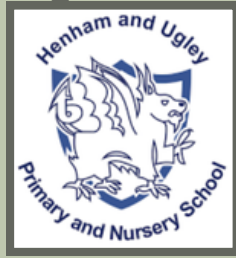


# Henham & Ugley Nursery and Primary School Newsletter: Friday 24th October 2025



## Message from Mrs Brogan

What a beautiful week, from year 4 enjoying 'curiosity copse' and toasting marshmallows, parents coming in for our 'stay & play' session, the children being absorbed in the black history assembly and new potential families touring our school for 2026 reception places.....the school has had a happy, industrious buzz!

A huge thank you to all those that supported our Eco and School council children's cake sale. They raised a phenomenal £483.30! They made the decision that they would like to spend the money on items that will help our environment and make our playground a 'kinder to nature area' so watch this space.

A further HUGE thank you to all the PSA hero's who organised such a fun Halloween disco. As a school community, we are so grateful to you for organising all the wonderful events throughout the year. I would also like to thank you, the parents/carers for supporting the events, donating bottles etc.. All the funds raised are so vital and help add that extra sparkle to our school.

Together  
We Can!

The PSA form part of the back bone of our school community. Helping raise funds, give our children amazing opportunities to have a fun time together and bringing us together as a school community.

They need your help!!

The team are looking for new recruits. If you are someone who would like to be further invested in our school and can help in any way, please come and see me on the school gate and I can put you in contact with the PSA team.

Have a wonderful, well deserved  
half term break - see you all on  
Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November.



THANK YOU



# Stay & Play

Mrs Espie and her team held a lovely 'stay & play' morning for our new reception parents on Thursday. It was so nice to see so many parents enjoying their children's new classroom setting and being absorbed in phonics learning with Mrs Espie.



Not sure who had more fun, the children or the parents?





# *Diary Dates*

## Autumn Term



**HALF TERM - Monday 27<sup>th</sup> - Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October.**

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November** - Children in need day - wear something colourful & enjoy our special 'children in need' lunch.



**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November** - School photo day.

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November** - Parent Consultation Meeting (booking details will follow).

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November** - Flu immunisations (Rec - Year 6) further details to follow.

See below for Christmas production dates! This is applicable to nursery/reception - Year 1 & 2



*PLEASE NOTE: Dates can be added/changed. Could you please check this list regularly.*





# Christmas production dates

## Reception & Nursery Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December

8:45am The school hall will be open for tea/coffee whilst you wait for the production to start at 9.30am. The production should be finished by approximately 10:15 am



## Year 1 & 2 Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December

8:45am The school hall will be open for tea/coffee whilst you wait for the production to start at 9.30am.

1.45pm The school hall will open ready for a 2pm production.



We do not operate a ticket system, all are welcome but please be mindful, we only have so many chairs so standing maybe a possibility!



Our GOLDS LAST WEEK are...

**Nursery** Ronnie & Phoebe

**Reception** Emmy, Sadie, Albie & Billy

**Year 1** Eric, Jude & Fletcher

**Year 2** Zoe, Arthur, Ellis, Leo & Finn.

**Year 3** Henry & Arabella

**Year 4** Oliver, Abdur & Natalie

**Year 5** Patrick, Freya & Finn

**Year 6** Jake, Samuel, Juno, Thea, Leon, Millie & Silas.

## Team Points

**WINNER**

**Red House: 745**

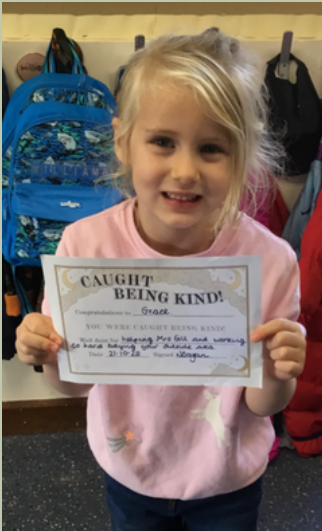
**Purple House: 743**

**Green House: 740**

**Blue House: 717**

# be kind

Pippa (Nursery) your teachers are so proud of you for being such a kind, lovely friend.



Grace (Nursery) you have been so kind helping Mrs Gill this week.

Toby (Yr1) you are ALWAYS ready to help & shower your kindness, helping your teacher and friends.

Maxwell (Yr1) for being the kindest friend during Harvest Festival.

Aurora (Rec) Amelie & Shamaiza (Yr1) for showing such kindness to a little girl in reception who was sad - we all need friends like you!

Sienna (Yr4) Mr Harris has said that you are always that kind friend ready to help ...I agree, you are such a sweet girl!



Mrs Espie and all the EYFS team for putting so much effort into making the parents 'stay & Play' session a success - thank you.



