June
Term 6 - 2027	Tuesday 8th June – Tuesday 20th July

Staff Development Days

School is not open for children to attend

Tuesday 1st September 2026

Wednesday 2nd September 2026

Friday 23rd October 2026

Monday 7th June 2027

Wednesday 21st July 2027

Bank Holidays (School Closed)

Friday 26th March 2027

Monday 3rd May 2027