

HEENE CE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Headteacher's message

Date: Thursday 22nd May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderfully busy and joyful week it has been at Heene, filled with creativity, community spirit and moments that truly reflect our vision: "Together in faith we love, grow and learn."

Today, we were treated to a truly special Year 1 Church service. The children did a fantastic job – their clear, confident voices and beautiful singing made the service both moving and memorable. We were incredibly proud of each and every one of them! Yesterday brought another highlight as we joined the community for Be Seen Reading in Victoria Park. It was a joy to see so many children immersed in books in such a lovely setting. Thank you to everyone who attended, and a special thank you to Polly from #beseenreading for organising such a wonderful event.

We were also delighted to welcome our new families for our September intake at our New Parents' Evening. It was fantastic to see so many of you there, enjoying the delicious tasting provided by Relish and teas and coffees from the FOHPS, while learning more about that all-important transition to school. We look forward to welcoming you fully into our Heene family in the coming months.

On Tuesday, our incredible Dancehouse children made Miss Grace and me immensely proud as they took to the stage to perform to the song "We're All Made of Stars." Their confidence, energy and expression were simply amazing – you were truly brilliant!

Working back to Monday, creativity continued to shine as some of our Year 5 pupils took part in the annual DCAT Enrich workshop. We are already looking forward to seeing the final performance from this exciting opportunity.

And finally, we ended Monday on a high with our discos for Years R–5. These events are always such a highlight for the children, and we are, as always, incredibly grateful to the FOHPS for organising such a fun and memorable evening.

Thank you for your continued support. It has been a week that truly showcases the richness of opportunities we strive to provide for all our children. We hope you have a lovely half term and we will look forward to seeing the children back for the final half term of the school year on Tuesday 2nd June.

Warmest wishes,
Laura Turner - Headteacher

Early Years

No pen day!

The children loved sharing their objects from home with their classmates. The children then had the opportunity to ask a question about it. We talked about what a question is and then they came up with some very interesting questions. Thank you!



Year One

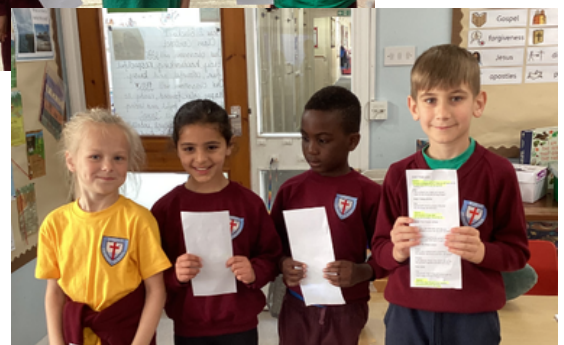
On Thursday, Year one had their Pentecost Church Service. They all showed fantastic confidence when speaking their parts and sang beautifully to all the songs. We are so proud of the hard work they put in.



Year Two

Year 2 had a wonderful day yesterday celebrating No Pens Day!

They all shared their special items they brought from home and showed bundles of confidence. Well done!



Year Three

As part of our No Pens Day this week, we have been rehearsing and reciting poetry all about plants. We have been using these to develop our oracy and reading skills.



Year Four

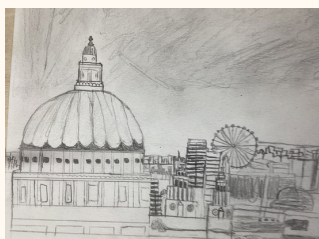
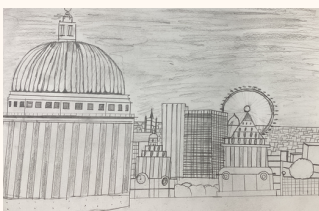
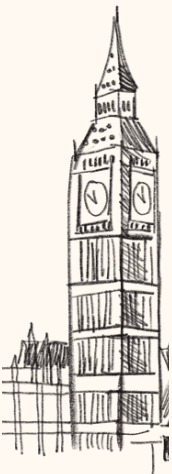
This week we have been designing and making collagraphs - inspired by the work of William Morris! We used cardboard and string to achieve the desired effect. The children showed a great deal of resilience and I think you'll agree the finished pieces are amazing. Well done!



Year Five



News from the flamboyance of Flamingos and pride of Peacocks



Year Five completed their final city scape pieces inspired by Christopher Wren and Stephen Wiltshire. Can you spot any famous landmarks?

Year Six

This term, Year 6 have been making and painting clay pots. We took inspiration from the artist Magdalene Odundo.



We have tried to replicated her style inspiration using human features - hands, legs, eyes...



The coiling technique proved difficult but we did it!



