

HEENE CE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Headteacher's message

Date: Friday 5th June 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you had a lovely half term and that you were able to enjoy some well-deserved time together as a family. It has been a very positive start back at school, with lots of exciting learning already taking place across all year groups.

We are pleased to share that we have reviewed our school uniform and will be introducing an optional maroon hoodie or sweatshirt for PE. This can be worn on PE days only and has been chosen to provide a practical and comfortable addition for pupils taking part in active lessons. Broadwater Sports will be stocking the maroon hoodies and they can be purchased from their shop in Broadwater, but these do not have to be Heene branded (colour must be adhered to - if other colours are worn, children will be asked to change).

Today, we would like to extend our appreciation to our linked PCSO Chris Marsden for working with our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils. The sessions were engaging and informative and we know the children gained a great deal from the experience.

Our Year 1 children also had a fantastic time this afternoon during their Reptylers workshop. They met a range of fascinating creatures and approached the experience with great curiosity and enthusiasm. It was wonderful to see their confidence and excitement as they learned more about the animal world.

As the weather becomes warmer, we would like to remind families about the importance of sun safety. Please ensure that children come to school with a named sun hat, water bottle and that an all day sun cream is applied before the school day.

Finally, a reminder about term-time holidays. We kindly ask families not to book holidays during term time. As a school, we are required to refer unauthorised absences for a fixed penalty notice in line with current regulations. We appreciate your support in ensuring children attend school regularly so they can make the most of their learning opportunities.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and have a good weekend.

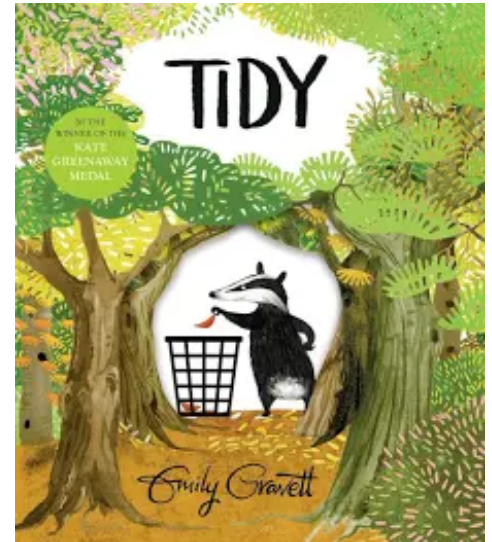
Warmest wishes,

Laura Turner - Headteacher

Early Years

The children have returned to school ready to learn all about our new topic Our Wonderful World. We have read the book Tidy and the children enjoyed creating the setting and characters in different ways.

Please remember that we have our school trip to Arundel Wetland Center next Tuesday!



Year One

This week in Year 1, the children have been exploring the value of coins and applying their understanding in real-life situations. They took part in a role-play shop, where they investigated how many pennies were needed to buy different items. The children showed great curiosity and teamwork as they handled the coins and worked together to solve problems.



Year Two

This week in Year 2 we have been reading 'Clean Up!' by Nathan Bryon and Dapa Adeola. We are looking at how to use commas in a list, exclamation marks and possessive apostrophes.

We have spoken about how to keep our beach clean and care for the local area.

We are hoping to go to the beach on Tuesday 30th June (Blackbirds) and Tuesday 7th July (Puffins).

If you could volunteer to make this happen then please let Miss Greathead, Mr Owen or Mrs Usher know. Thank you!



Year Three



This week we were learning about the inside of a flower. We were fascinated with all the different parts a flower has and that they all have a job to do.

