

# HEENE CE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



## Headteacher's message

Date: Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a brilliantly busy week at Heene and I would like to begin by offering a huge congratulations to our Year 6 pupils for completing their SATs. We are incredibly proud of each and every one of them. They approached the week with maturity, resilience and determination, demonstrating not only their academic knowledge but also their positive attitudes and perseverance. Everyone has commented on their focus and commitment throughout the year, which is a real credit to them and their families.

Now that SATs are complete, we are excited to enter a very special final term for Year 6. There is so much to look forward to: end-of-year performances, enrichment opportunities, transition activities, Lodge Hill and, most importantly, the chance to make lasting memories together before they move on to secondary school. We are committed to ensuring that these final weeks are filled with joy, celebration and meaningful experiences that reflect their journey through Heene.

Next week is set to be another busy and exciting one for our school community. We are delighted to welcome families who will be joining us in September for our new parents evening – an important opportunity to begin building strong relationships and share what makes Heene so special. Alongside this, we have a number of other events taking place across the week.

I am particularly looking forward to taking some of our Year 3 and 4 pupils to the theatre to perform on Tuesday – an exciting opportunity for them to showcase their talents and represent the school! On Wednesday, we are also taking part in our #beseen reading event in Victoria Park alongside St Mary's and Worthing High School. We warmly invite families to join us after school – come along and be seen with a book, comic or in fact anything you enjoy reading. It promises to be a lovely celebration of reading within our community and our huge thank you to Polly Atkins for organising!

Finally, Thursday next week is census day. Please help us by allowing your child joining in with the great big relish BBQ (see poster) - if you need any help logging into the Relish portal, please do ask!

As always, thank you for your continued support.

Have a great weekend!

Laura Turner - Headteacher

## Early Years

We have been watching our caterpillars transform over the past few weeks and the excitement built this week as we watched them hatch out of their cocoons as butterflies. Once their wings are strong enough to flap, we will set them free.



## Year One

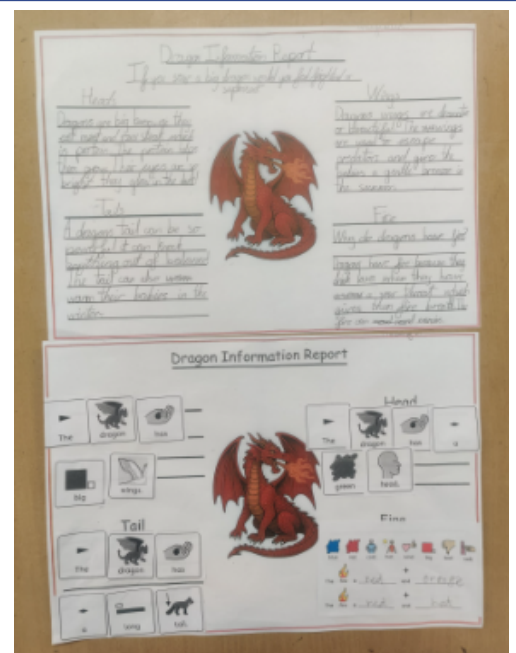


On Thursday, Year 1 had a fantastic time at Worthing Museum. They all enjoyed the workshop about exploring toys from the past and doing iSpy activities around the museum.

## Year Two

This week we have been writing a non-fiction report about dragons! We have used lots of clever writer skills to showcase our knowledge.

We focused on formal, factual language and used questions to engage the reader.



## Year Three



This week we had visitors from Volkner Stevin. This is the company who are replacing the old groynes on the seafront. They explained the job that they do and why we need groynes.

## Year Four

This week we finished our Destination Reader book - Song of the River. We loved learning all about the beavers and how much impact they have on our landscapes.

