# HORNBEAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Prospectus 2026-27






**‘Pupils are proud to come to this school.’**
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# About Hornbeam

Located in the village of Mongeham on the outskirts of Deal, Hornbeam Primary School is a warm, welcoming and inclusive community where children are encouraged to flourish. We are proud to provide a happy and nurturing environment in which children feel safe, valued and inspired to learn.

Everything we do is guided by our motto: **"Learn to Love Learning to Live Life Better."**

This ethos underpins our curriculum, enrichment opportunities, pastoral care and community partnerships. We believe that education is about more than academic success alone. Our aim is to develop well-rounded, aspirational young people who embrace challenge, seize opportunities and build the life skills, character and memorable experiences that will stay with them long after they leave Hornbeam.
We proudly use the National Curriculum as the foundation for a rich, inclusive and engaging learning journey. Through purposeful learning, meaningful real-life experiences and a commitment to developing the whole child, we bring learning to life.

Our Curriculum Tree embodies this vision. Rooted in our ethos, it provides a clear framework for how children grow and flourish during their time with us. The roots represent our values and purpose, the trunk reflects our learning culture, and the leaves symbolise the qualities we seek to nurture in every Hornbeam learner. Like a strong tree, our pupils develop deep roots, firm foundations and the knowledge, skills and character needed to thrive throughout their lives.





## A Safe Place to Grow

### Safeguarding

Safeguarding is at the heart of everything we do, ensuring every child feels safe, happy and ready to learn. From the moment children enter our school, they are warmly welcomed into a caring community where they are nurtured to feel valued, heard and respected. Our experienced Designated Safeguarding team works across the school and undertakes regular training to keep knowledge current, while all staff receive robust safeguarding training and maintain high expectations. Strong relationships with children and families, safe spaces and trusted adults help every child feel supported. We actively create opportunities for pupils to contribute to school life, support local charities and take part in community projects, helping them develop a sense of belonging, purpose and responsibility. Through a carefully planned curriculum, including online safety, we teach children how to stay safe and make positive choices, while working closely with families to ensure every child feels listened to, valued and confident within our school community.

## Helping Every Child Flourish

### Inclusion

Every child is at the heart of what we do. We believe that every pupil is unique, and we value, respect and celebrate individual strengths, interests and achievements. Our inclusive classrooms are places where all children feel a strong sense of belonging, confidence and success. All teachers skilfully adapt learning to meet individual needs, ensuring that every child can access a rich and engaging curriculum. We believe in early identification of need and take time to understand the whole child, including their sensory, emotional and learning needs. With experienced staff, specialist support, outdoor learning opportunities and exploration spaces, we provide an environment where children can flourish and develop at their own pace through teaching that focuses on individual stages of development rather than age alone. We work closely with families, reviewing progress and next steps together three times a year, because partnership is key to helping every child achieve their full potential.

# Growing Together

## Positive Behaviour and Relationships

At Hornbeam Primary School, we believe that children thrive when they feel safe, valued and respected. Our positive behaviour approach is built around strong relationships, high expectations and a shared commitment to helping every child develop the skills they need to succeed both in school and beyond.




**'Pupils know the importance of being kind and how to keep themselves and others safe.'**
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These principles are built into all aspects of school life and help create a calm, caring and inclusive environment where every child feels a sense of belonging. We celebrate positive choices, effort and achievement, encouraging children to take responsibility for their actions and take pride in being positive members of our school community.

When difficulties arise, we support children through restorative conversations, helping them understand the impact of their choices, repair relationships and make positive decisions in the future. By working closely with families, we nurture confident, respectful and resilient learners who are ready to flourish.

# Opportunities to Flourish

## Enrichment

At Hornbeam Primary School, learning extends far beyond the classroom. Enrichment is not an addition to our curriculum; it is at the very heart of what we do. We believe that children thrive when learning is brought to life through meaningful, memorable experiences linked to the topics and texts they study.

