

HEENE CE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Headteacher's message

Date: Friday 8th May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, a huge thank you to the FOHPS for organising the fun run today - well done to all the children for taking part and thank you everyone who sponsored the children! Events such as this remind us all of what a wonderful community we have here at Heene and our vision "Together in faith we love, grow and learn" guides how we work together as a community.

This includes the way adults conduct themselves on the school site and in all interactions connected to school life. We expect behaviour from all adults that reflects our shared values of respect, kindness and responsibility. Any behaviour that is aggressive, inappropriate or unsettling for children, their families or staff is not acceptable. If parents or carers witness behaviour that causes concern, please report to a member of staff as soon as possible. Sharing concerns allows the school to act promptly, fulfil its safeguarding responsibilities and ensure a safe and respectful environment for all children. Concerns will always be handled professionally and appropriately. Thank you for your continued support in upholding the standards that keep our school community safe and respectful.

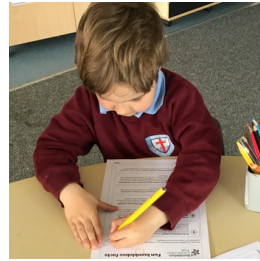
We are pleased to share that we have launched our Young Carers initiative at school to support children who help to care for a family member at home. Young carers often show incredible maturity, kindness and resilience, but balancing caring responsibilities alongside school life can sometimes be challenging. By recognising and supporting young carers, we want to ensure every child feels understood, valued and able to thrive. The group, led by Miss Greathead and myself will provide a safe space to talk and take part in positive activities. If you think your child may be a young carer, or would like to find out more, please do speak to us in confidence – we are here to help!

Finally a message for our wonderful Year 6 as they take their SATs next week - we want to wish you all good luck! We are incredibly proud of how hard you have worked and the resilience, determination and confidence you show every day. Remember, these tests are just one small part of your learning journey – they do not define you or all that you can do. Try your best, take your time and believe in yourselves. We are all behind you and cheering you on!

Have a great weekend!
Laura Turner - Headteacher

Early Years

We were very lucky to have Mrs. Usher talk to us about the work she does with the Bumblebee Conservation Trust. We learnt about the differences between bumblebees, including what they look like (24 types), where they live and who makes honey. Mrs. Usher has a set area she walks through to see if she can find any bumblebees, what flowers they are on and where they are. She often hears them before seeing them as they are so loud. Bumblebees have pollen baskets on their legs and shiver to stay warm. Thank you Mrs Usher, we all learnt a lot. The children then got to go on a bee hunt and look close up at some bees.



Year One

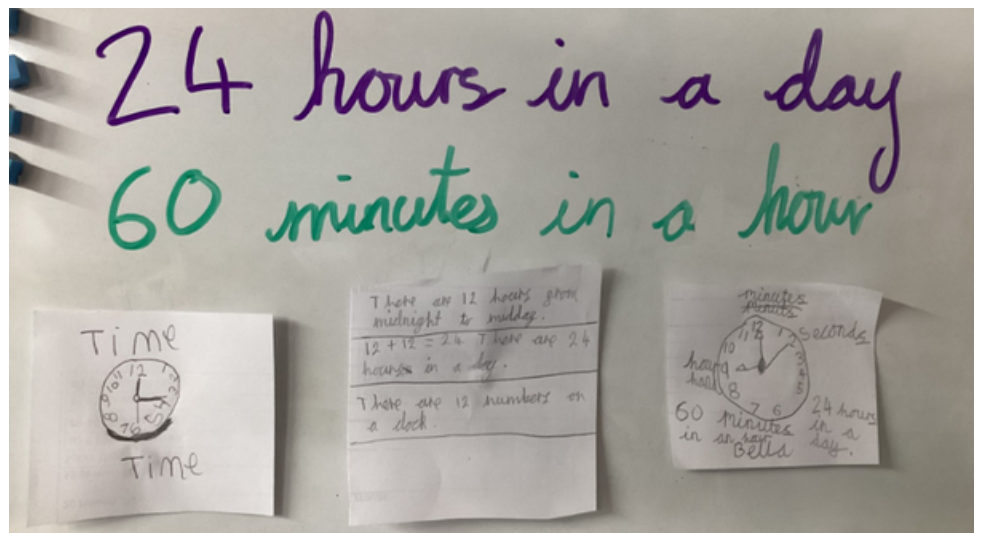
This week in Maths, Year 1 have been learning how to measure using non-standard units such as cubes and Diennes. By exploring this in a practical way, they are developing a practical understanding of length and height. They have been carefully lining up the blocks to measure different objects and counting how many units each item is, using language such as “longer,” “shorter,” and “taller and smaller.”