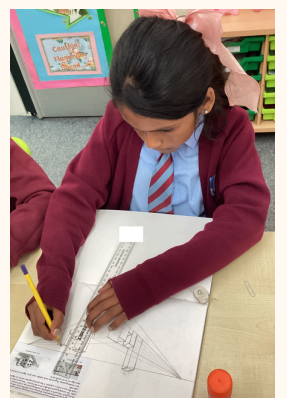
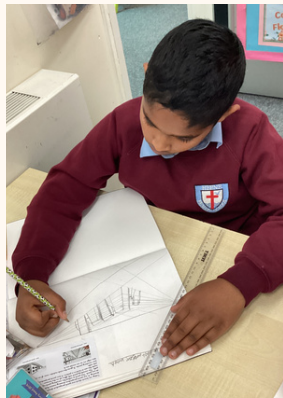
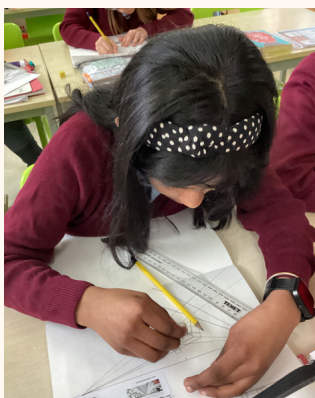
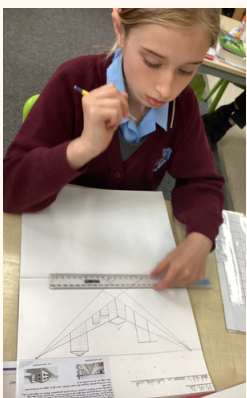
On Monday we will be writing a book review on what we've learnt this term.



## Year Five



News from the flamboyance of Flamingos and pride of Peacocks



In art we have studied the works of Stephen Wiltshire and Sir Christopher Wren. We developed our drawing skills by looking at one and two point perspective. Next week we will use these skills to sketch our own skylines.

## Year Six

Well done, Year 6, for a fantastic week of hardwork, resilience and confidence through all your SATs papers.

You have made us all proud; you should be proud of yourselves!

Goodbye SATs, welcome to all the exciting events left for us to look forward to!



## Attendance

DCAT  
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ACADEMY TRUST

### 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](mailto: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 -	Emma (Goldfinch Class)	Gulizar (Hummingbird Class)
Year 1 -	Jaiden (Starling Class)	Thea (Robin Class)
Year 2 -	Niall (Blackbird Class)	Liya (Puffin Class)
Year 3 -	Toby (Nightingale Class)	Liam (Kestrel Class)
Year 4 -	Sublime (Magpie Class)	Samiha (Kingfisher Class)
Year 5 -	Shianne (Flamingo Class)	Luca (Peacock Class)
Year 6 -	Whole class (Buzzard Class)	Whole class (Eagle Class)

Headteachers Award - All of Year 6!

## Attendance matters!

Year R - 93.95%

Year 1 - 95.61%

Year 2 - 96.96%

Year 3 - 98.85%

Year 4 - 90.85%

Year 5 - 95.89%

Year 6 - 97.72%

We aim for 96% attendance or above.

This week our whole school attendance is 95.93%

Academic year to date 93.9%



## Key Dates - 2026

- 18/05 FOHPS Summer disco  
No Board Games Club / No Gym Club
- 20/05  Theme Day - World Bee Day
- 20/05 No Pens Day
- 20/05 Be seen reading event - Victoria Park
- 21/05 Church Service St Matthews
- 21/05 Signing Choir CANCELLED
- 21/05 School Census Day  
 Theme Day - The Great Big Relish BBQ
- 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
- 22/06 Year 6 Leavers Service - Chichester Cathedral
- 26/06 Year 5 taster at Worthing High School
- 27/06 FOHPS Summer Fair (details to follow)
- 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**

♥ LET'S SHOW OUR CHILDREN...

✨ WE ALL READ

✨ WE ENJOY READING

✨ READING IS FOR EVERYONE

**Come and join us!**

# **BE SEEN READING**



**A big reading picnic  
at Victoria Park  
on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>  
May  
after school.**

📖 **WHAT SHOULD YOU BRING?**

**BRING ALONG ANYTHING YOU ENJOY READING,**

**SUCH AS:**

**BOOKS** 📚

**MAGAZINES** 📖

**COMICS** 📖 ♂

**NEWSPAPERS** 📰

**OR ANYTHING THAT INTERESTS YOU!**

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May

# No Pens Day

Children need to bring in something they would like to show and talk about with their class.