**'The wider opportunities at the school are extensive.'**
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From exciting trips, visitors and residential experiences to performances, choir, clubs and special events, we provide a rich variety of opportunities that broaden horizons, build resilience and inspire curiosity. We recognise that every child is unique, which is why we carefully weave enrichment throughout school life from day one, helping children discover their talents, develop confidence and shape their own identity. Through leadership roles, fundraising initiatives and strong community links, children learn that they can make a positive difference, finding their place not only within school but within the wider world.





# Planting Strong Foundations

## Reception

At Hornbeam Primary School, our Early Years provision offers a spacious, welcoming and calm environment where children feel safe, valued and excited to learn. Our experienced and dedicated staff warmly welcome every child, building positive relationships that help them grow in confidence and independence from the very start. We recognise that every child is unique, so we teach from individual starting points, carefully nurturing each child's strengths, interests and next steps. Learning is fun, purposeful and filled with opportunities to explore, question and discover.

Through a rich blend of indoor and outdoor experiences, children can extend and embed their learning in meaningful ways. Curiosity is encouraged and celebrated, helping children develop a love of learning that lasts a lifetime.

Songs, rhymes and engaging activities are woven throughout the day through play to support language development and secure key learning. At Hornbeam, children flourish in a caring environment where happiness, belonging and achievement go hand in hand.






## Growing Curious Minds Key Stage 1

Key Stage 1 is a happy, exciting time full of discovery, growth and fun. Children are supported every step of the way as they move from the play-based world of Early Years into a more structured school experience, with classroom visits, drop-in sessions and story times helping them feel confident and settled. In Year 1, our continuous provision approach means learning stays hands-on, interactive and full of opportunities to explore.

From imaginative role-play areas and engaging outdoor spaces to child-led investigations and big questions, every day sparks curiosity and creativity. Through daily Little Wandle phonics, practical White Rose Maths resources and plenty of opportunities to talk, collaborate and problem-solve, children develop the skills and confidence to become independent learners. We want every child to feel safe, inspired and excited about learning, so they can truly thrive during these important years.

## Reaching New Heights Key Stage 2

In Key Stage 2, children grow into confident, independent learners within a calm, nurturing environment. Our unique facilities—including an on-site swimming pool, Forest School, allotments, and diverse clubs—provide unforgettable enrichment experiences and memorable school trips. We value student voice and leadership; children build resilience and responsibility by stepping into vital roles like Prefects, Eco Council members, Library Monitors, and House or Sports Captains, where they proudly support our younger pupils. Academically, we stretch and challenge every child, building seamlessly on previous years' learning to prepare them fully for secondary education. Supported by extra transition days within the DEALT academy trust, pupils flourish by upholding our core values: to be Ready, Respectful, Resilient, and Safe. Here, we truly help children "Learn to Love Learning to Live Life Better".



**‘The curriculum is ambitious and carefully designed.’**
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# Reading and Writing

At Hornbeam Primary School, we believe that a lifelong love of literacy helps children flourish academically, socially and personally. Reading is celebrated at every stage of a child’s journey, with skills carefully built upon throughout the school and supported by a wide variety of high-quality resources and texts. Our large library inspires curiosity and a passion for books, while events such as World Book Day and visits from authors bring stories to life.

We celebrate every reader, recognising that each child’s reading journey is unique. Pupils are encouraged to write for a wide range of purposes and audiences, including contributing to our pupil-led newspaper, the Hornbeam Herald. Through engaging oracy activities, reading and writing opportunities, children develop the confidence, creativity and communication skills they need to thrive. Hornbeam pupils have a real passion for reading and writing.

# Phonics

We prioritise early reading from the very first weeks of Reception through our Little Wandle Letters and Sounds programme. Skilled staff develop fluency and comprehension, helping children become confident readers who can access the curriculum. You'll be amazed how quickly your little one begins reading aloud to you! **‘Learning to read begins quickly in Reception’**
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# Maths

At Hornbeam, we believe every child can become a confident and capable mathematician. Through daily maths lessons, children develop strong number skills, curiosity and a love of problem-solving. Learning begins with practical, hands-on experiences using real objects and meaningful activities that help children make sense of numbers, shape and pattern. As children progress through the school, they continue to use practical resources alongside the White Rose Maths mastery approach, ensuring challenge and success for all. We place a strong emphasis on fluency, reasoning and problem-solving, with Times Tables Rock Stars adding fun and motivation as children build confidence and mathematical understanding.



