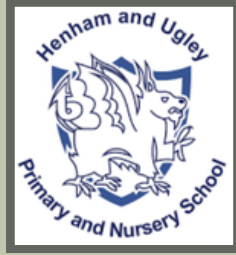


Henham & Ugley Nursery and Primary School

Newsletter: Friday 5th February 2026



Message from Mrs Brogan

The weather outside has been grey and cold this week, but in school it's been warm and happy! The highlight for me this week has certainly been walking into reception class and seeing our youngest members so absorbed in being little Picasso's! The atmosphere was so warm and cosy.



PLEASE NOTE

If your child is unwell you need to contact the school office and leave a message on the absence line before 8.30am. Please DO NOT email.

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SCHOOL RULES

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1. We listen
to each
other.

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2. We make
good
choices.

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3. We are polite,
helpful
and respectful

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4. We are gentle
with
kind hands,
actions and words

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5. We value and
encourage
each other.

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6. We look after
everyone
and
everything.

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7. We try our
best with
our learning.

Diary Dates



Please note: These dates are subject to change and new dates can be added.

Next week is Children's mental health week - please be aware that you may receive an email from your teachers about class activities..

Friday 13th February - Break for HALF TERM

Monday 23rd February - Return to school.

Wednesday 4th & Thursday 5th March - World Book Day events (more information to follow - please note we are not dressing in costumes this year, so no need to buy/make costumes! It's going to be a 'cosy PJ day.)

Henham's behaviour policy workshops:
Wednesday 11th March - 9:00am in the school hall
Thursday 19th March - 2:30pm in the school hall

Week starting 16th March - Neurodiversity Week

SHOWTIME

Friday 20th March - Year 3 & 4 Production
9.30am and 2pm shows.

Tuesday 24th March - iRock concert 2.30pm

Tuesday 24th March - Parent Consultations.

Thursday 26th March - Parent Consultations.

Please note term dates for 2026/27 academic year.

Essex County Council School Term and Holiday Dates for Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools - Academic Year 2026-2027

Academic Year 2026-2027																											
September 2026							October 2026							November 2026							December 2026						
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= Schooldays
 = School holidays
 = Bank holidays
 = INSET days
 = Weekends

Our GOLDS are...

Nursery Lila, Ivy.

Reception Emmy

Year 1 Noa, Trixie, Amelie.

Year 2 Zoe, Arthur, Bluebell, Frankie, Roman.

Year 3 Rowan, Priscilla, Martha.

Year 4 Harrison, George F, Annabelle.

Year 5 Sophia, Carter, Elise, Davey, Olivia, Eban, Oliver, Reggie.

Year 6 James L, Samuel, Archie, Tommy



Ellie in Year 1 -
Everyone agrees
you are such a kind
young lady to
everyone around
you!

Orson (Year 6) for
showing such
kindness, wonderful
manners and being
such a gentleman.
You saw year 3 and
Mrs Wright waiting
in the rain and you
offered that they
come in the corridor
ahead of year 6. You
are brilliant Orson.

Mrs B's kindness
award

Toby (year 1) you are
super kind and show
kindness to everyone
around you! What a
wonderful member of
our Henham team
you are.

Mia (year 2) you
constantly show
kindness, you are a
beautiful friend and are
always ready to show
such lovely manners.

Hugo (year 6) You recognised
when a friend was
dysregulated and offered
your help. What an act of
kindness!



House Points

WINNER

Green House:

Red House:

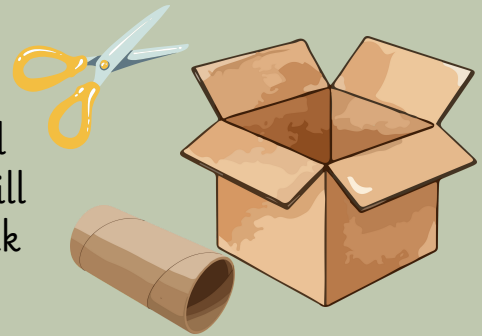
Blue House:

Purple House:

No housepoint collection this week
....double announcement next week!!

