



Hoath Primary School

February 2026 - Newsletter

Happiness
Opportunities
Achievements
Together
Honesty

Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't believe that it is February already! January has literally flown by and now, we look forward to lighter nights, longer evenings, a bit more daylight sun and hopefully, less rain. Thank goodness! We love the mud at Hoath but a little less mud would be great too!

It has been such a busy month. We submitted our entry for the Kent Wilder Award a few weeks ago and are waiting with baited breath about the outcome. When it comes, we shall let you know straight away. Already, we are planning for our focus next year, which will be sustainability, so do not be surprised if your children start following you around the house turning off lights! Picker Pals is also great fun and we love that so many families have enjoyed the Picker Pals kit for the weekend completing countryside and beach cleans.

A few months back, we took part in Children In Need and raised an astonishing amount for our little school. In talking to the charity, I asked about how we could celebrate such an achievement and they then spoke to the sponsors. The medals that your children came home with on Friday were in recognition of that great fund-raising achievement. Well done Team Hoath!

Many of our sports events have been scheduled for the next two months so keep an eye out for dates. Cross-country is re-arranged for Wednesday so please be ready if that includes your child. As ever, we wish all of our teams good luck and are excited to see what Hoath can do. On Wednesday afternoon, class 1 took part in the Wake-up and Shake-up competition run by the Herne Bay Sports Partnership. The children were amazing and had the opportunity to dance on the big stage together. Well done Team Hoath!

Obviously, last week was a particularly busy one in school too. We are so very grateful for your kind words, wishes and support. Some of the opinions that you shared with the Ofsted inspectors made us so proud and we were just blown away with your caring words and understanding of what we do here at Hoath. We are not able to share the results with you yet and these will be published in about 6 weeks but we were so very proud of the children who demonstrated what Hoath is all about! Thank you so much for everything, and especially, for trusting us with your wonderful children. Well done Team Hoath!

Please remember that we are here if you need us. Remember, if you would like a chat and a coffee later with a cake freshly prepared by our lovely baker Miss Boulding, MaD (Mums, Dads and anyone else too) will be running from 2.15 to 3.15 in the school hall. Some staff will be available for a natter but you are welcome to come and join in with others while taking a bit of you time before pick-up,

Kindest regards,

Mrs Phillipson

Dates for your diaries

02/02/2026	Parents/Carers	MaD Monday	<p>We invite you into school on Monday 2nd February 2026 from 2:15pm - 3:15pm for an informal meet and greet.</p> <p>We will have cake available, teas and coffees and a time for you all to chill out and unload before school pickup. No need to book, just turn up.</p> <p>Times are tough so let's be there for each other.</p>
03/02/2026	Class 4	Forest School	Class 4 - final Forest School session
04/02/2026	Selected Children	Cross Country	Selected children will have brought a letter home last week
06/02/2026	Whole School	NSPCC Number Day	<p>We would like the children (and staff) to wear something with numbers on it. This could be something like a football shirt with a number on the back, or a homemade top.</p> <p>The only requirement is for the children to be able to talk about the number they are wearing and to make sure that the clothing is appropriate for school.</p> <p>We will not be taking donations for this but if you would like to donate directly to NSPCC please visit Donate NSPCC</p>
10/02/2026	Girl's Football Team	Football Match	Away to Bysing Wood (Team to be decided)
11/02/2026	Selected children	Athletics	Some children from Year 5/6 will be taking part in Sport's Hall Athletics
12/02/2026	Whole School	Menu Change	Please see the menu below for more information
13/02/2026	Whole School	Last Day of Term 3	School will finish at the usual time of 3:15pm
23/02/2026	Whole School	First Day of Term 4	All children expected to attend at 8:35am
23/02/2026	Whole School	Book Week	More information to follow.
24/02/2026 03/03/2026 10/03/2026 17/03/2026 24/03/2026	Class 3	Forest School	Class 3 parents - please click here to view the Forest School letter
25/02/2026	Girl's Football Team	Football Match	TBC
26/02/2026	Whole School	Wizard Stories	More information to follow
27/02/2026	Whole School	Book Dress Up Day	More information to follow
04/03/2026	Whole School	Collective Worship	Father Craig in school for assembly
09/03/2026	Whole School	Science Week	More information to follow
10/03/2026	Netball Team	Netball Match	Home against Bysing Wood
13/03/2026	Whole School	Reports	Reports will be sent home with children.
16/03/2026 19/03/2026	Whole School	Parents' Evening/ Afternoon	More information to follow
24/03/2026	Class 1	Hearing and Vision	School Health Service in school to complete Hearing & Vision Screening for children in Year R.