Year Four

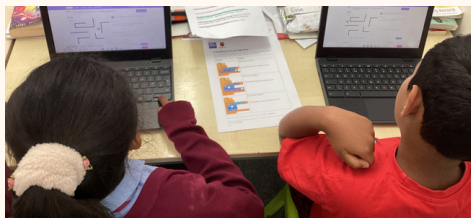
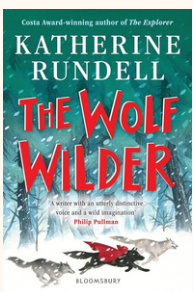
We have started our new topic in science all about plants and animals. We put our working scientifically hats on and looked at a variety of living things and grouped them based on their observable characteristics.



Year Five



News from the flamboyance of Flamingos and pride of Peacocks



Year Five have started their final destination reader text of the year, *The Wolf Wilder* by Katherine Rundell. In computing, we have been looking at selection in quizzes and the programming content that allows processes to be followed. We've also enjoyed practical maths this week by using measurements of 10cm to create different amount of metres.

Year Six

In Computing, we have started learning about 3D modelling.

We've started out by using various shapes to create 3D models.

At the end of our practice, we shared our ideas on what we did and what we liked about the process.



Attend, Belong, Flourish:

Helping every child achieve their God-given potential

You are reading this as your child attends a DCAT school. At DCAT we are committed to helping your child achieve their God-given potential. We take school attendance very seriously.

We consider ourselves to be very supportive and approachable and as such our family of schools and will try to make considerations for pupils who need extra support, where possible.

We are, however, bound by law to ensure that every pupil attends.

Missing a few days of school here and there may not seem a major issue, but research shows that it can have a significant impact on your child's learning. It is a fact that children who miss school can fall behind their peers and struggle to catch up academically, socially and emotionally.

Most of the work they miss is never made up, which can not only lead to gaps in their learning, but also have an impact on their future options and opportunities.

Poor attendance often starts at primary school and children who fall into this pattern are likely to underachieve at secondary school and beyond.

We also know that friendships can be affected by persistent absence.

Persistent absence is where a child misses 10% or more of school (the equivalent to one day or more a fortnight across a full school year). It can be hard for a child who misses lots of school to form relationships with their classmates and this can affect a child's wellbeing.

At DCAT we know that good attendance at school is the single most important factor to ensure that young people have the maximum life chances - attendance is strongly linked to educational achievement. Promoting positive school attendance is everyone's responsibility.

- Pupils who miss school risk failing to achieve what they are capable of
- Figures have shown that 90% of persistent, poor or non-attenders fail to achieve five or more good grades at GCSE and approximately one third achieve no GCSEs at all
- Developing good habits of attendance and punctuality are key life skills
- When pupils miss school... they miss out!

Attendance

What to do if your child is unwell?

If your child is not well enough to go to school it is your responsibility to notify School before 9am on the day of absence.

How do I inform school?

Please ring school on 01903 201386 and leave a message on the absence line, state your child's name, Class and the reason for absence ie. Vomiting, diarrhoea, temperature, headache etc

Alternatively

you can now email us on:

attendance@heenepriamary.co.uk

Please state your clearly child's name, Class and the specific reason in the email. Many thanks

Focus on - Attendance Matters!

SCHOOL COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

EYFS Goldfinch Class- Nelson + Nela
Year 1 Robin Class - Ikay + Jodie
Year 2 Blackbird Class - Mayokun+ Nyah
Year 3 Kestrel Class - Veronika + David
Year 4 Magpie Class - Livia + Harrison
Year 5 Peacock Class - Alfred + Melissa
Year 6 Buzzard Class - Sebastian + Ava

Hummingbird Class -Wynter + Timi
Starling Class - Lilly + Ralph
Puffin Class - Nikola + Joshua
Nightingale Class - Gennaro + Freya
Kingfisher Class - Jakub + Christina
Flamingo Class - Benedict + Kumsal
Eagle Class - Felix + Valentina

Let your light shine

EYFS -	Frankie (Goldfinch Class)	Taim (Hummingbird Class)
Year 1 -	Maks (Starling Class)	Remy (Robin Class)
Year 2 -	Paige (Blackbird Class)	Louis (Puffin Class)
Year 3 -	Emmi (Nightingale Class)	Albert (Kestrel Class)
Year 4 -	Nicole (Magpie Class)	Christina (Kingfisher Class)
Year 5 -	Huda (Flamingo Class)	Ollie (Peacock Class)
Year 6 -	Archie (Buzzard Class)	Tianna (Eagle Class)
Headteachers Award - Evania and Riyan		

Attendance matters!