Spring

Team points for the spring term will be gathered and the winning team will enjoy an afternoon of creativity 'junk modelling' with Mrs B in the hall.

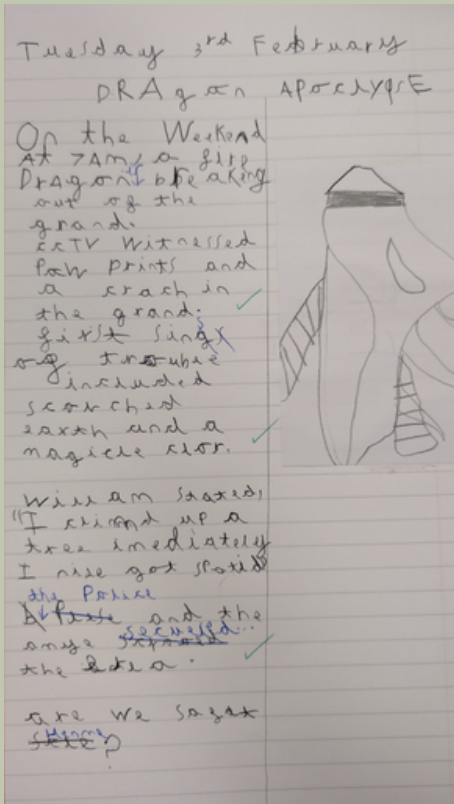


Year 5 Vs Year 6
Year 3 Vs Year 4

The Autumn Term winners are.....YEAR 4



By Finn Kennedy



DRAGON APOCALYPSE

By Jed Wilson Green

Last weekend, scientists discovered an ancient eagle-eyed dragon, spotted at Henham and Ugley Primary School.

The first signs of trouble included an enchanted, ancient, glistening scale spotted in a tree. The morning helper, Dave, shouted, "I was walking and then there it was: a dragon!" Scientists have searched the area and have ensured that there is no sign of any other dragons.

Year 3 have been dragon hunting! With reports of dragon sightings in school. Have you seen any evidence of dragons?



DANGEROUS DRAGONS

By Maddison Venmeer

At the weekend, a ferocious dragon burst out of the ground and flew in the sky. This happened at Henham and Ugley Primary School on the playground. Evidence was found on the cameras.

First signs of trouble were seen as a giant dragon glided through the bright blue sky. Arabella in Year 3 said, "Aaahh, there's a dragon - run and hide behind the tree!" The police have it all under control. They said everyone is safe and luckily it didn't have any babies.

Is it really all under control?

DRAMATIC DRAGONS

By Priscilla Hogan

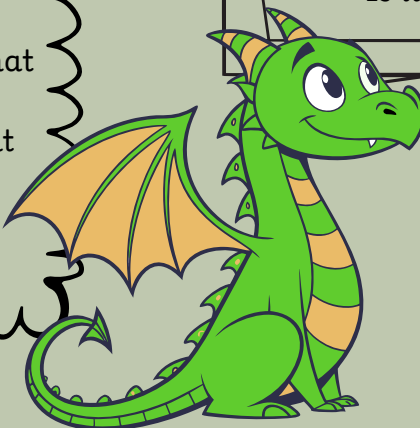
On the weekend, a metallic dragon spiralled through the air at Henham and Ugley Primary School. This was witnessed by CCTV.

Paw prints have been spotted on doors, walls and even rooves. The first signs of evidence was metallic goop.

Mrs Laird exclaimed, "I thought that my eyes were going to pop out!"

Scientists have now explained that dragons are extinct.

Are we really safe from them at school?



