



Thursday 24th October 2024

Issue No. 8

WONDER, AWE, CURIOSITY: HEARTS AND MINDS INSPIRED FOR LEARNING

Message from Mr Davey

We have reached the end of the 8th week of the school year. The children have been fantastic and we are so proud of them for getting through such a lengthy period of time.

This week, we've celebrated Harvest with the help from Reverend Louis Wilson. Thank you to the kitchen team who prepared a delicious harvest themed lunch on Wednesday.

The children all had a 'thriller' at the Halloween disco this week and I include some photographs later in the newsletter and in sports news, some children in Year 5 and 6 went to a tag rugby festival this week where they successfully qualified for the Essex finals later in the year.

Wishing everyone a happy and restful half term and we look forward to welcoming you all back on Monday 4th November.

Team points

These are the team points earned last week.



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Children who achieved gold this week:

Grayson (Rec)	Evan (Y2)	Sofia (Y3)	Sam (Y4)
Fletcher (Rec)	Savannah (Y2)	Jesse P (Y3)	Alba (Y5)
Daisy (Rec)	Clara (Y3)	Abel (Y3)	Evie (Y5)
Amelie (Rec)	George F (Y3)	Oliver P (Y3)	Daisy (Y5)
Mia (Y1)	Fletcher (Y3)	Olivia (Y4)	Henry (Y6)
			Maxwell (Y6)



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Dates for your diary (new dates in green)

Friday 25th October 2024	INSET DAY (No children)
Monday 4th November 2024	Children back (8:30am)
Tuesday 5th November 2024	Bonfire night special lunch menu
Monday 11th November 2024	Armistice Poetry Day
Friday 15th November 2024	Children In Need (wear spotty clothes)
Wednesday 20th November 2024	PSA AGM
Tues 26th Nov + Thurs 28th Nov 2024	Autumn Parents Evening Consultations
Thursday 28th November 2024	Flu Immunisations (Reception to Year 6)
Friday 6th December	PSA Christmas Bazaar
Tuesday 10th December 2024	EYFS Nativity for parents (9:30am)
Wednesday 11th December 2024	Year 1/2 Christmas production (9:30 and 2pm)
Friday 20th December 2024	End of Autumn Term (1:30 finish)



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Bonfire Special Lunch

Tuesday 5th November

Banging Bangers

or

Cheese and Tomato Whirls

Bonfire Beans

Whizz Bang Fries

Firework Flapjack

Baguette option also available

Harvest

Thank you very much for contributing to this year's harvest collection. This food will be donated to Uttlesford Foodbank.



Poppy Appeal

Year 6 children will be selling Poppies, wristbands and keyrings for this year's Poppy Appeal before and after school from November 4th until Remembrance day.



Children in Need

Friday 15th November

**WEAR SOMETHING
SPOTTY TO SCHOOL**
MAKE A DONATION



Christmas Production Dates

EYFS Nativity

Tuesday 10th December

Performance begins at 9:30am

2 adults per child

Year 1/2 Christmas Production

Wednesday 11th December

Performances at 9:30am and 2:00pm

2 adults per child

Please note:

Extra Curriculum After School Clubs will resume from week beginning Monday 4th November

Term Dates 2025/2026

Essex County Council School Term and Holiday Dates
for Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools -
Academic Year 2025-2026

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- = Schooldays
- = School holidays
- = Bank holidays
- = INSET Days
- = Weekends

In addition, schools allocate five non-pupil days out of the school days indicated, or the equivalent in disaggregated twilight sessions.

Autumn Term:	Monday 1 September 2025 – Friday 19 December 2025 <i>Half Term 27 October – 31 October</i>	75 days
Spring Term:	Monday 5 January 2026 – Friday 27 March 2026 <i>Half Term 16 February - 20 February</i>	55 days
Summer Term:	Monday 13 April 2026 – Monday 20 July 2026 <i>Half Term 25 May – 29 May, and May Bank Holiday - 4 May</i>	65 days
		195 days

Halloween Disco



After School Wrap Around Changes

Unfortunately for many reasons we have had to make some changes to our After School Wrap Around that will start after half term.

From Monday 4th November 2024, Parents will be charged if places are booked, no matter whether or not the child attends the club.