Year R - 94.36%

Year 1 - 94.63%

Year 2 - 95.51%

Year 3 - 95.9%

Year 4 - 94.02%

Year 5 - 96.43%

Year 6 - 91.01%

We aim for 96% attendance or above.

This week our whole school attendance is 94.58%

Academic year to date 93.93%



Key Dates - 2026

- 09/06 EYFS Arundel Wetland Trip
- 09/06 Kestrel Wild Beach
- 11/06 KS2 Sports Day @ 9.30am
- 11/06 Year 6 Residential meeting
- 16/06 Kestrel Wild Beach
- 17/06  Theme Day - World Cup
- 18/06  Theme Day - International Picnic Day
- 19/06 FOHPS Mufti Day - Summer Fair donations
- 22/06 Year 6 Leavers Service - Chichester Cathedral
- 23/06 Kestrel Wild Beach
- 23/06 Year 2 Sports morning 9.15am
- 23/06 Relish Taster event (TBC)
- 25/06 Year 1 Sports morning 9.15am
- 26/06 Year 5 taster at Worthing High School
- 27/06 FOHPS Summer Fair 2-5pm
- 01/07  Theme Day - Mexican Day
- 01/07 National Transfer Day (Yr 6 Secondary sch)
- 02/07 DCAT Enriched
- 06/07 EYFS Sports morning 9.15am
- 07/07 Year 5 taster at Davison High School
- 10/07  Theme Day - Wimbledon
- 13-22/07 NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS**
- 15-17/07 Year 6 - Lodge Hill Residential
- 17/07  Theme Day - National Icecream Day
- 22/07 Last day at school

Back to School - Thursday 3rd September

Wild Beach

Week 1 for Kestrel class this week. The weather managed to largely do what we wanted it to and we managed all our planned activities.

The first thing we did was think back to our visit, before the half term, from the contractors who are mending the groynes on Worthing Beach. The children thought about what they had learnt and went to look for evidence of the things mentioned by our guests.



The children spotted where the metal numbers that label which groynes are which. They also spotted where the contractors had sprayed numbers on to help them know what they needed to do and where there were old and new groynes together.



The sun came out for long enough to make 'shadow pictures'. One child struck a pose and the the rest of their group filled in their shadow with natural objects to create a picture on the sand.



Next Kestrel class had a try at flying kites. The wind was a bit gusty, but most groups had quite a lot of success. It is always exciting to see the bright, colourful kites up in the sky.



The last two activities were a beach clean, followed by a paddle.



Mercy found a Mermaid's Purse which still had the egg or young skate still inside. She took it back to the sea and threw it in.

Nature Notes



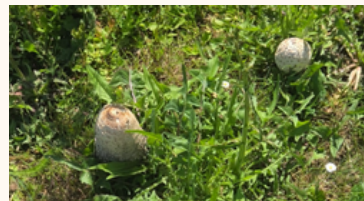
Harrison (Blackbird) took these brilliant photos of a bumblebee that flew into his kitchen during half term. He trapped the bee under a glass, took some photos and then set the bee out on the garden. Harrison has asked what type of bee it is. We have 24 types of bumblebee in the UK and they are not always easy to tell apart. This one looks like a female Buff-Tailed Bumblebee, though I can't be sure! Great photos, well done.