Attendance



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@heenepriamry.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 -	Yaspara (Goldfinch Class)	Timi (Hummingbird Class)
Year 1 -	Whole Starling Class	Whole Robin Class
Year 2 -	Sarah (Blackbird Class)	Brax (Puffin Class)
Year 3 -	Logan (Nightingale Class)	Lileigh-Rose (Kestrel Class)
Year 4 -	Finn (Magpie Class)	Gideon (Kingfisher Class)
Year 5 -	Eric (Flamingo Class)	Nish (Peacock Class)
Year 6 -	Ruby (Buzzard Class)	Mollie (Eagle Class)

Headteachers Award - Team Dancehouse

Attendance matters!

Year R - 92.41%

Year 1 - 96.93%

Year 2 - 97.54%

Year 3 - 91.6%

Year 4 - 89.07%

Year 5 - 95.09%

Year 6 - 96.93%

We aim for 96% attendance or above.

This week our whole school attendance is **94.41%**

Academic year to date **93.92%**



Key Dates - 2026


22/05 **INSET DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS**

25-29/05 **HALF TERM - SCHOOL CLOSED**

01/06 **INSET DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS**

02/06 All children back to school

02/06 Kestrel Wild Beach

05/06  Theme Day - National Fish'n'chips day

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

22/06 Year 6 Leavers Service - Chichester Cathedral

23/06 Kestrel Wild Beach

23/06 Year 2 Sports morning 9.15am

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 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

13-22/07 NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

15-17/07 Year 6 - Lodge Hill Residential

22/07 Last day at school

Back to School - Thursday 3rd September

Gold Award Winners for this term



A Gold Award is awarded for exceptional behaviour. Gold cards are the Heene School 'Gold Standard' to which all pupils should aspire. Teachers award up to 3 Gold Cards at the end of each term during our Shine your Light worship. These children have been awarded our Gold Awards for this term.

EYFS - Goldfinch Class: Tabitha, Jayden, Yaspara

EYFS - Hummingbird Class: Japuji, Fatima, Jomi

Year 1 - Starling Class: Princeton, Bobby, Leahbella

Year 1 - Robin Class: Dexter, Ezekiel, Eveline

Year 2 - Blackbird Class: Eric, Claire, Rital

Year 2 - Puffin Class: Joshua, Frankie, Liya

Year 3 - Nightingale Class: Eleanor, Antoni, Jacob

Year 3 - Kestrel Class: Jayden, Rosie, Krishna

Year 4 - Magpie Class: Sublime, Freya, Harrison

Year 4 - Kingfisher Class: Elisha, Kuba, Braxon

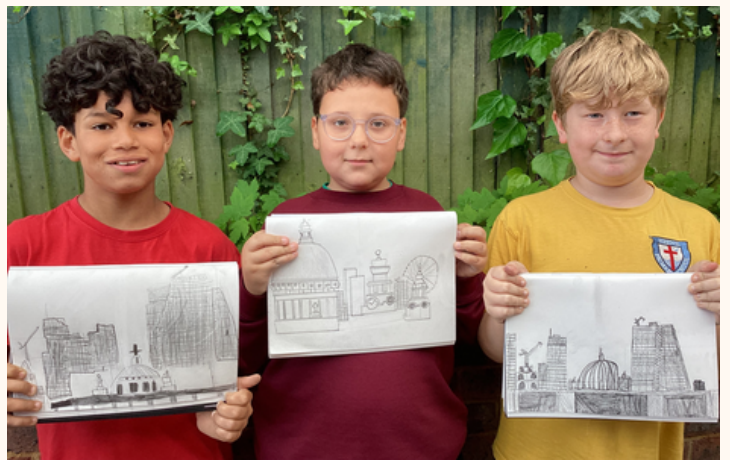
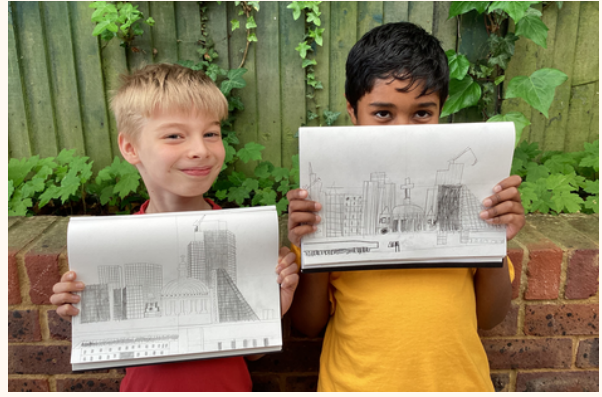
Year 5 - Peacock Class: Harry, Charlie and Minette