Miss Jeremy, for going 'over & above' in your own time, preparing the most incredible black history assembly for us all to enjoy!

SHINE  
BRIGHT



William and Finn (yr 3) for achieving the highest award they can in beavers this week, their chief scouts bronze award. Wow boys!!!

We are proud of Lilah who enjoyed her investiture into the Henham and Ugley beavers. You look so happy Lilah!



"Year 4 wrapped up their week with a cozy autumn morning, toasting marshmallows and enjoying s'mores—an inspiring way to spark their creativity for autumn setting descriptions in English."



## Thank you Super Simon!



We are deeply grateful to Simon for his generous donation to our school library, which has provided a wonderful new collection of books.

His support has given our students the opportunity to explore a variety of beautiful texts and further nurture their love of reading.

Thank you again, Simon



'I love the decorations in the library and all of the nice books.' Lilly, Year 1



'It's important to have more books so that we can get better at reading. Reading these books makes me feel calm.' James, Year 2



'I love the library! There's new books to read and they change every few days.'  
Willow, Year 4



'Thank you, Simon! The library is better because there is a bigger selection of books and it is important to read because it helps you learn.' Hugo, Year 6



# Henham and Ugley Nursery

Monday - Friday 8:45 to 3.15  
term times only.

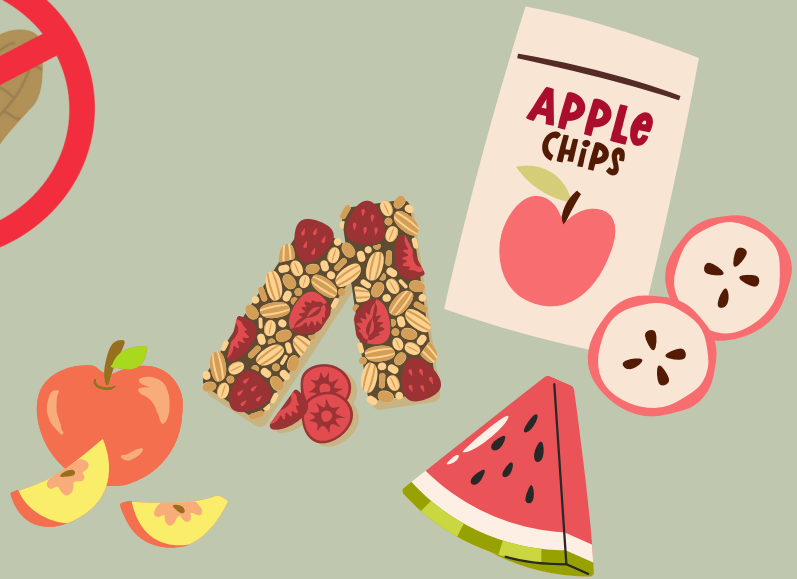
Please book your place to avoid  
disappointment.

Please contact the office for further  
information.





Please could you ensure grapes, cherry tomatoes and olives are cut up - they can pose a choking hazard. Thank you.



Just a gentle reminder - we try to be a healthy eating school. Therefore, could you please refrain from sending your child into school with crisps, highly sugary snacks or chocolate bars.

Fruit, Veg, cereal bars are great!

Remember - we are a nut/seed free school.

Thank you.

## Henham and Ugley Primary and Nursery School

School Lane,  
Henham.  
CM22 6BP

Are you looking to apply for a school place  
for academic year 2026?

Join our school tours on either:

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 9:30am**

or

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November 9:30am**

Please call 01279-850213 to let us know you  
are coming.

*"We can't wait to welcome you to our warm and nurturing  
community primary school – where every child shines,  
every voice is heard, and every day is a chance to grow.  
Come and discover what makes our school truly  
amazing!"*

Nicky Brogan.  
Headteacher.

**Spread  
the  
Word**

★ **PRET A MANGER** ★

We continue to have our 'pret a manger'  
delivery every Monday at 5.30pm. They  
deliver to the carport at the front of the  
school - all are welcome!

# Parent School Association

To Advance the education of the pupils at the school by providing and assisting in the provision of facilities for education at the school

## Events & Fundraising

Running events to raise money for the charity while enriching school life for pupils, parents & teachers

Halloween Disco

Comedy Night

Back to School BBQ

Xmas Bazaar

Summer Fete & Fun Run

## Funding & Collaborating

Funding items within the school which are not covered by existing LEA Budgets

AV Equipment

Xmas Science Party

Advanced Reader Programme

IT Equipment, iPads & Laptops

School Library Refurbishment

Annual School Donations  
Approximately

£10,000

### Committee

Committee led by the chair agrees fund raising activity and makes spending decisions

### Helpers

Key group of PSA supporters who maintain communication with parents, and volunteer to support events

### School

Beneficiary of the work of the PSA and attendees of events. Provide governance & infrastructure to the charity

Chair

Secretary

Treasurer

Committee Members



# HELP NEEDED

## Henham & Elsenham Scouts Urgently Needs Your Support

The 1st Henham & Elsenham Scout Group is one of the few local organisations still offering a wide range of extra-curricular activities for young people in our growing communities. Due to a lack of Volunteer Leaders, our Beaver Colony (boys and girls ages 6-8) faces closure after Christmas.