Sophia (Goldfinch) and Eleanor (Nightingale) went to Devon in half term. They enjoyed rockpooling and playing in the sea. Eleanor took a picture of a Beadlet Anemone and some weird jelly things nearby. She discovered that the weird jelly things are the same Anemone - when it's out the water it retracts its tentacles! Sophia took the attached photo of a jellyfish on the beach. Sadly it was dead and had been washed up. We looked it up and it is a Blue Jellyfish, they have a mild sting - they can still sting when they are dead so we didn't touch them.



They also sent this very cool picture of 'Nature Notes' written in the sand! Great photos, well done.



Ivan (Flamingo) and Evelyn (Kingfisher) found cool shells on Omaha beach in Normandy and made some pictures from them that they photographed. They also found some slipper limpets and Evelyn spotted a couple of tall mushrooms on a walk. Great photos, well done.



Arlo (Nightingale) spotted this damselfly in his aunties back garden over the half term. What an amazing blue! Great spot, Arlo.



Bella (Puffin) made this amazing Ocean Scene with recycled things. It took a long time to magically make old egg boxes, bottle tops and card into this beautiful creation. Well done Bella.

PLEASE NOTE: We love seeing photos of the children and the wildlife and plants that they spot whilst out and about in nature.

These are the sorts of photos that Nature Notes was created to share and celebrate.

We will not be sharing photos of pets or from zoos or similar places.

We always love seeing the photos of the children out and about exploring nature, and of the brilliant things they spot.

Please keep sending your photos to - naturenotes@heenepriamry.co.uk



SUMMER FAIR

Saturday 27th June
2-5pm

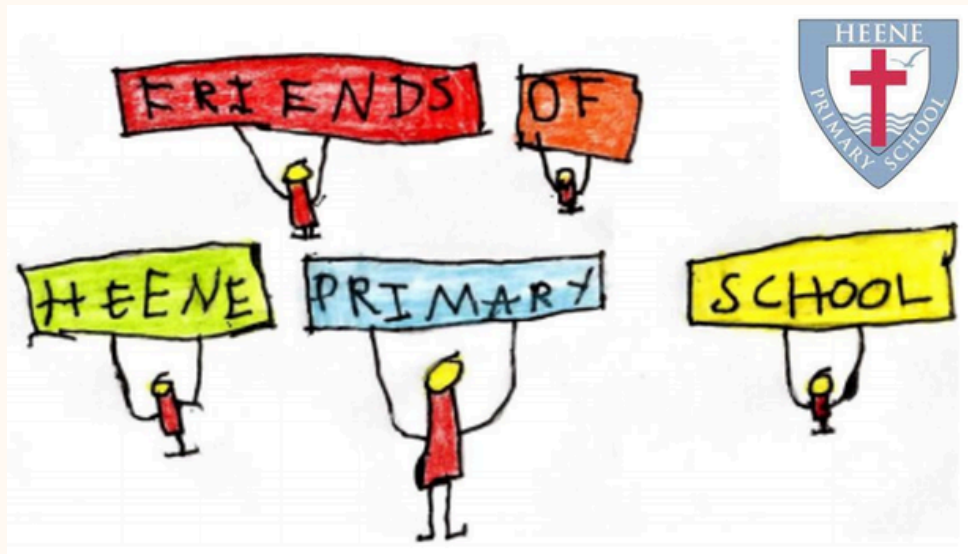


20 + Tables
Raffle
Barbecue
Refreshments
Pimms
Beer
Games Stalls

Free Entry

Parentkind
Member Association

★ FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY ★



MUFTI-DAY: FRIDAY 19TH JUNE

IN RETURN FOR CHILDREN ATTENDING SCHOOL IN THEIR OWN CLOTHES FRIENDS OF HEENE ARE ASKING FOR DONATIONS FOR THE SUMMER FAIR:

EARLY YEARS: BOXES OF BISCUITS OR SWEETS

YEAR 1: BOXES OF SAVOURY BISCUITS, BREAD STICKS, CHEESE STRAWS ETC.

