



Dear Families,

As October arrives, we have certainly noticed a shift in the weather. Autumn has definitely arrived, bringing with it more of our "typical" British weather! Please make sure that children have a coat—even if it is a lightweight waterproof—with them every day, as conditions can change rapidly throughout the school day.

Looking back at this week, our Friday celebration assembly was a wonderful highlight. It served as a fantastic reminder of just how hard our children work and how much they can achieve across all areas of school life. Listening to all the wonderful successes and praise shared by our staff was truly inspiring to hear.

Thank you for your continued support as we head further into a busy, productive term. Please ensure name labels are on all coats, and enjoy a warm and restful weekend!

Miss Emmett
Head of School

Celebration Assembly

All the children work hard to follow our Golden Rules and to use their Learning Powers, and in the last two weeks we especially congratulate ...

Oak Class Reception – Louie & Violet
Maple Class Y1 – Teddy & Willow
Willow Class Y2 – Woody & Woody
Chestnut Class Y3 – Manni & Imogen
Spindle Class Y4 – Summer & Darla-Mae
Ash Class Y5 – Carys & Emelia
Sycamore Class Y6 – Elliott & Esmie

Prayer from Celebration Worship

Dear Lord,

Thank you for my community, my courage and love.

Thank you for my friends and family.

I appreciate you guiding me, while letting me fly on my own.

Thank you for making me feel like I belong and matter.

Amen

Written and read by Scholar - Sycamore Class Y6

Attendance

Good attendance is key to your child's success, learning, and happiness at school. Arriving on time every day ensures they never miss out on vital lessons, exciting activities, or time with friends.



Congratulations to our winning class this week...

Oak Class with 100% attendance

Oak Class - Reception	100%
Maple Class - Year 1	98.33%
Willow Class – Year 2	97.24%
Chestnut Class – Year 3	98.08%
Spindle Class – Year 4	98.33%
Ash Class – Year 5	96.56%
Sycamore Class – Year 6	93.45%



Thank you for your continued support in helping our pupils achieve their very best by prioritising regular attendance!

Calendar dates

Please visit our website to keep up to date with all school events. This is the easiest way to keep an eye on everything school life.

<https://www.herstmonceux.e-sussex.sch.uk/Calendar/>

School Photos

Just a reminder that the school photographer will be visiting Herstmonceux on Thursday 15th October to take individual and sibling photos.

This will take place during the morning session. If your child has PE on Thursday, please make sure they wear their usual uniform. PE lessons will be adapted to reflect the clothing.

School uniform is;

- Navy blue sweatshirt/cardigan with yellow school logo
- Yellow polo shirt with blue school logo
- Grey trousers/shorts/pinafore dress/skirt



Changes to the Office Team

We are saying a very fond goodbye to Mrs. Lawson at the end of term as she moves on after three and a half years at Herstmonceux. Thank you, Mrs. Lawson, for all your hard work and care—we wish you every success in your new adventure!

After the half-term holiday, Mrs. Mullery will be taking up the secretary role, with the full support of our school team. Please join us in wishing Mrs. Lawson well and welcoming Mrs. Mullery!

Herstmonceux Fantastic 50!

Our Fantastic 50 is a commitment to ensure that all of our children leave Year 6 having experienced an enriched school experience. We have mapped out 50 experiences, interactions and connections that we believe enrich childhood experiences and are directly relevant to and reflective of our children's local context and community.

This year we have kicked off our Fantastic 50 with Year 6 watching the sunrise – albeit through the cloud!



Keep a look out for more updates!

Supporting Your Child with Goodbyes

Saying goodbye at the school gate can sometimes be tough for both children and parents. Separation anxiety is a completely normal part of childhood, but simple routines can make drop-offs much smoother.

Child mental health charity Place2Be has shared a brilliant guide, *Help your child manage separations and goodbyes*, on their Parenting Smart website. It offers practical strategies, including creating consistent goodbye rituals, offering simple comforts from home, and projecting calm confidence at drop-off.

You can read the full guide and watch the short video at

<https://parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk/article/help-your-child-manage-separations-and-goodbyes>

As always, please reach out if you need extra support.