**‘They enjoy mathematics and are confident in applying their knowledge to different situations.’ Ofsted 2023**



# Outdoor World



At Hornbeam Primary School, Forest School and outdoor learning are an important part of childhood. Our rich outdoor environment, including Outdoor World - our woodland area proudly named by the School Council - as well as our pond, field and natural habitats, provides endless opportunities for children to explore, investigate and connect with nature. Through hands-on adventures and real-life experiences, children develop confidence, resilience, teamwork and independence while learning to manage healthy risks in a safe and supportive way.

Outdoor learning promotes wellbeing, supports positive mental health and helps children build a deeper understanding of the world around them. At Hornbeam, we take learning outside whenever possible, weaving meaningful outdoor experiences across the curriculum so that children can flourish, discover and grow through every season.



## Swimming

At Hornbeam, we are proud to have our own outdoor swimming pool, giving every child the opportunity to swim each year from Reception onwards. During the summer term, children enjoy ten weeks of lessons led by our qualified in-house swimming coach. As a coastal community, we believe learning to swim is an essential life skill, which is why we provide a swimming curriculum that goes above and beyond.




## Embracing a Digital World
### Computing and Online Safety

We believe preparing children for the modern world means helping them use technology with confidence, creativity and responsibility. Our fully equipped ICT Suite provides opportunities for hands-on, collaborative learning, while our computing curriculum develops children into active creators, building the digital skills they will need for future education and employment.

Children learn more than how to use devices; they develop an understanding of programming, digital design and online safety. Technology is purposefully included across the curriculum, from coding in mathematics to digital storytelling in English, enhancing learning and helping children thrive in an increasingly digital world.

We partner with parents to nurture thoughtful, responsible, and secure digital citizens who are ready to thrive in a connected world. We understand that a future-ready education must go hand-in-hand with safety. That is why Online Safety is deeply embedded into our school culture, rather than taught as an isolated lesson.

## Finding Our Voice
### Music



Music is a vibrant and valued part of life at Hornbeam Primary School. We believe that creativity and self-expression go hand in hand with critical thinking, helping children flourish in a rapidly changing world. As Plato observed, “The teaching of music is vital because it shapes character, fosters deep intellectual and emotional balance, and connects individuals to shared humanity.” Through singing, composing, performing and listening, children develop confidence, teamwork and a lifelong appreciation of music. Our choir performs both in school and within the local community, Year 5 pupils enjoy a year of instrumental tuition, and every child has opportunities to experience the joy and excitement that music brings to school life.



## Active Bodies, Healthy Minds

# Physical Education (PE)

At Hornbeam Primary School, we are passionate about promoting healthy, active lifestyles and ensuring every child experiences the joy of sport. Through our Physical Education curriculum, pupils develop teamwork, resilience, confidence and determination while discovering activities they love. Extensive use of our spacious school grounds and excellent facilities supports the delivery of high-quality PE lessons, providing children with a wide range of opportunities to be active and engaged. Healthy choices are encouraged across the school, including our Healthy Eating Cafés during Sports Week, helping children understand the importance of wellbeing, diet and nutrition.

We offer termly enrichment days, build strong links with local community sports clubs and work alongside specialist PE coaches to provide exciting opportunities beyond the classroom. Our on-site swimming pool ensures that all children learn to swim and stay safe in the water. Sports Week is a highlight of the year, featuring Sports Day, fun activity challenges and support from our local secondary school. Inspirational athlete visits further motivate our pupils, and children consistently speak with pride and enthusiasm about the sporting opportunities available to them.

## Extended School Provision

Our extended school provision offers families flexible, high-quality childcare before and after the school day. Breakfast Club runs from 7:45am daily, and is supervised by familiar members of our school staff, ensuring children begin their day feeling settled and ready to learn.  After School Club operates five days a week until 5:30pm and provides a fun, engaging and caring environment at the end of the school day, also led by familiar school staff. Sessions are affordable and children are welcome to bring a snack to both sessions.










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