YEAR 2: OUTDOOR SUMMER GAMES

YEAR 3: LARGE BAGS OF PREMIUM CRISPS/PRINGLES & POPCORN

YEAR 4 TO YEAR 6: BOTTLES FOR THE TOMBOLA

CAKE DONATIONS 26TH JUNE

PLEASE BRING ANY CAKE DONATIONS FOR THE SUMMER FAIR INTO SCHOOL ON FRIDAY 26TH JUNE.
NO NUTS PLEASE!



**Week ending
5th June. Well
done everyone!**

Top Spelling Shed Groups⁹

#	Group	Score
1.	Flamingo	14,940,372
2.	Kestrel	7,974,083
3.	Nightingale	6,427,860
4.	Peacock	2,372,619
5.	Buzzard	2,018,750
6.	Puffin	1,361,272
7.	Blackbird	1,096,942
8.	Magpie	678,019
9.	Kingfisher	111,821
10.	Eagle	0

Top Spelling Shed Pupils

#	Avatar	Pupil	Groups	Score	Total Score
1.		Lucas	Flamingo	6,407,134	83,532,010
2.		Emmanuel	Kestrel	6,168,424	735,871,175
3.		Antonia-Grace	Flamingo	5,757,768	249,412,238
4.		Onimisi	Nightingale	5,744,232	34,438,373
5.		Jayden	Kestrel	3,416,118	278,371,067

YOUTH DROP IN

The Youth Drop-In is a safe, fun and welcoming space for young people in school years 7-13 to come and unwind with friends after school.

school year 6 welcome in summer term!



*we meet here at the Youth Lounge!
(plus a large hall for sport)*

- TOAST
- BOARD GAMES
- POOL
- FOOTBALL
- TABLE TENNIS
- NINTENDO SWITCH
- CARD GAMES
- SOFAS

Tuesdays

3.15-4.45pm (term time)

Youth Lounge, St Matthew's Church



Week ending Friday 5th June



Top Rockstar from each year group

Year 2: Llya

Year 3: Eleanor

Year 4: Aaleyah

Year 5: Dorota

Year 6: Stanley

Winning Class: Kingfisher and Magpie - it's a tie!



If you like...

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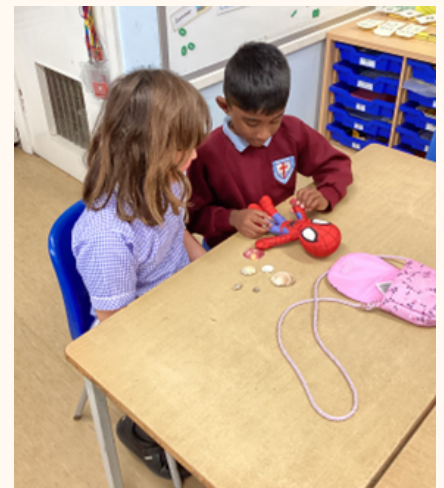
Visit www.booksfortopics.com for more ideas!

NO Pens Day

Show and tell



YEAR THREE RECITING AND ADDING ACTIONS TO A POEM.



OUTDOOR PLAY AND LEARNING



**Coming Soon....Water play area
Donations Needed:**



Guttering- half, full and quarter pipes

Builder tuff trays

Funnels

Buckets

Water play toys-such as- boats, ducks, tubing etc

Water butt



SAFEGUARDING

The Digital World is changing – and so are the risks...

Children's online experiences in 2026 are evolving rapidly, with technology now embedded in almost every aspect of their daily lives. Government consultation highlights that social media use is now almost universal among children, alongside growing concerns about addictive features, exposure to harmful content, and the wider impact on wellbeing.

Alongside this, new risks are emerging beyond traditional platforms, including AI-driven tools, online gaming, and private messaging apps. We all need to think more broadly about online safety - not just what children see, but how they interact, form relationships, and are influenced by digital environments.

Safeguarding in this space requires curiosity, awareness, and ongoing conversations with children about their online world.