KINDNESS DAY

Menu
12th February 2026

Decorate Your Own Cheese & Tomato Pizza
with Various Toppings to make a happy face
Or
Veggie Sharing Dippers
With
Potato Faces
Peas & Sweetcorn

Shortbread Smiley Biscuits,
Fresh Fruit
Or Yoghurt

Also Available Jacket Potato & Filling, Salad Bar,
Homemade Bread

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This is more than simply counting our plastic. We're helping build a people-powered movement for a fair future. Will you join us?

Sign up to count your plastic at <https://tbpc2026.com/email-website>

Class 4 - Forest School



This term, Class 4 have enjoyed forest school. The weather has been very cold and wet, but they have had so much fun!

They have toasted crumpets, heated marshmallows for smores, prepared the dough and cooked dampers/bread, and warmed up with hot chocolate around the fire.



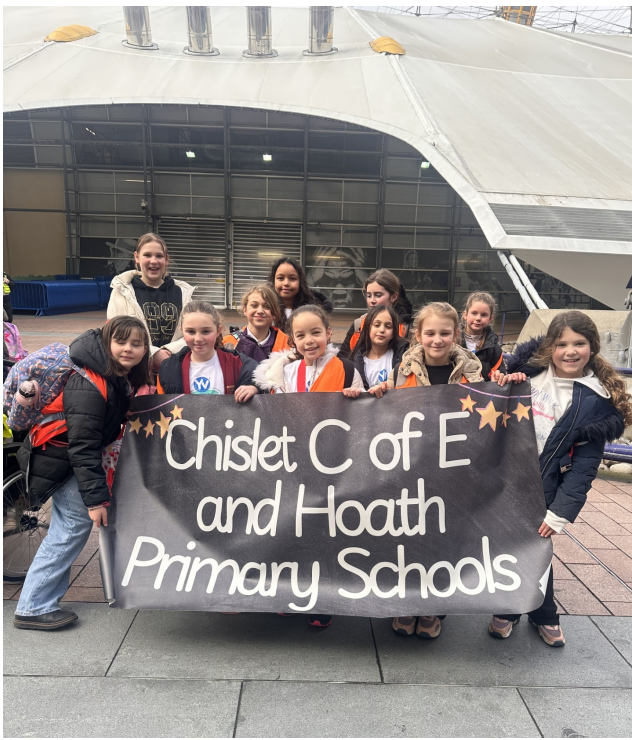


Class 3 had a fantastic day at the Roman Museum. The photos say it all, just look at those smiles!



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Young Voices - O2



The choir went to the O2 as part of the Young Voices choir 2026.

It was an amazing experience for all involved.

Not only did we get to perform alongside over 8,000 children but we sang with Elphaba who came straight from the Wicked musical in the West End!

We were also part of a world wide Wicked sing along with over 250,000 children joining in online from all over the world!

A huge achievement for Hoath, a huge well done to all the children in the choir.

Class 1

Class 1 are learning all about Brilliant Bears this term. We have learnt all about different types of bears, what they eat and where they live.

We have made log bears in Forest School, planted bulbs ready for Spring and bird feeders to encourage the birds in our garden in readiness for the Big School Birdwatch.



We performed at a Wake Up Shake Competition at Boughton Primary and had a brilliant time performing our dance to Golden. The children were brilliant and we are so proud of them.





Class 2

Class Two had a very special visitor this week!

Steve Hulks, a dedicated Paramedic and School Governor, explained what a typical day at the Ambulance Service looks like, the uniform and badges they wear, and how teamwork can save lives.

The children were captivated by his stories, and had a first-hand look at how important Paramedics are in our community. It was both educational and inspiring!

Thank you very much for your time Steve!