World Book Day

AT
HENHAM & UGLEY PRIMARY
AND NURSERY SCHOOL

RECEPTION CLASS - WEDNESDAY 4TH MARCH

YEAR 1-6
THURSDAY 5TH MARCH

THIS WILL BE A 'COSY READING DAY'

CHILDREN HAVE THE FOLLOWING OPTIONS, EITHER:

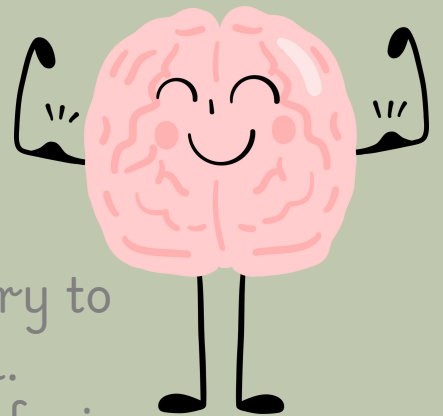
- DRESS IN YOUR COSY PYJAMA'S & SLIPPERS
- DRESS AS YOUR FAVOURITE BOOK CHARACTER.



We are a healthy eating school



"A little note to kindly say,
Healthy snacks help fuel our day.
Please send food that's good to eat,
To help keep learning calm and sweet!"



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.



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

CELEBRATE MINDS



of all kinds

Whole School
Homework

Celebrating our
Neurodiversity week.



Dear children and families,
During the week beginning 16th March we are inviting all pupils from Reception right through to Year 6 to take part in a special homework activity celebrating neurodiversity.

Neurodiversity reminds us that everyone's brain works in its own unique way. Some people might think, learn, or communicate differently and that's something to appreciate, understand, and celebrate.

For this project, children can explore:
Their own neurodiversity
The experiences of a family member or friend
A famous person who is neurodivergent
Or what neurodiversity means in general.

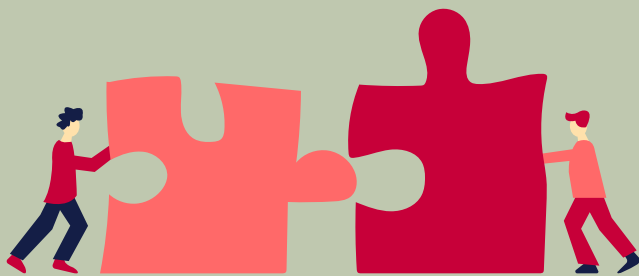
The work can be presented in any creative format, such as:

A poster
Artwork
A short report or fact file
A PowerPoint or video
A poem
A model or 3D design
Or another imaginative idea!



We look forward to displaying and sharing the brilliant creations across the school as part of our commitment to celebrating every child's strengths and differences. Thank you for taking part and supporting this important learning.

Homework is due in on Friday 13th March ready to share during neurodiversity week.



We are also going to be joined by Emma Codd from Mind, who has a wealth of information and knowledge.

Parent Meeting - Henham's approach to supporting behaviour.

We are incredibly proud of every child in our school. We see how hard they work, not only in the classroom with their learning, but also in building friendships, showing good manners, and helping us create a calm, happy environment. We believe our approach to behaviour plays a big part in fostering an atmosphere that supports learning and development.

As a team, we're very confident in our behaviour approach (it's like our second language!), but we appreciate it may feel unfamiliar to you. To help, we'll be hosting two short sessions in the school hall where you can join me and Mrs Aves (Assistant Headteacher).

We'll walk you through our behaviour policy and be available to answer any questions you may have.

As a mum of three myself, I completely understand that little ones can have their moments at home too! By learning about our school's approach, you might find some of the language and strategies useful at home, so we're all 'singing from the same hymn sheet'.

Session dates:

Wednesday 11th March - 9:00am in the school hall

Thursday 19th March - 2:30pm in the school hall

Please come along—we'll put the kettle on for a coffee! Feel free to bring little ones; we'll have some toys ready for them to play with.

**Shine
Bright**

We love to hear about all your achievements and milestones in school and outside school. Please email me any news you would like to share.

Isabella in Year 1 has been shining so brightly in her Acro assessment...she achieved her yellow and orange certificate! Well done Isabella!!