Start a conversation this week - do you really understand the digital spaces your children are using?

Please remember if you need support, contact us on dsl@heeneprimary.co.uk

FORTNITE



Fortnite is a fast-paced online multiplayer game where players compete in Battle Royale matches to be the last one standing. It also offers creative modes, live events, and player-made experiences, making it more than just a traditional game. While free to play, it includes in-game purchases and features online chat, so awareness of gameplay, social interactions, and spending is important for safe use.

POTENTIAL RISKS

- **Exposure to Strangers:** Online multiplayer means children may interact with unknown players.
- **Inappropriate Language or Behaviour:** Voice and text chat can include bullying, harassment, or offensive language.
- **In-Game Spending Pressure:** V-Bucks purchases for skins and emotes may encourage overspending.
- **Addictive Gameplay:** Fast-paced matches and progression systems can lead to extended screen time.
- **Exposure to Violence:** The game involves shooting and eliminating other players, which may concern some parents.
- **Peer Pressure and Social Pressure:** Children may feel pressured to compete, spend money, or join certain groups.
- **Limited Parental Oversight:** Online interactions and cross-platform play can be difficult to monitor fully.

TIPS FOR CAREGIVERS

- **Set Time Limits:** Encourage balanced screen time and regular breaks to prevent overuse.
- **Enable Parental Controls:** Use Fortnite's settings to restrict chat, purchases, and age-appropriate content.
- **Discuss Online Safety:** Teach children to avoid sharing personal information and to only interact with known players.
- **Monitor Spending:** Review in-game purchases and set limits on V-Bucks spending.
- **Encourage Teamwork & Positive Behaviour:** Talk about sportsmanship, dealing with conflict, and respectful communication.
- **Play Together or Observe:** Occasionally join in or watch gameplay to understand what your child experiences.
- **Open Communication:** Maintain conversations about friendships, challenges, and feelings related to online play.

Makaton- Sign of the Week



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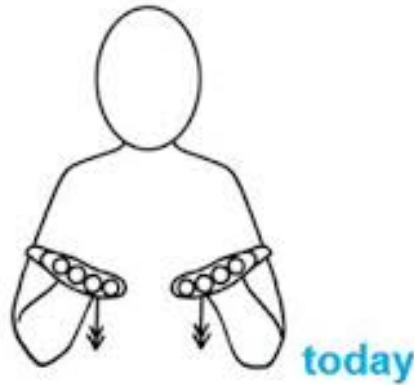
signs

and



symbols.

Sign of the Week -today



Remember - with Makaton sign language, we say the word at the same time as signing it.

Attendance - Illness

It is your responsibility as a parent/carer to make contact with school by leaving a message on 01903 201386 or sending an email to attendance@heeneprimary.co.uk before 9am on each day your child is unwell, giving a specific reason for absence ie. diarrhoea, vomiting, headache etc

01903 201386

attendance@heeneprimary.co.uk



REMINDER

Please order your child's hotmeal at home. You can order a whole term ahead, this in turn helps us with ordering the ingredients that will be needed to fulfil the advertised menu. There are so many children whose parents are not ordering - which is resulting in menu items running out. We cannot predict in advance what is required if you don't order.

If you need help setting up your account or with the ordering system please come to the school office who will be happy to help.

To set up your parent account, simply go to the link below:

<https://relishschoolfood.co.uk/parents>

We also have a step-by-step guide to help you set up your account should you need it.

16 days of the Summer holidays Monday to Thursday,
from July 27th to August 20th

SUMMER SKATEBOARDING CLUB

Free for those accessing benefits
related free school meals
Ages 8 to 12 years old

- GAMES
- TSHIRT DESIGN
- TRIP TO HOMEFIELD SKATEPARK
- SKATEBOARDING
- LEARN TO COOK
- ART AND CRAFTS
- BOARD DESIGN/ART



Book in through the link or
haf@westsussex.gov.uk

Homefield school
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