Herne View Church of England Primary School including Apple Orchard Pre-School

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'…. let your light shine…'

Live Theatre in School!

On Wednesday 30th September, Herne View welcomed M&M Productions into school for an energetic production of The Wizard of Oz. Children from Year 1 to Year 6 arrived in the hall and were astonished by the colourful scenery. During the show, they were glued to the stage as the characters sang, danced and acted.

The groovy music was amazing and the audience clapped to the beat. They were enchanted by songs from Wicked and The Wizard of Oz. The costumes were unique and eye-catching and the scenery spun as quick as a flash between the scenes. Dorothy even had a cute little Toto in her basket!

The audience were hooked by the entertaining story as they followed the characters on their lifechanging journey to Oz.

"My favourite character was the scarecrow because he was so silly!" – Toby (Year 6)

"I liked how they changed the scenery really quickly." – Beth (Year 6)

"It was like a fairytale – my favourite song was Over the Rainbow because we sung it at school last year." – Ralph (Year 5)

The children couldn't stop laughing.

By Mabel (Y5), Lilly (Y5), Hallie (Y4) and Ella (Y4)







Year 3 Visit to the Museum of Somerset





Year 3 had a fantastic time on their recent trip to the museum in Taunton! The children had great fun stepping into the shoes of palaeontologists, carefully digging through sand to uncover fossils and bones. They also got creative by decorating their very own fossils, which they were delighted to take home as a special souvenir from their day.

The children then became museum explorers, discovering fascinating objects and learning more about the past as they explored the museum. It was a wonderful day full of excitement, discovery and hands-on learning, and the children thoroughly enjoyed bringing their classroom learning to life! Many thanks to all the staff and parent helpers who helped this trip run smoothly and to the Y3 children for their fantastic behaviour on the trip!

Entering the School from the Tesco gate

Thank you to families for adjusting to the expectation that the path is used to both drop children off and leave the site every morning. I am writing to update you that we have escalated the importance of the direct diagonal path to be built from the Tesco gate to the bottom playground with the Local Authority and they are looking to bring forward the planned work on the diagonal path.

Until then, we ask for your patience and understanding with the flow of people to and form the gate. As we enter the rainier months, crossing of the field is no longer permitted. This also applies to the end of the school day for both walking onto the school grounds and leaving afterwards. We are aware that collecting children from the MUGA or top playground currently requires some walking on the field and we ask that you minimise this by using the path. Please do not use the path which runs between the MUGA and the main school building as this is needed to allow pupils to walk to their collection points.

We are aware this has increased the crowd density and we remind families that if your child (and you as parent or carer) are willing and able to allow them to walk independently from the gate to the playground in the morning, this is an option available to you.

Parking and Turning Outside School

We would like to remind all parents and carers collecting children at the end of the school day that the area directly in front of the school gates should not be used for parking or turning vehicles.

Keeping this area clear helps us to maintain a safe environment for all pupils as they leave the school site. We appreciate your cooperation and support in helping to keep our children safe. Thank you.

Children's Photos

You may notice pictures are in the process of being removed from our website and Facebook. This is because we are reviewing how we share photographs of children online in line with updated safeguarding and privacy guidance.

Going forward, we will not share photographs showing children's faces on our public website or Facebook page. This helps us protect children's privacy and gives us greater control over how images are shared publicly.

You will continue to see pictures on Dojo and Tapestry, as these are only accessible within our school community.

Thank you for your understanding and support as we make these changes.

Harvest Celebration

This week we welcomed Rev. Nigel Calendent to Ditton Street for his first whole school worship. We look forward to welcoming him back to school on Wednesday 14th October for our Harvest Celebration. Unlike previous years, this will be an internal event which will take place here at school rather than in the Minster.



Term-Time Leave

All requests for term-time leave must be made in writing by emailing the school office on office@herneviewschool.co.uk Requests must be submitted to the school at least 4 weeks in advance, and requests received without this notice or retrospectively will be unauthorised.

Any requests for leave that are not authorised will result in those absences being marked as unauthorised on the child's register.

Any leave taken during term-time without being requested will be unauthorised.

Unauthorised leave will be recorded on child's register using the G code. Where those unauthorised absences hit the national threshold, Herne View Church of England Primary will normally submit a penalty notice request to the Local Authority. Penalty notices may be issued to any parent/carer that the school believes enabled their child to take the leave from school.



Absences for Illness

A reminder to families that when leaving a voicemail or sending an email to office@herneviewschool.co.uk to inform us of your child being absent, you must include your child's full name, class and reason for absence.