Year Two

As homework, we have all agreed to ask our parents and carers to help us learn to tell the time as it is such a vital skill!

Year 2 have been starting their new learning on time!



Year Three



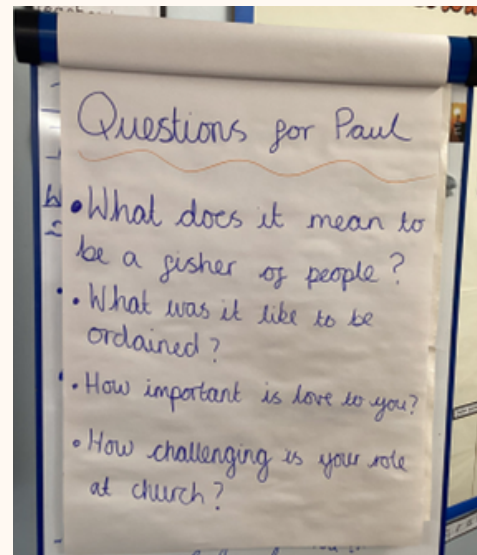
This week in RE we learnt about the fruit of the spirit.



Year Four

This terms R.R big question is
"What kind of a world did Jesus want"

We have been thinking a lot about what ia like to be a fisher of people and we were very Lucky to have Paul from St. Matthews come and visit year 4 and help us answer all the questions we had!



Year Five



News from the flamboyance of Flamingos and pride of Peacocks



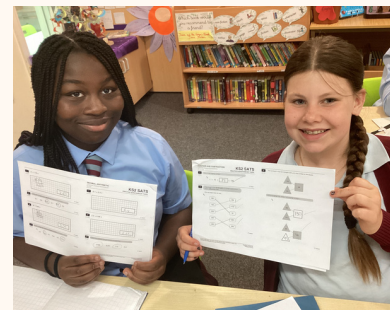
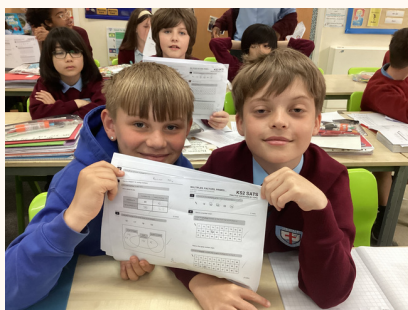
In RSHE (MyHappyMind), we have been looking at economic responsibilities by understanding needs, wants and risks in relation to money. We looked at the difference between wants and needs before looking at some of the risks associated with money management. As part of the lesson, we played a game in groups where money was gained/lost based on different scenarios.

Don't forget to download the My Happy Mind App at home!

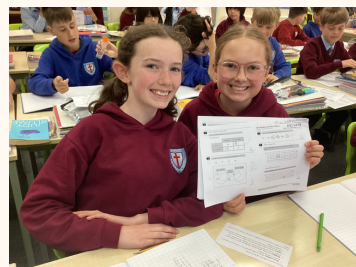


Year Six

This week, Year 6 have been working hard revising their Maths, Reading and GPS in preparation for SATs next week!



We are proud of all the hard work they have put into their learning so far this year and wish them all the best as they 'cook' in their tests next week!



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@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 -	Ayham (Goldfinch Class)	Nihaan (Hummingbird Class)
Year 1 -	Thavish (Starling Class)	Ben (Robin Class)
Year 2 -	Skylar (Blackbird Class)	Eliza (Puffin Class)
Year 3 -	Aami (Nightingale Class)	Nevaeh (Kestrel Class)
Year 4 -	Freya (Magpie Class)	Nikol (Kingfisher Class)
Year 5 -	Ovwigho (Flamingo Class)	Wyatt (Peacock Class)
Year 6 -	Alexandra (Buzzard Class)	Paige (Eagle Class)

Headteachers Award - Kumsal

Attendance matters!