Year 5 - Flamingo Class: Lucas, Benedict, Emmanuel

Year 6 - Eagle Class: Mimi, Ibrahim, Sanjo

Year 6 - Buzzard Class: Matylda, Grace, Heath

Peacock class cityscapes



DCAT ENRICHED

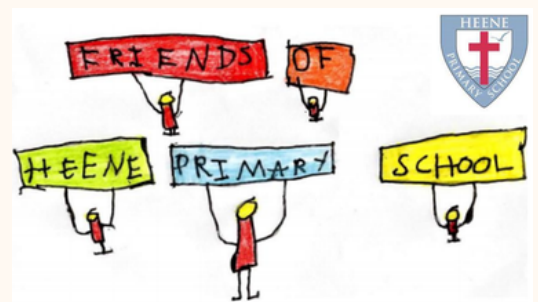
A group of Year 5 children are getting ready to participate in the 2026 DCAT Enriched event!

On Monday, two West End performers, Mr Billy and Miss Jemma came to Heene to teach them all about musical theatre. They then taught the children how to sing and dance to the song Mumma Mia! The children's vocals were recorded and now they will spend the next few weeks practising their routine with Miss Luke and Miss Grace ready for the show on Thursday 2nd July!



DISCO!

Thank you SO much to the Friends of Heene Primary for organising a brilliant summer disco! Thank you to everyone who came along to the disco to support the event. The children had a brilliant time and we loved to see their amazing dance moves!

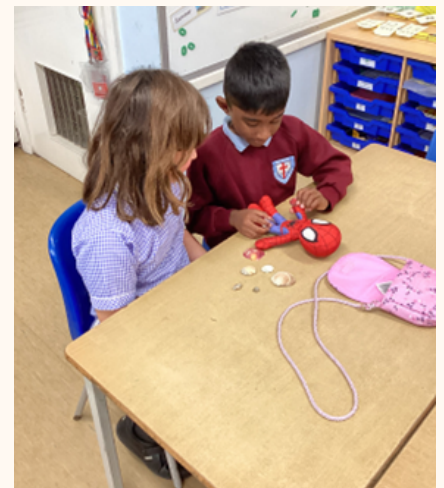
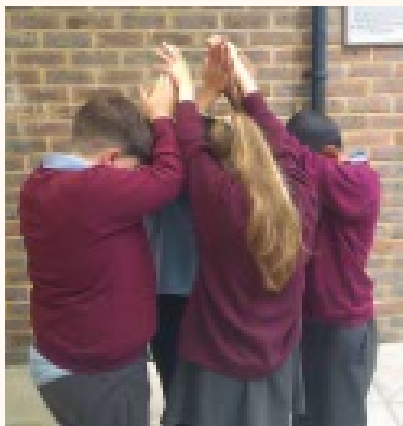


NO Pens Day

Show and tell



YEAR THREE RECITING AND ADDING ACTIONS TO A POEM.



BE SEEN READING

THANK YOU SO MUCH TO ALL THE PEOPLE WHO CAME TO THE EVENT TO SUPPORT US AND SHOW OUR PUPILS THAT WE LOVE READING!



FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE WORK THAT POLLY ATKINSON DOES TO SUPPORT CHILDREN WITH THEIR READING, VISIT HER WEBSITE:

WWW.CHILDRENREADINGFORLIFE.CO.UK



FATHER'S DAY LUNCH



AMERICAN EXPRESS STADIUM

SUNDAY 21 JUNE

ADULT 3 COURSE £34 | CHILD 3 COURSE £18

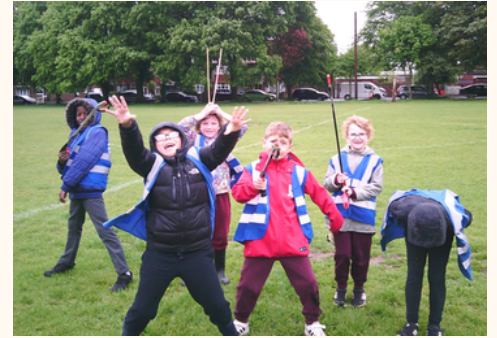
BUY TICKETS NOW

UPGRADE AND ADD A TICKET TO OUR FATHER'S DAY PARTY DOWN AT THE TERRACE AND RECEIVE 50% OFF
ADULT £10 £5 | CHILD £7-£9 £3.75

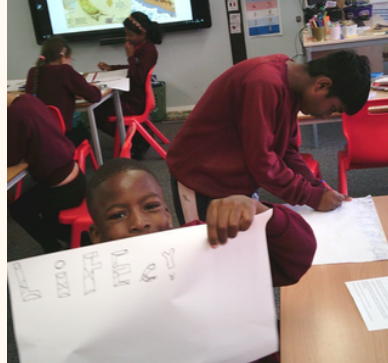
Wild Beach

The weather was not kind to us this week. Tuesday started with pouring rain and strong winds blowing straight onto the beach - a little too wild for Wild Beach!