The aim of Wrap around care is to support working parents who due to other commitments find collecting children at the normal time of 3.15 difficult and space is limited.

From Monday 4th November 2024. The minimum stay at after school club will be 1 hour. This will be chargeable at a fee of £4. We will no longer be able to provide a 15 minute stay chargeable at a fee of £1 where this place could be needed by another parent for a lengthier stay.

Our school day finishes at 3:15pm. If parents are going to be late to pick up due to unforeseen circumstances only, they should make contact with the school to inform reception and a fee of £4 will be chargeable.

Current costs

Non collection at 3.15 - £4.00

1 hour until 4.15 - £4.00

Full wrap around from 4.15 to 6.15 - £10.50

Book Fair

The book fair will be in school from
**Thursday 21st November until Thursday
5th December**

Tag Rugby



Henham and Ugley Nursery

Do you have a child aged 3 or 4 who either attends Henham and Ugley Nursery or another setting nearby?

Please could you complete this questionnaire. We are researching the prospect of increasing our provision to 30 hours per week and we need your help and feedback.

<https://forms.office.com/e/46pVL55YqB>

A class in the spotlight

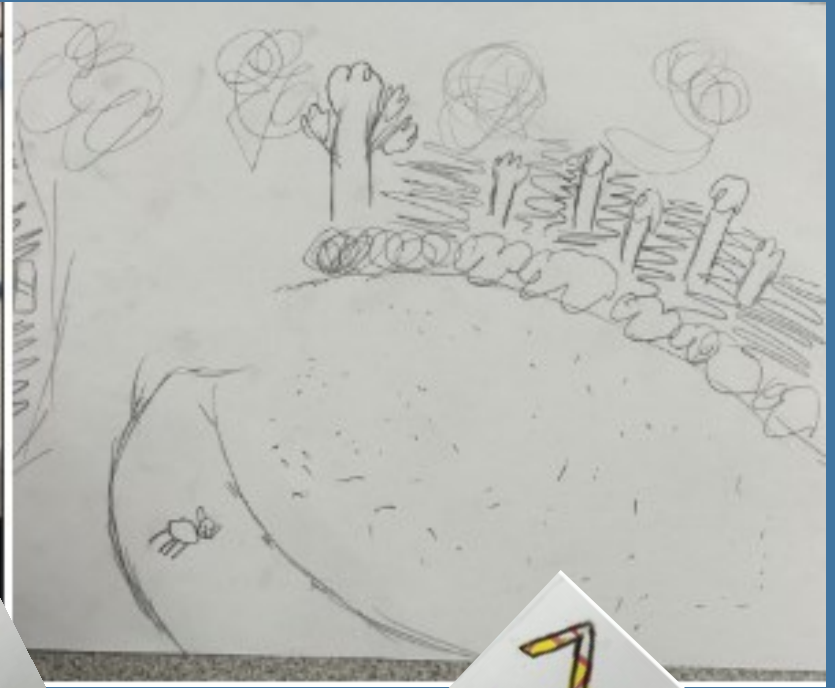
Each week, we will focus on a different class and share all the creative and fun lessons they have been doing. This week we are focused on Year 5.

This week, the children in Year 5 have had a rich and immersive learning experience. They took part in a live art lesson with the National Gallery, building on their creativity and artistic skills. Inspired by their autumnal walk, they also engaged in descriptive writing, capturing the beauty of the season. In maths, they explored Mayan numerals, while in art, they drew the iconic Chichen Itza Temple, further deepening their understanding of Mayan culture. During PE, they experienced the ancient Mayan ball game, Pok-ta-Pok, and enjoyed playing the traditional Mayan board game, Patolli. To finish the week, they savoured a delicious Mayan-inspired hot chocolate, bringing their learning to life in a truly hands-on and enjoyable way!

Live Art lesson with Katy from The National Gallery



The children had a wonderful experience participating in a live Zoom art lesson with Katy from the National Gallery. They explored the works of three iconic artists: John Constable, Vincent Van Gogh, and Bridget Riley. The children then experimented with the technique of free drawing. This approach encouraged them to express their creativity without restrictions, allowing their imaginations to flow freely as they interpreted the styles of John Constable, Vincent Van Gogh, and Bridget Riley. Using free drawing, the children were able to create their own inspired masterpieces, each reflecting their personal interpretation of the artists' techniques and themes.