Year R - 94.75%

Year 1 - 97.59%

Year 2 - 94.63%

Year 3 - 97.63%

Year 4 - 95.48%

Year 5 - 93.53%

Year 6 - 94.44%

We aim for 96% attendance or above.

This week our whole school attendance is **95.51%**

Academic year to date **93.76%**



Key Dates - 2026

11-14/05 Year 6 SATS week

12/05 Year 3 - Nightingale Wild Beach

14/05 Year 1 - Museum trip

18/05 FOHPS Summer disco (details to follow)

20/05  Theme Day - World Bee Day

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

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

Wild Beach

Nightingale started their Wild Beach sessions this week.

When the children first arrived they ate their snack and took in the scenery.

Their first activity was to take a 'Hag's-Eye View' of their surroundings. They did this by using a 'Hag Stone'. These are stones that have a hole all the way through so that you can see through them and really focus on what you are looking at, whether it is studying the sand and pebbles or observing all the different types of clouds in the sky. For centuries, hag stones have been believed to bring good luck and protect your house from witches, hence the name, 'hag', an old word for witch.



Their next activity was kite flying - the wind was playing a bit of a game with them and was quite blustery but the children didn't amazingly well and were very excited when their kites took off and stayed flying for a while.



Beach cleaning next - well done, Nightingale you cleaned up lots of rubbish!



And the last activity was paddling - super fun and not TOO cold!!

CELEBRATE SPORT!



On Wednesday 6th May, 2 teams of Y5/6 athletes competed in the Worthing School's Quad Kids athletics. It was a fantastic afternoon where each child participated in a sprint, 600m run, howler throw and long jump event.

The team were praised by staff from other schools for their respect, community spirit and resilience throughout the afternoon. Some brilliant performances from all of the children and they represented our school so well. Both teams came 6th in their respective competitions out of 9 schools which is an excellent achievement. Special mentions:

Jonny - 1st overall in the Blue Group boys out of 45 athletes, he came 1st in the throw, 2nd in the long jump and 3rd in his sprint.

Olive - 7th overall in the White Group girls out of 45 athletes, she came 3rd in the sprint.

Dante - 10th overall in the White Group boys out of 45 athletes, he came 1st in the long jump.

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 athletics tops are returned ready for our next event.



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



Makaton



signs

and



symbols.

Sign of the Week - before and after



For 'before' your hand moves towards your body, going over your flat hand. For 'after' it starts by your chest, going in the opposite direction to before.

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@heenepprimary.co.uk before 9am on each day your child is unwell, giving a specific reason for absence ie. diarrhoea, vomiting, headache etc

01903 201386

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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...

Holly Webb

...try these!

Visit www.booksfortopics.com for more ideas!

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



Week ending Friday 8th May 2026



Top Rockstar from each year group

Year 2: Liya

Year 3: Jacob

Year 4: Aaleyah

Year 5: Charlie

Year 6: Shamiad

Winning Class: Magpie



**Week ending
8th May. Well
done everyone!**

Top Spelling Shed Groups¹

#	Group	Score
1.	Buzzard	14,158,493
2.	Kestrel	14,003,238
3.	Nightingale	7,402,810
4.	Flamingo	6,027,243
5.	Blackbird	3,987,633
6.	Peacock	2,011,004
7.	Magpie	974,921
8.	Puffin	367,388
9.	Kingfisher	8,000
10.	Eagle	0

Top Spelling Shed Pupils

#	Avatar	Pupil	Groups	Score	Total Score
1.		Reuben	Buzzard	9,995,179	158,005,317
2.		Emmanuel	Kestrel	8,347,575	720,276,799
3.		Antonia-Grace	Flamingo	7,890,792	232,941,450
4.		Edward	Flamingo	4,356,888	183,602,460
5.		Jayden	Kestrel	4,092,592	272,197,069

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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EXPERT COACHING

Book here

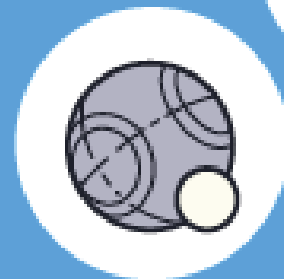


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WEEKEND LTA

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Thursday 21st of May 2026

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