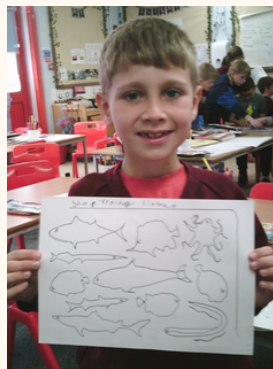
We still had our wonderful parent helpers with us so we went over to Victoria Park for a litter pick. The children gathered lots of rubbish - well done Nightingale class.



When we were back in the classroom we learnt about the lifecycles of the Common Whelk, crabs, skates and rays. The children then created paper plate lifecycles to show the lifecycle of a common whelk and posters of crab and skate and ray lifecycles.



As the children finished their project they then accessed the Wild Beach resources, playing games, creating pictures or completing puzzles. They could also handle lots of real items found on the beach including a starfish, an urchin and a small undulate ray that was found washed up and dried out on the beach. We finished off the morning with a story. Well done Nightingales you created some fantastic lifecycle posters and plates.



Worthing Seafront Planter

Once again this year, Heene have got one of the Seafront Planters to decorate and maintain over the summer.



Last weekend, 3 of our fabulous families came down to design and plant our planter. The council provided all the local groups and businesses, who were taking on a planter, with a selection of plants. We then thought about where these should go, planted them all and then the children went backwards and forwards to the fishermen's tap on the beach to get water for our plants. The children also edged our planter with stones which gave it a nice frame.



The Heene Planter is next to the first bus stop east of the pier. Our planter forms an 'L' shape, a narrow part going behind the second part of the bus shelter and a larger part parallel to the steps, opposite the Tackle and Bait shop.

Please do go along and have a look and see how all those lovely plants grow.

You can send in any photos of the children at the planter to

naturenotes@heeneprimary.co.uk



Our next job is to create the decorations for our planter...the workshop for this is in June, watch this space to see what is created!

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



Nature Notes

Harrison (Blackbird) has been looking out for a blackbird since he moved into year 2 and became part of Blackbird class. He thought spotting one would be easy but it has proved tricky.

He finally saw one at the weekend and was excited to share it. Well done Harrison!



HALF TERM CHALLENGE!

We would love to see some photos that the children have taken of nature. It might be some of the lovely flowers that are out at the moment or the trees with their beautiful green leaves. Perhaps it will be a picture of a scene in nature - the beach or some woods.

You might even be lucky enough to capture a butterfly or some ducks with your camera.

Don't forget the photos need to be of things out in nature, no pets or animals in zoos but things you spot while you are out and about exploring nature.

After half term we will have a certificate and a little extra something for photos taken by the children, please remember to mention who took the photo when you email it to - naturenotes@heenepriamry.co.uk

Happy Half Term.





Every Minute of Learning Counts

Children find arriving at school late upsetting and they miss out on important opportunities.

Please work with us to provide your child with the best chances of learning by ensuring they are in school every day and on time.

Thank you.

Makaton- Sign of the Week



Learn



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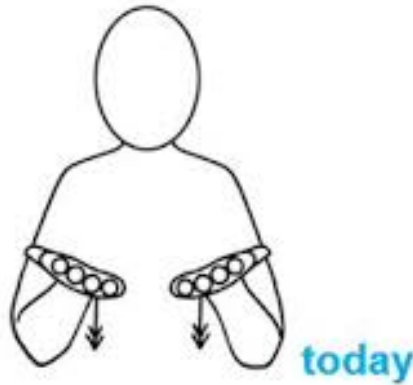
signs

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@heenepriamry.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@heenepriamry.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.

READING recommendations



If you like...

Percy Jackson

...try these!



Visit www.booksfortopics.com for more ideas!



**Week ending
21st May. Well
done everyone!**

Top Spelling Shed Groups[!]

#	Group	Score
1.	Flamingo	27,396,502
2.	Kestrel	10,973,732
3.	Peacock	10,391,170
4.	Kingfisher	4,111,932
5.	Nightingale	3,348,511
6.	Blackbird	2,970,170
7.	Puffin	2,825,978
8.	Buzzard	1,734,824
9.	Magpie	894,711
10.	Eagle	0

Top Spelling Shed Pupils

#	Avatar	Pupil	Groups	Score	Total Score
1.		Lucas	Flamingo	10,107,400	77,124,876
2.		Charlie	Peacock	9,461,370	201,847,383
3.		Emmanuel	Kestrel	8,592,208	729,702,751
4.		Ky	Flamingo	8,099,560	74,563,764
5.		Edward	Flamingo	4,481,288	191,907,108

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