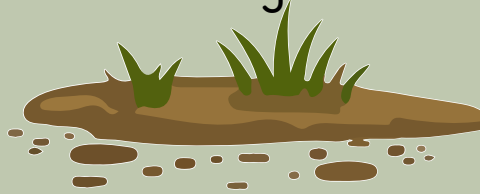




'Den building and Digging' KS2



As per my recent email, we are introducing the opportunity for KS2 to 'Dig & Den build' at lunchtimes - something we may introduce to KS1 if successful. Please remember, if you would like your child to take part, they need to bring in old trainers/wellies (these can stay in school) and old jogging bottoms (which need to go home weekly)





PLAYTIME CONSTRUCTION



We want to provide our children with a variety of lunchtime activities, equipment that inspires creativity, team work and fun!

We are on the hunt for lots of LOOSE PARTS and need your help.



Could you provide any of the following?

We would be very grateful.

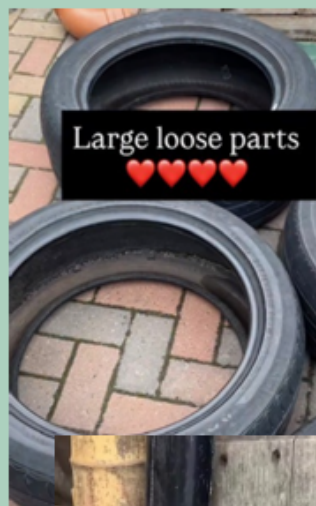
Donations can be left under the 'car port' or call the office if you need to discuss.

Let's make lunchtimes great!





Go Kart tyres



Large loose parts
♥♥♥♥♥



Milk crates



Guttering



Wooden planks



Ropes





Tarpauline



Pipes



Wooden boxes



Large logs



Cabel wheels



Plastic oil drums



Attendance is so vital to us at Henham, we love seeing your children in school, on time every day!



Reporting absence

Could we please remind you to follow this procedure if your child is unwell:



- call the school office before 8.30am - 01279-850213
- Choose option 1.
- Please leave a message with child's name, year group and reason for absence.
- Please call on each day of sickness.

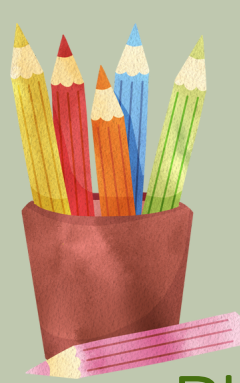
Thank you.

Nursery illness:

If your child is unwell and you have had to administer neurofen/calpol, we ask that they do not attend nursery.
Thank you.



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.





Cycling into school

We love seeing you bike into school. Could we ask that cyclists are careful as they cycle into school and **STOP AT THE ZEBRA CROSSING**. We use this zebra crossing to ensure children cross safely.

Please be mindful that staff drive into school at the same time as you, so the car park can be a busy place.

Thank you.

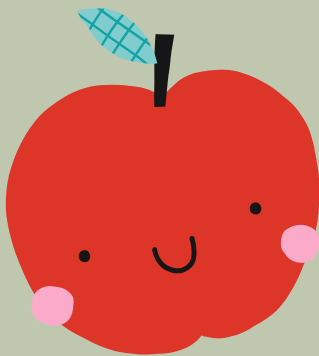
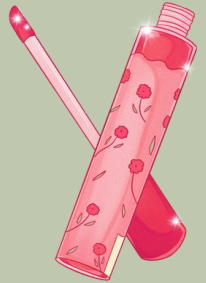
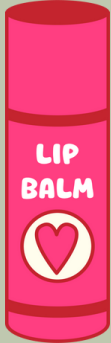
★ **PRET A MANGER** ★

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!

Lip balms, creams, gloss.

We are finding children are coming in with an assortment of creams etc... Could we ask that these stay at home unless prescribed or required for a particular purpose. There is always a danger that a child loses their property and it can cause upset. It can also interfere with learning time. If your child needs to apply cream for a particular reason, please inform the class teacher and they will keep their cream/vasaline on their desk

Thank you



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

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