



Thursday 1st October 2026

Issue #389

Message from Mrs Alexander

As we head into the autumn months, the warm temperatures have definitely made it feel like the summer is hanging on. I am sure, however, it won't be long before we all need welly boots and wet weather gear!

Autumn signals an important date in our school calendar - our Harvest service at church. You might well have heard your child humming "Big Red Combine Harvester"! The service will be taking place next Tuesday morning at 9:30am. All children and staff attend church and Rev Cathrine leads our service. Parents and carers are welcome to attend. We ask that children bring a donation for the Faversham Foodbank with them to school on Tuesday morning. All the children then bring their own donation up to church themselves so please ensure it is not too heavy for them to carry. The Foodbank will collect all the donations directly from church. Thank you for your support.

With best wishes
Sarah Alexander



ATTENDANCE IS ON A ROLL! ★

Another cracking week for attendance at Hernhill! Last week we reached **99% whole-school attendance**, with **202 children in school every single day**.

And there's more to celebrate - **Year R, Year 3 and Year 6 all hit 100%**! A special shout-out to Year R, who have now managed **100% attendance for two weeks running**. 🍌

It's lovely to see so many children getting into good attendance habits right from the start of the year. Thank you, as always, for helping us make every school day count!

Mrs W



REMINDER



CHANGE OF CLUBS NEXT WEEK

Monday KS2 golf has ended now so no golf next week.

Monday KS2 Young Voices starts next week (Monday 5th October)

Faversham Foodbank would be very grateful for the following items.....

- tinned foods
- packets - rice / pasta / cereal
- plastic bottles - squash, condiments, shampoo, bubble bath
- cartons - juice, long life milk

NO GLASS JARS PLEASE.



*Our school community is rooted in
Jesus' promise of life in all its fullness;
where all are truly welcome.*

**Monday was our
karate workshop
day!**



Useful dates



* Harvest service at church -
Tues 6th Oct, 9:30am -
donations to Faversham
foodbank.

* Individual & sibling photos -
Mon 12th Oct. Smart school
uniform for everyone please.
Year 1 and 3 should bring PE kit
into school in a bag.

* OPAL parents 'Come and Play'
sessions - Mon 19th to Wed 21st
October, 12noon to 1pm.

* INSET days - school closed -
Thurs 22nd & Fri 23rd Oct.

* HALF TERM - Mon 26th to Fri
30th Oct

* Term 2 starts - Mon 2nd Nov

* Parents' Evenings - Tues 3rd &
Wed 4th Nov. Appointment
booking will open for parents
the week before half term.
Please keep a look out for the
email.

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Volunteers needed

Have a few spare hours?

We'd love some occasional help from parent volunteers please — there's no need to commit to a regular or ongoing role. You could be a Sports Buddy, accompanying a member of staff and a small group of children to a sports competition, or an OPAL play volunteer, lending a hand with our outdoor spaces. If you can help, as and when you're available, please contact the school office—we'd love to hear from you! Thank you so much.



Some of the sports competitions coming up that need a parent helper

- Wednesday 14th October, 1:00-3:45pm (Y2 basketball)
- Wednesday 18th November, 1:00-4:00pm (Y5/6 basketball)
- Wednesday 2nd December, 1:00-4:00pm (Y3/4 Unihoc cornerball)
- Wednesday 9th December, 1:00-4:00pm (Y2 football)

Some of our 'social spaces' require a little love and attention

- tidying and weeding the reflection garden,
- clearing brambles from beneath the pear tree
- weeding the tyre mountain

We would be delighted with help at any time, on any date and for however long you could offer!



Learning Skills Awards

The following children were recognised in the celebration worship last week.

YEAR R = INDEPENDENT LEARNER AWARD for Freddie (great enthusiasm & independence) and RESILIENT LEARNER AWARD for Winnie (showing growing confidence speaking in front of the class).

YEAR 1 = REFLECTIVE LEARNER AWARDS for Maddie (thinking hard about her maths) & Cody (completing his activities with good focus) and INDEPENDENT LEARNER AWARD for Harper (working hard on her own on her handwriting and phonics).

YEAR 2 = INDEPENDENT LEARNER AWARDS for Ezra S (for completing so much work), Ava & Evie L (showing great independence, listening well and trying their best) and REFLECTIVE LEARNER AWARD for Matilda (really great maths work).

YEAR 3 = REFLECTIVE LEARNER AWARD for Ava (fabulous maths work) and CONSIDERATE LEARNER AWARD for Pippa (such a good member of her table - considerate, patient & kind).

YEAR 4 = REFLECTIVE LEARNER AWARD for Hannah (always trying her best and thinking about how to improve), CREATIVE LEARNER AWARD for Teddy (wonderful expressive reading in class) and INDEPENDENT LEARNER AWARD for Jake (working well independently).

YEAR 5 = CREATIVE LEARNER AWARDS for Elwood & Toby (amazing writing) & Oliver (lovely beach art), CONSIDERATE LEARNER AWARD for Elvie (excellent working with others) and RESILIENT LEARNER AWARDS for William (super writing improvements) & Charlie (trying hard with handwriting).

YEAR 6 = REFLECTIVE LEARNER AWARD for Arthur (impressive indepth ideas in RE), INDEPENDENT LEARNER AWARD for Harvey (working hard in maths) and RESILIENT LEARNER AWARD for Ava (always giving 100% in everything, particularly maths).

OPAL = CREATIVE LEARNER AWARDS for Harry Y1 (creative play with the castle) and Mark S & Reuben Y6 (for creating a super slide and thinking about the risks so carefully).



Heartsmart awards

The following children were recognised in the celebration worship last week as being 'Heartsmart' and following our People Rule, "Treat others as you want to be treated" Luke 6:31.



YEAR R = Douglas (always kind and polite, helping his classmates).

YEAR 1 = Darcie P (for being so polite and showing resilience).

YEAR 2 = the whole class (showing the People Rule at their amazing coffee morning).

YEAR 3 = Annabelle (feeling poorly but trying so hard) and Casey (for managing a tough week so well).

YEAR 4 = Jack (being able to speak about his feelings so well).

YEAR 5 = Freya (full of kindness towards others)

YEAR 6 = Hayden (showing the People Rule, always so helpful and polite) and Isabella (being so resilient on our trip to Seasalter beach).



Welly Boot Swap At Faversham Library

Do you have any children's wellington boots that need a new home? We are looking for donations for our Welly Boot swap at Faversham library. Please drop off good condition, clean boots (all ages welcome) at the library over the next few weeks.

Please speak to a member of library staff for more details, call 03000

413131 or email

favershamlibrary@kent.gov.uk



headteacher@hernhill.kent.sch.uk



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If you want to get in touch, please catch me on the gate or use the contact details here.

Parent Workshop

Me & My Child: Understanding Resilience

08/10/2026 10:30am —12:30pm

[Me&MyChild:UnderstandingResilience|Joinmeeting in Teams](#) | Microsoft Teams



Understanding Your Child's Behaviour

12/10/2026 10:30am —12:30pm

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Supporting Your Child with Worries & Fears

18/11/2026 12:30pm —14:30pm

[SupportingYourChildwithWorries&Fears|Joinmeeting in Teams](#) | Microsoft Teams



Me & My Child: Understanding Resilience

30/11/2026 12:30pm —14:30pm

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Understanding Neurodiversity

07/12/2026 12:30pm —14:30pm

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Emotional Wellbeing team Kent
Emotional Support team Medway