PTA Events

We have plenty of exciting events coming up over the next few months! Please take a look at the dates below and make a note in your diaries.

- **Thursday 22nd October – School Disco & Non-Uniform Day**
 - **KS1:** 3:15pm – 4:15pm
 - **KS2:** 4:15pm – 5:15pm
 - *Children may wear non-uniform to school today.*

- **Friday 20th November – Non-Uniform Day (Chocolate Donation)**
 - Children can come to school in non-uniform in exchange for a donation of **chocolates** for our Christmas Fayre tombola.

- **Friday 4th December – Non-Uniform Day (Bottle Donation)**
 - Children can come to school in non-uniform in exchange for a donation of a **bottle** (e.g., wine, spirits, soft drinks, or toiletries) for the Christmas Fayre bottle tombola.

- **Saturday 5th December – Christmas Fayre (12:00pm – 2:30pm)**
 - Join us for festive stalls, games, and holiday treats!

- **Tuesday 15th December – Elfridges School Christmas Shop**

Children can visit the secret gift shop during the school day to purchase and wrap presents for family members.

- **Thursday 17th December – Christmas School Disco & Non-Uniform Day**
 - **KS1:** 3:15pm – 4:15pm
 - **KS2:** 4:15pm – 5:15pm
 - *Children may wear non-uniform to school today.*

In other news...



Congratulations to Olivia who competed at the Sussex Gymnastics championships at Hollington in Hastings on Sunday 11th October.

It was her first time competing at a higher club level. She presented her 3 tumbles strongly and neatly. She secured first place becoming Sussex champion for her club level.

KS1 - Free

Thursday 5 November 2026

LET'S ROCKET

MAINS
Chicken Goujons
or
Vegan Meatball Sub (Ve)

SIDES
Whizz Bang Chips
Peas
Baked Beans

DESSERTS
School Cake
or Fresh Fruit

Also available: All other daily options

*Menus may be subject to change

Chartwells

SCHOOL DISCO

22ND OCTOBER

**£4 PER CHILD
INCLUDES NON UNIFORM DAY,
SNACK AND DRINK.**

**KS1: 3.15PM-4.15PM
KS2: 4.30PM-5.30PM**

SIGN UP AND PAY ON ARBOR.



The banner features a Halloween theme with pumpkins, a ghost, bats, and a schoolhouse. It displays four schoolwear items: a blue V-neck sweater, a white polo shirt, a grey cardigan, and a blue zip-up jacket. The text 'BRIGADE SCHOOLWEAR' is in the top left. The central offer is 'Offer: 15% Discount' with the code 'HALLOWEEN26'. The dates are '30th October - 2nd November'. Below the offer are three icons: a shield for 'Quality, lasting garments', a leaf for 'Great value for families', and a group of people for 'Trusted by schools'. The bottom section provides three steps to order: 1. Go to www.brigade.uk.com, 2. Click on 'Parents Order here', and 3. Enter your school's name in the search box, select your school and place your order. The slogan 'Uniform made to last' is at the bottom.

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Brigade are offering an incredible 15% discount on uniform orders over Halloween!

Use code: HALLOWEEN26 (To be applied at checkout)

Visit: www.brigade.uk.com/parents

Safeguarding at Herstmonceux CE Primary School

Our school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, and expects staff, including volunteers and visitors, to share this commitment.

No worry is too small.
If you see or hear something that concerns you, speak to one of our safeguarding team.
We are always here to listen and help.

If you have safeguarding concerns or would like to discuss any issues that arise, please contact us in person, via the school office or by using the email address safeguarding@herstmonceux.e-sussex.sch.uk.



Helen Emmett
Head of School
Safeguarding Lead



Catherine
Cottingham
Executive
Headteacher
Deputy
Safeguarding Lead



Kally Livingston
SENCO
Deputy
Safeguarding lead

You can also get advice if you have a concern about a child from the following helplines:

East Sussex Single point of Advice :01323 464222

NSPCC Safeguarding advice line: 0808 800 5000

*Chair of Governors: Liz Ford
Safeguarding Governors Nina Jabang and Emma Robinson*

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/>

ChildLine: <https://www.childline.org.uk/>