Autumnal Recount

The children have been writing a recount of their recent autumn walk through the picturesque village of Henham. As they strolled along the village lanes, they admired the vibrant hues of golden leaves, the crispness of the air, and the charm of the thatched cottages. One of the highlights of their adventure was visiting the llamas, where the children were thrilled to see these gentle creatures up close. Their writing captures the excitement of the day, from the crunch of leaves underfoot to the joy of watching the llamas graze peacefully in the autumn sunshine.

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We came across a horses field they were very big & I horses. The horses were very busy standing in the deep water. They make a very weird sound. In the distance I could see one horse horse playing as us he looked like some one of a shower he the most clean horse I have seen. After that the big herd came to us and made a funny sound.

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It was nice and early when Year 5 from Henham and Uxley Primary School set off on their Autumnal Walk in Henham. As we walked patiently in the crisp Autumn air the trees waved happily in the wind. As we got further and further through the village more rain started running to the damp floor.

We came across a wonderful horse field where a group of the beautiful creatures danced across the freshly cut grass as gracefully as a collection of ballerinas. Before long a lot of year 5's beady eyes were fixed on the brown and black animals. I heard the spectacular noise of the horses galloping along the fields battling the wind and rain.



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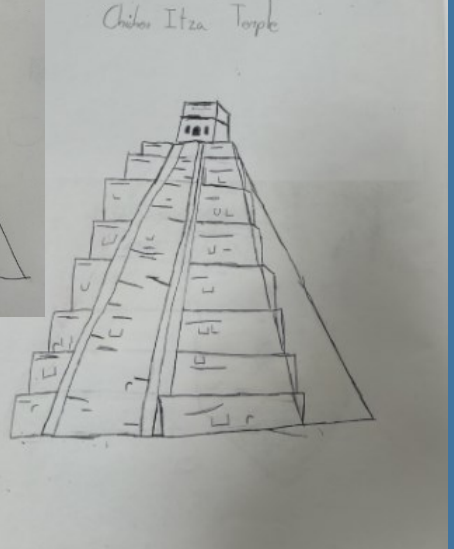
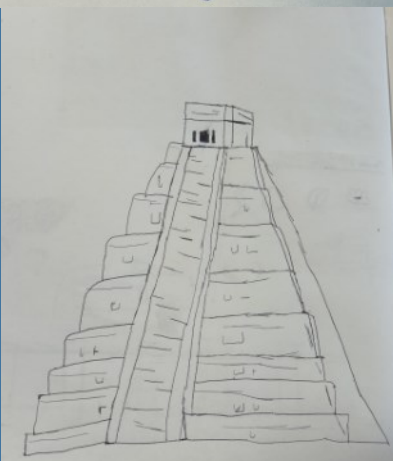
The children have been learning about the remarkable history of the Mayan Chichen Itza Temple, one of the Seven Wonders of The World.