Some ideas are as follows:

- An item collected on a walk
- A trophy, certificate or medal from a club they belong to
- A plant they have grown
- A musical instrument they play
- A model they have made
- Their favourite book
- A picture they have drawn or painted
- A photo of a special person or a special place

The list is endless!

We will be collecting £1 donations for Speech and Language UK



# Wild Beach

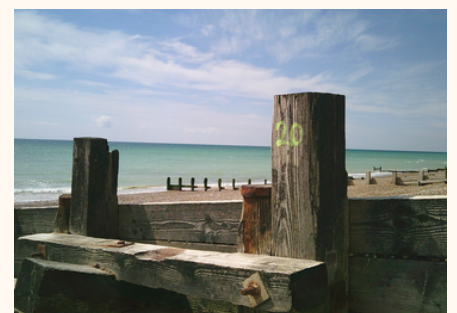
Nightingale started their Wild Beach session this week with a few minutes to sit and take in their surroundings. They had a look at the clouds, Felix told me he could see a dog and some other shapes. They also cupped their hands round their ears to hone in on the sounds around them and stuck their tongues out to see if they could taste the salt in the air.



The children then practiced their knot tying and tripod lashing skills so that they could make a den. This time the children were creating a village. We talked about what you would need in a village. Melvin asked the very sensible question of whether it was a village for now or in the past. The children voted for it to be in the past (though we didn't set a specific time!). The children created 2 cafes, a school, a house and a museum, that turned into a wind tunnel as it wasn't doing so well at staying up! Once they had finished making their structures it was time to enjoy a well-earned cup of hot chocolate!

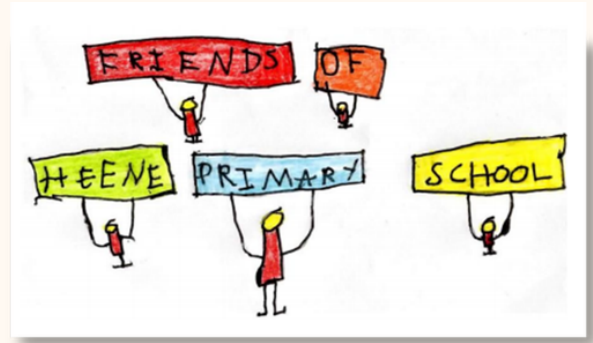


Before we left the beach the children looked at where the new groynes have been put on the beach. The children looked at where numbers had been painted on some of the posts to show where the posts were that needed replacing.



# FUN RUN!

Thank you to the  
Friends of Heene  
for organising such  
a brilliant Fun Run  
last Friday!



A big WELL DONE  
to all the children  
who took part and  
a big THANK YOU  
TO all those who  
sponsored a child!



# 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



# CELEBRATE SPORT!



On Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May, Year 1 children competed in the MatchFit Football Festival.

This was the first time Year 1 have competed against other schools. It was a fantastic afternoon where each child participated in 5 & 8 minute games. They worked so well as a team and we saved lots of goals!!

A special mention to Corey for scoring a goal!

Well done to:

Corey, Thavish, Ben, Jib and Thomas

Well done everybody for a wonderful afternoon of sport and making Team Heene proud!

Thanks to all the families who came along to support us 😊

*Please ensure all football kits are returned!*



## Nature Notes

Mrs Jackson sent in this fabulous photo of a blue tit in her garden. Mrs. Jackson is lucky enough to have been able to watch this family of birds as the parent fly back and forth, feeding the chicks.



Here's Emmi (Nightingale) and Woody (Starling). Woody has rescued a woolly bear caterpillar and put it in some plants to keep it safe. Emmi and Woody found a Mermaid's Purse at the beach. Great spots both of you!



Eddie (Flamingo) and Mrs. Polhill went to Finland in the Easter holidays and saw the Aurora Borealis, or Northern Lights. How wonderful.