If you, or someone you know, would like to be part of "the gang" and help make Scouting possible for our young people, please do get in touch. You'll be joining a committed, welcoming team making a real difference in our community.

Please contact Matt Morland, Volunteer Group Lead on 07423620120 or by email [1sthenhamandelsenham@gmail.com](mailto:1sthenhamandelsenham@gmail.com), if you would like more information. We would love to hear from you!

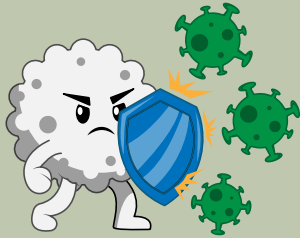


**Make  
all the  
difference.**

Help young people  
in Henham and Elsenham step up  
and dream big.

scouts.org.uk/Volunteer  
#SkillsForLife

  
**Scouts**  
1st Henham and Elsenham

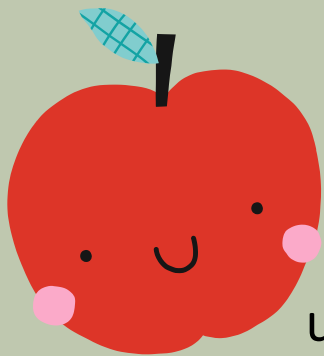


## FLU Vaccinations

Please note, you will have the opportunity for your child to have their flu immunisation at school.

This is for Reception - Year 6 children on Friday  
28<sup>th</sup> November.

Further communication to follow after half term



### Wrap around Care.

We are so lucky to have our wrap around - breakfast and after school club. If you are using these, please be advised that you need to book your place 1 month in advance and pay for these sessions via ScoPay. Any queries, please contact the school office.

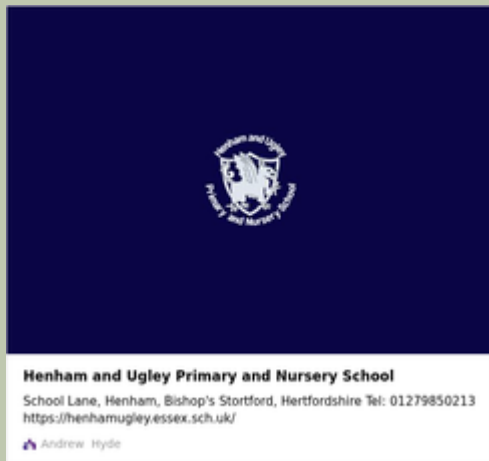
Thank you

Wrap around  
drop off/pick up

Please ensure you take your child to the door and collect in person. We often have messages and news to share with you.

# UNIFORM ORDERING

PE kits can be purchased following this link



Logo uniform can be purchased following this link

[Henham and Ugley Primary and Nursery School – My Clothing](#)

## TouchPoint – Stansted



TouchPoint Teatime on Thursdays is a free hot meal for children of school age and younger, and their parent/carer, plus some fun activities.

This week we are making dragonflies and will be tucking in to roasted vegetable lasagne; chicken and ham pasta bake; with salad, coleslaw & garlic bread on the side; plus fresh fruit, cakes and ice creams for dessert.

Why not join us this? We're open from 3pm to 5.30pm.



Parents and carers, pop in for a tea or coffee, a toastie or pastry, and a chat. Kids welcome too! This session is free, although donations are welcomed via our 'Give what you can' initiative.

Everyone welcome.

**NEW!**

## Breakfast Social

The first Monday of every month, 9am to 11am, at TouchPoint, Crafton Green House, 72 Chapel Hill, Stansted, CM24 8AQ

Pop in for a tea or coffee, a toastie or pastry, and a chat.





Hi, I'm Beth and I am delighted to be offering French classes for children aged 0-13 years old, giving children that head start and laying the foundations for further language learning at secondary school.

Through exciting games, songs, stories and fun activities, children are not just learning French but also developing a love for languages and gaining a valuable life skill.

I follow the award-winning **La Jolie Ronde Programme**, that is structured by age and covers fun topics children are already familiar with. This trusted programme has been used by schools and parents for over 40 years.