GRAND OPENING CHILDREN'S AREA AT THE SEASIDE MUSEUM

Saturday 14 February

Wizard Stories performing at 9.30am (SEN session), 11am, 1pm, 2.15pm



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Title: Relationship Manager

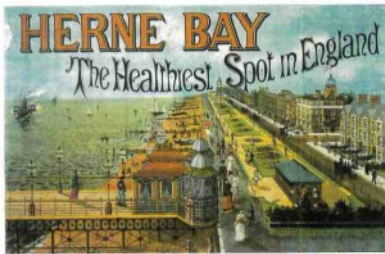
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the SEASIDE MUSEUM HERNE BAY

Take a trip back to the heyday of the English seaside, when thousands travelled by steamer or train from London to enjoy a day or stay at this traditional resort.

With its wide promenade, traditional bandstand, pier and grand clock tower, Herne Bay is little changed since it first became a sea-bathing resort almost 200 years ago.

Its historic coastline has yielded many important artefacts, from prehistoric fossils and traces from early settlers, to wildlife and nature of the seashore.



200 Years of Seaside Memories

Learn the history of Herne Bay and its landmarks - the bandstand, pier and grand clock tower - first of its kind in the world.



Rekindle memories of the traditional English summer with Punch and Judy and other seaside memorabilia.

Recall Herne Bay in World War II, when offshore sea forts guarded the Thames. See two bouncing bombs of Dam Busters fame, tested here by inventor Barnes Wallis.



Secrets of the Seashore

Imagine a time when mammoths roamed the foreshore and Neolithic man worked stone into fine tools.

See prehistoric mammoth tusks and fossils from Herne Bay's beaches, including shark teeth! Learn to identify the wildlife which still inhabits this ever-changing coastline.



Settlers, Seafarers and Smugglers

See beautiful treasures from Saxon and early Roman settlements, when legionaries patrolled the bay and built their great fort at Reculver.



Explore Herne Bay's days as a seaport to carry goods from London to Canterbury, when Nelson anchored his fleet offshore and smugglers fought a deadly battle with the Excise men on the beaches. Learn how the people of Herne Bay struggled through storm and ice to overcome the power of the sea.



Sea and Sky

Artists like JMW Turner and Marcel Duchamp found inspiration under Herne Bay's brilliant skies. Enjoy the work of many local artists and craftspeople who have followed them and chosen to live and work in the town.

Just yards from Herne Bay sea front, the Seaside Museum celebrates everything we love about the English seaside.

- Fascinating collections trace the 200 year history of the seaside resort
- Informative displays reveal the geology and nature of the seashore
- A rolling programme of exhibitions means there's always something new to see
- Children's Area
- Special events designed for children and families
- A seaside shop selling themed books, cards and gifts
- Fully accessible for buggies and wheelchair users
- Baby-changing facilities
- Toilets

Group and School Visits

seasidemuseumschools@gmail.com

Group visits and school parties are welcome at the Seaside Museum, by prior arrangement



The Seaside Museum is a non-profitmaking venture and has been run and managed by volunteers since 2015.

Charity No. 1160344

Planning Your Visit



The Seaside Museum
12 William Street
Herne Bay
CT6 6EJ
Tel: 01227 367368



By car: There are public car parks in Herne Bay, including one near the Seaside Museum



By bus: Frequent buses to and from Canterbury and surrounding areas. Contact Stagecoach for up to date information.



By train: Regular trains from London and the Kent coast to Herne Bay. The Seaside Museum is 15 minutes walk from the station.

Opening Hours

The Seaside Museum and shop are open all year round. Opening times may vary, please see website for up to date details.

A small charge is made for admission

-Concessions available

-Children 16 and under go FREE



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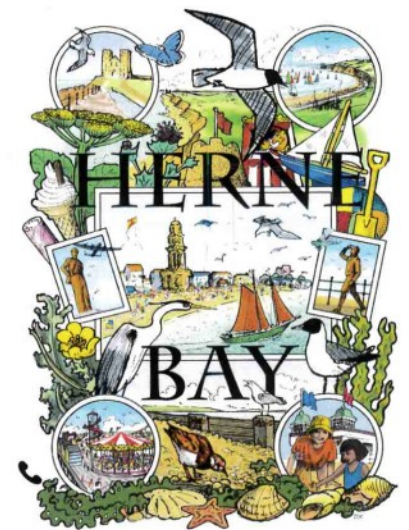


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