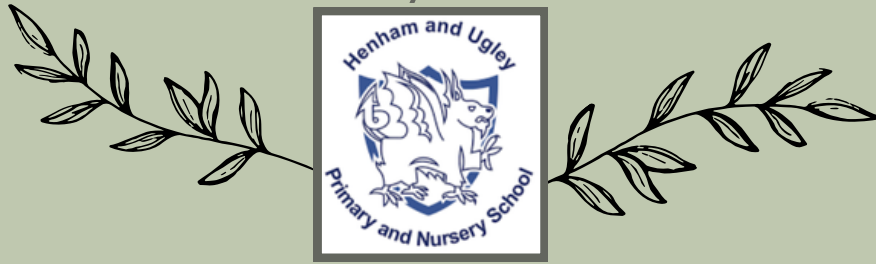


Henham & Ugley Nursery and Primary School

Newsletter: Friday 7th March 2025



Message from Mrs Brogan

I feel so blessed to work with such outstanding teachers, beautiful children & families. This week saw our Author visit and World Book Day. The Author, Helen's feedback was lovely & said

"Thank you so much for organising such a lovely day at Henham and Ugley Primary School today. Everything was so beautifully organised, the teachers were so friendly and welcoming, and the pupils were a delight to work with. I loved their enthusiasm, their engagement, their ideas and their willingness to share their writing and give supportive feedback. You have some fantastic writers there!"

Our teachers and LSA's went far above & beyond to make WBD a day to remember - spending hours perfecting their rooms that had been converted into wonderlands, from Narnia to Wonka's factory. The children arriving in school looking absolutely brilliant - even Miss Trunchball was warmed by the efforts!!

Our GOLDS this week are...

Nursery - Rupert H
Reception -
Year 1 - Ellis , Jackson, Bluebell
Year 2 - Martha & Olivia.
Year 3 - Fletcher, Oscar, Franky
Year 4 - Zach
Year 5 - Orson
Year 6 - Remi, Kelsie, Gracie.



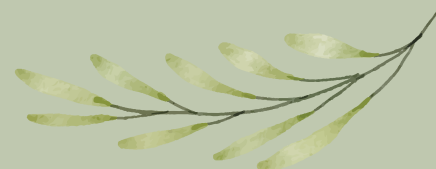
Team Points

Blue House: 888

Green House: 767

Purple House: 747

Red House: 657





Diary Dates

Week commencing 20th January - after school clubs begin. They will run until week beginning 31/3/25

Thursday 13th March - 'Celebration of Colour' art gallery 5-7pm

Tuesday 25th & Thursday 27th March -Parent Consultation
(booking through Arbor nearer the time).

Tuesday 1st April - Children doing iRock - concert to parents.

Thursday 3rd April - Year 3 & 4 production - 9.30am and 1.30pm

Friday 4th April - End of Spring Term - **we will finish at 1.15pm.**

Please keep an eye on 'diary dates' as more information could be added on a weekly basis.



DON'T FORGET

**Could I gently remind you to
pay for your child's framed art
piece on Scopay
Thank you.**

WORLD

BOOK

DAY



From Smurfs to Harry Potters, Matilda's to Bear Gryll's we had them all! With the sun shining we all had the most memorable day. Thank you parents (we know it's an added job to do!) for helping to make the day special. We hope it ignites your children's love for reading.

Author visit: Helen Peters

This Wednesday, Henham had an exciting visit from the author Helen Peters. KS1 enjoyed a talk on her Jasmine Green animal book series, where we learned the true tales behind a piglet called Truffle, Lucky the lamb & a duckling called Button books. KS2 were treated to creative writing workshops, where they planned and wrote sections of a timeslip story. The children and staff at Henham are so grateful to have Helen share her works and knowledge with our school.



"I like that her books are about animals and I am excited to read the stories."

Thomas P, Year 1

"The teachers were so friendly and welcoming, and the pupils were a delight to work with. I loved their enthusiasm, their engagement, their ideas and their willingness to share their writing and give supportive feedback. You have some fantastic writers there!"

Helen Peters

"I really enjoyed meeting her because I didn't know about her books and now I want to read them all! I would like to read A Duckling Called Button first."

Martha W, Year 2



"I was so happy to meet her because I'd never had a book that was signed by an author before. I really like her books, especially the one about a kitten because I'm reading that right now."

Chloe P, Year 2



"I really enjoyed learning about how to write a book and all the different jobs that are involved in writing the book such as the illustrator, the publisher and the author."

Davey, Year 4



Ilenhams Celebration of Colour!

Throughout the week of 10th March, the children will be learning about the **Hindu festival of Holi**. They will be creating a colourful art piece in their art lessons and this will be beautifully framed, really giving the children a purpose for their learning and creativity. Their work will be displayed around the school, ready for our gallery evening on **Thursday 13th March 5-7pm** which you are all invited to. This will be a lovely opportunity to mingle with parents, staff and children and your opportunity to collect your child's piece ready to hang at home! An art workshop will be available for all ages and refreshments too. We are asking for a contribution of £5 for your art work and the evening activities, which is payable via Scopay.



SCHOOL PARKING



You may have seen me parading in my high viz at drop off/pick up time. This is because I am concerned about the parking during our busy times. The safety of the children is always my priority and some of the parking, reversing and speedy driving is causing concern.

Could I **PLEASE** ask that you give yourself enough time to park on Crow Street and avoid School Lane if at all possible. The stroll down the street gives our children some extra exercise and fresh air before the school day begins and makes for a safer environment.

I completely understand, as a Mum of 3 myself, that the mornings can be chaos and rushed. Please just be mindful of how and where you park.

PLEASE EVEN IF YOU ARE RUNNING REALLY LATE DO NOT LEAVE YOUNGER SIBLINGS IN THE CAR ALONE WHILST YOU 'POP YOUR CHILD INTO SCHOOL OR PICK UP'. WE WOULD PREFER YOU ARE LATE FOR SCHOOL OR PICK UP RATHER THAN LEAVE YOUR CHILD ALONE IN THE CAR.

Thank you for your consideration and support.



whole school homework

The week beginning the 17th March is neurodiversity week. We would like the children during the week of **10th March** to produce a presentation *'All about me!'*

This can be celebrating their likes, their hobbies, their favourite holiday, their family, a pet...anything about them! This could be a picture, a poster, a PowerPoint, a photo or a speech.

It could also be a time to talk about their neurodiversity. How ADHD affects them, what triggers them, how their ASD affects their play, what their neurodiversity means to them and maybe some famous people that also share in their neurodiversity!

The children will have the opportunity to present (but will NOT be made to share!)

Being neurodiverse can be challenging and sometimes when their peers find their responses to situations different, it can be frustrating.

Having the opportunity to talk may lead to a better understanding.



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