#### The importance of learning another language:

- Enhances memory, problem-solving and creativity
- Develops listening and communication skills
- Encourages cultural awareness and global understanding
- Provides an excellent foundation for future studies

#### Bonjour Buddies will:

- Build confidence in speaking and understanding French – giving children the chance to practise in a supportive environment where mistakes are part of learning, helping them feel proud of their progress
- Inspire a love of French and language learning – making lessons fun and engaging so children are motivated and excited to explore more
- Support each child in small, friendly groups – ensuring plenty of individual attention and encouragement so every child feels included and valued

#### Upcoming classes:

Bonjour Buddies baby, toddler & pre-school French classes launch **Tuesday 21st October**—and places are filling fast!

🕒 Baby & Toddler (0–3-year-olds): 9.30–10.15

🕒 Pre-school (3–5-year-olds): 10.30–11.15

📍 Henham & surrounding areas (Old School Community Association or OSCA in Henham, Bishop's Stortford CM22 6AT)

✉️ Email [bonjourbuddies@outlook.com](mailto:bonjourbuddies@outlook.com) or WhatsApp 07435 647996 to book your child now - first session is free!

#### Beth Cuthbertson

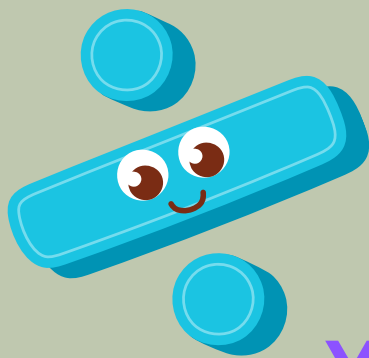
Founder & Director | Beth Cuthbertson Language Learning

Bonjour Buddies French Club

[bonjourbuddies@outlook.com](mailto:bonjourbuddies@outlook.com) or call/WhatsApp 07435 647996.



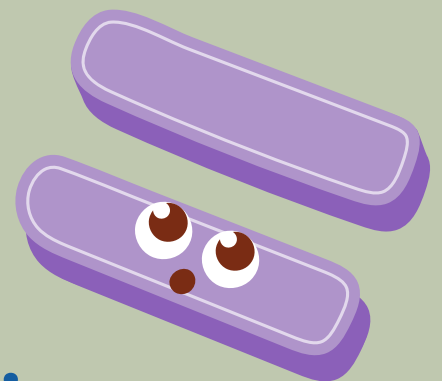
**Each week Miss Gilbert organises a TT Rockstar challenge.**



**This weeks:**



**Year 4 V Year 5**  
**Year 3 V Year 6**



**Get practising those times tables!**

# Mental Health Support Teams in Schools



Are you looking for effective ways to help you,  
help your young person, navigate anxiety  
and help them manage their worries?

The Mental Health Support Team is  
running 2 online parent groups in NOVEMBER

## When?

**Tuesday**  
4<sup>th</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> 25<sup>th</sup>  
**November**  
1-2pm

## When?

**Thursday**  
6<sup>th</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> 27<sup>th</sup>  
**November**  
9.30-10.30am

## Where?

zoom link will  
be sent to  
you via email  
for each  
session

Choose sessions  
on Tuesday OR  
Thursday

Attendance at  
all four sessions  
is expected

Notes for each  
session are  
emailed for you to  
try out the ideas  
each week

## Next steps:

- scan QR code
- complete form
- practitioner  
will telephone  
to confirm  
details



**For any questions email: [mhstadmin@mindinwestessex.org.uk](mailto:mhstadmin@mindinwestessex.org.uk)**

Information for parent/carers



AUTUMN TERM

# THE ESSEX LOCAL OFFER SEND ROADSHOWS



Are you a parent or carer of a young person with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) aged 0 to 25? Do you want to know what support is available in your area? Come along to one of our Essex Local Offer Roadshows.

You can chat with teams from Education, Health and Social Care, as well as local support groups and activity providers.



The marketplace is free and there is no need to book. Children are welcome!



Drop in between 9:30am and 12:30pm



This term we are in Loughton, Burnham on Crouch, Brentwood and Harwich

Scan the QR Code for all the information, including dates and venues or visit the Essex Local Offer at:

<https://send.essex.gov.uk/i-think-my-child-needs-help/essex-local-offer-roadshows>



In Partnership with



**West – Monday 13 October 2025**

9.30-12.30pm

Lopping Hall  
189 High Road  
Loughton  
IG10 4LF

**Mid – Wednesday 22 October 2025**

9.30-12.30pm

Burnham on Crouch Baptist Church  
Station Road  
Burnham on Crouch  
CM0 8HJ

**South – Monday 3 November 2025**

9.30-12.30pm

SNAP Charity  
Pastoral Way  
Warley  
Brentwood  
CM14 5WF

**North East – Wednesday 5 November 2025**

9.30-12.30pm

The Waterfront  
Lower Marine Parade  
Harwich  
Essex  
CO12 3SS