We may call or email you if we only receive unwell/poorly for the reason for absence. This is to ensure that all children are correctly marked on the register which is a legal document.



Change of Collection

If you need to inform us that a different person will be collecting your child, please give as much notice as possible. While we appreciate that sometimes last minute changes happen, providing the information close to the end of the school day does not allow much time for it to be passed to classrooms.

Our School Improvement Priorities

We are pleased to share **our school priorities with families:**

- Raise attainment in writing across the school
- Accelerate progress in all subjects for disadvantaged pupils
- Accelerate progress for pupils with SEND
- Enhance teaching, learning and spirituality in RE

We will be celebrating the progress made in these priority areas in future newsletters.

Carnival

Good luck to everyone participating in Ilminster's Carnival this weekend!

Look out for our Carnival-themed showcase window in Silver Street! Our theme this year is local people who help our light shine, and children completed portraits of some well-known local faces, and thought about how these people contribute to our town. We've also included some of the children's umbrella-themed artwork as part of the display.



Star of the Week Awards

Congratulations to this week's Stars!

Tadpole	George L
Dragonfly	Finn W
Otter	Remi R
Hedgehog	Layla G
Deer	Noah W
Fox	Felix J-H
Squirrel	Theo G
Hare	Cecilia S
Owl	Isabella D
Kite	Blake S
Robin	Roman J
Wren	Hayley H
Kestrel	Ellie-Rose R
Buzzard	Willow F-P

Trophies and certificates will be presented on **Tuesday 6th October at 2.30pm.**

Families of the recipients are welcome to attend via Zoom and a link will be sent out to the contact emails we have for our pupils. We encourage all family members to stay until the end of the celebration if possible.

Please note if joining via Zoom no recordings or screen shots should be taken of the sessions for safeguarding and we ask you to remain on mute. **Please also be aware of your screen name and we ask that this is changed to your child's name. If we cannot see your child's name and your camera on we may have to remove you from the session.**

A brighter tomorrow together

Herne View Primary School

Church of England

Care, Respect and Friendship

Herne View Church of England Primary School

Open day for children starting school in 2027!

Thursday 15th October 2026

Come and see our new site!

- Have a look around our new learning spaces and hear about our future plans for the site.
- Meet our Early Years and the Senior Leadership Team.
- Ask us questions about our provision offer.
- See us in action!



Arrive at our front office on Ditton Street, and our UKS2 children will take you on a tour of the school.

Come and book a 30 minute slot between 9am and 11:30am via the QR code below.

Scan to book your slot

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Ready ♡ Respectful ♡ Safe





WHOLE CHURCH BAPTISM HARVEST

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SUNDAY 4 OCTOBER 10.30am

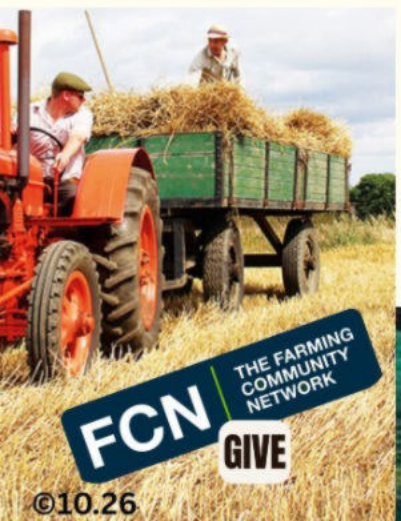
Please do come and join us for this very special Harvest Service where we give thanks for God's good gift through creation and celebrate with those who are joining the big family of God through the waters of Baptism.

PLEASE STAY AFTERWARDS FOR A BRING AND SHARE LUNCH

This year we will be giving physical gifts to ILMINSTER FOOD BANK.



Financial gifts will go to the Farming Community Network (FCN).











Leading to a brighter future

Kindness | Collaboration | Positivity

Chard Community Hub

in partnership with HOLYROOD





Coffee and Catch-up

Monday 19 October 2026, 9.30-11.00am

Chard Community Hub

Boden Centre, Chard TA20 2AX

Come along for a relaxed and informal opportunity to meet the SENDIAS team, enjoy a free tea or coffee and find out how we can support children and young people with SEND and their families.

No appointment needed. All parents, carers and families are welcome.





Dance and Performance Team for ages 4 - 16 years

fortitude
performance team

A fun, energetic team who perform dance routines at local community events and in carnivals.

No pressure, no competitions - just lots of fun!

FREE TASTER SESSIONS

20th October
3rd November

Come and dance with us!

TO BOOK EMAIL:
info@fortitude-ilminster.co.uk