Oh dear! Mr. Barwell had a stand off with two seagulls this week when having his lunch in Victoria Park - they were eyeing up his pizza swirl (hence the menacing look!). The Herring Gulls gradually approached him more and more, but eventually flew off when he'd finished his lunch!

**We always love seeing the photos that you send in of the children out and about exploring nature, and of the brilliant things they spot.**

**Please keep sending your photos to - [naturenotes@heenepprimary.co.uk](mailto:naturenotes@heenepprimary.co.uk)**



### 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



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Makaton



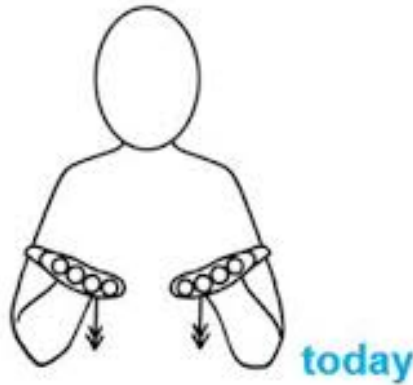
signs

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](mailto: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](mailto: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

**Books for Topics**

**Good Night Stories for Rebel Girls**  
100 Tales of Extraordinary Women

**Counting on Katherine**  
Katherine Johnson and Apollo 11

**I Flew Around the World**  
The true story of a young boy and his record-breaking flight

**Rainforest Warrior**  
The Story of Chico Mendes

**Fantastically Great Women Who Changed the World**

**Lottie the Little Wonder**  
Little Girls

**The Prince of Stars**  
Chagh Beg, Extraordinary Astronomer

**The Fossil Hunter**  
Kate Winter

**Joan Procter, Dragon Doctor**

**Young, Gifted and Black**  
Happy Black Heroes from 1800 to Present

**Pete the Cat**

**Harriet Tubman**

**Georgia O'Keeffe**

**Queen Elizabeth**

**SCAN ME**

If you like...

**Little People, Big Dreams**

...try these!

Visit [www.booksfortopics.com](http://www.booksfortopics.com) for more ideas!

# *Week ending Friday 15th May 2026*



## *Top Rockstar from each year group*

**Year 2:** Frankie

**Year 3:** Antoni

**Year 4:** Aaleyah

**Year 5:** Dorota

**Year 6:** Stanley

**Winning Class:** Kingfisher



**Week ending  
15th May. Well  
done everyone!**

### Top Spelling Shed Groups<sup>1</sup>

#	Group	Score
1.	Flamingo	31,654,209
2.	Peacock	12,452,726
3.	Kestrel	8,957,734
4.	Blackbird	5,734,190
5.	Buzzard	3,217,296
6.	Puffin	1,971,278
7.	Magpie	1,725,407
8.	Kingfisher	813,216
9.	Nightingale	602,894
10.	Eagle	0

### Top Spelling Shed Pupils

#	Avatar	Pupil	Groups	Score	Total Score
1.		Charlie	Peacock	11,232,350	199,530,635
2.		Antonia-Grace	Flamingo	10,713,020	243,654,470
3.		Lucas	Flamingo	8,340,213	70,482,706
4.		Emmanuel	Kestrel	6,703,648	726,980,447
5.		Ovwigho	Flamingo	6,419,738	46,028,071

# 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



WEST WORTHING CLUB

# FAMILY FUN DAY & CLUB OPEN DAY

SUNDAY 17 MAY  
10.30AM - 2.00PM

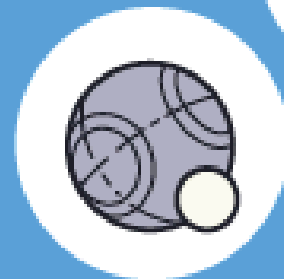
TRY TENNIS, PADEL, SQUASH  
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PREMIUM FACILITIES  
EXPERT COACHING

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Join us for The

# **GREAT BIG RELISH BBQ**

**Offering A Free Meal This Census Day!**

**Let's celebrate together!**

**A Free Meal for all Students KS1 & KS2**

**Thursday 21st of May 2026**

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