Chichen Itza Temple

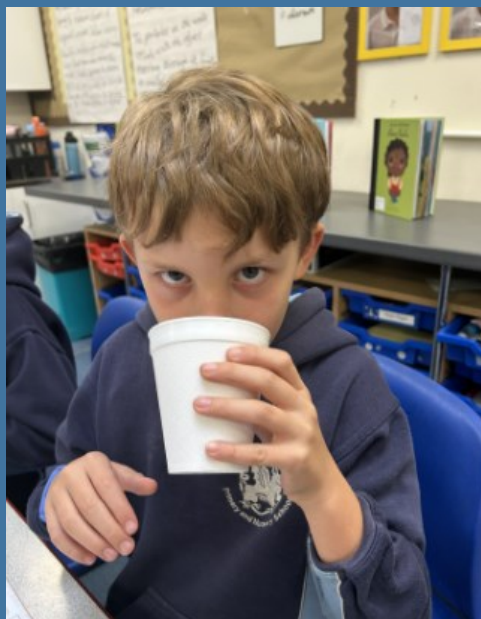
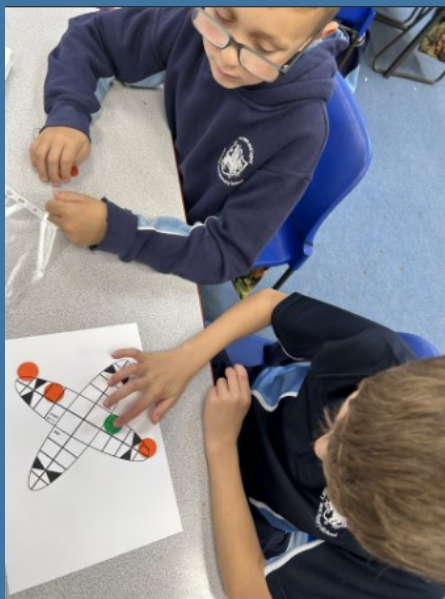
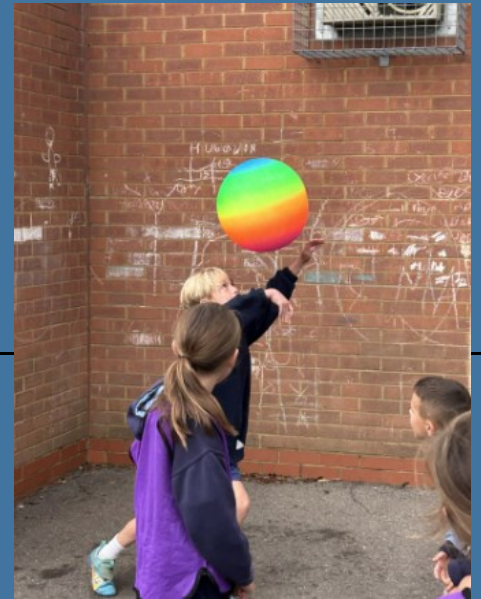
Chichen Itza was a Mayan City on the Yucatan Peninsula in Mexico. Many of the Mayans visited the temple to worship. Funerals and executions were held at the temple. On each side there are 91 steps at the top is the 365th step. Each step represents each day of the year. During the Summer and winter solstices as the sun sets a snake appears climbing from the top to the bottom of the temple. Legend has it that this was deliberate when it was designed, but was it?

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The children had an exciting PE lesson inspired by the ancient Mayan sport called Pok-ta-Pok, a traditional ball game played by the Mayans. They enjoyed learning the rules and taking part in a fun, active version of the game, experiencing a bit of what it might have been like for the Mayans long ago. To add to the fun, the children also got to play Patolli, a popular Mayan board game. They loved the challenge of strategy and luck, making their lessons both active and engaging while deepening their understanding of Mayan culture.



There is lots going on in the village

Henham Elsenham & Ugley Churches invite you to a

Light Night Party for Y3-Y6

October 30th 4-6pm
@ OSCA, Henham

Games, crafts
bible verse
and pizza

Space is limited.

Please book by 25th Oct
email

office@heuchurch.co.uk

£2 per child

Friday, 8th November 2024

HENHAM CHRISTMAS FAIR

OSCA & VILLAGE HALLS, 1PM - 7PM

A wonderful range of gifts from local,
independent retailers

UCAN - the charity supporting the residents of Uttlesford



School Choir

Our school choir will be performing at the **Henham Christmas Fair** on Friday 8th November. Their performance will be from 1:45pm-2:15pm.

Please see the poster later in the newsletter for more details.

Elsenham Youth FC Girls

We are looking for more players to join this already fun group.....

Elsenham Youth FC are starting a **Girls** U8 league team. Open to Year 2 & 3 girls of all abilities.

Hoping to join the Cambridgeshire league from January.

Matches will be Saturday mornings and training on Thursdays 5pm-6pm at a local school.

Please message Elsenham Youth FC Wildcats Facebook page or contact Richard on 07740181702 for more details if you are interested.



**HENHAM AND UGLEY PRIMARY AND
NURSERY SCHOOL**

OPEN DAY

THURSDAY 7TH NOVEMBER 2024

**Presentations from the Headteacher at 9am or 11am
Tours begin at 9:15am and 11:15am.**

**If you would prefer a personalised 1:1 tour please
email admin@henhamugley.essex.sch.uk**

