

Henham & Ugley Nursery and Primary School Newsletter:

Friday 11th September 2026

Message from Mrs Brogan

A Wonderful First Full Week Back!

What a lovely first full week back at school it has been! Thank you to all the parents and carers who came along to our 'Meet Your Teacher' meetings. It was a real pleasure to meet you, share admin details, and talk through the curriculum and our approach to supporting behaviour, we hope you found the sessions helpful.

Our youngest pupils have also completed their first full week, and one image summed it up perfectly: a little Reception girl fast asleep on the sofa, clutching her 'All About Me' book! Well done to all our Reception children settling into full school days, five days a week, is a big step, and you should all be very proud of yourselves.

We hope you've enjoyed easing back into the rhythm of school life.

At Henham, attendance is extremely important to us. Being in school every day and on time helps us maintain the predictable routines children find so reassuring, and allows us to deliver the curriculum consistently. As a reminder, the gate opens at 8.30am and closes at 8.45am for registration. If you need to request time out of school, please collect an absence request form from the school office.

As the weather turns more autumnal, please could children bring a waterproof jacket to school on days when rain is forecast. We aim to get children outside as much as possible during breaktimes, so a rain jacket will help them make the most of this.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Wishing you all a restful weekend.



SCHOOL RULES



1. We listen
to each
other.



2. We make
good
choices.



3. We are polite,
helpful
and respectful



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



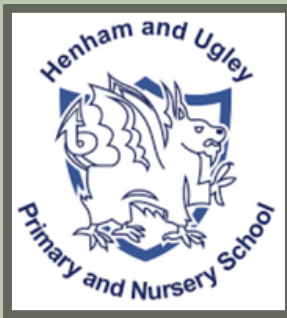
5. We value and
encourage
each other.



6. We look after
everyone
and
everything.



7. We try our
best with
our learning.



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

Diary Dates



Friday 23rd October: INSET Day

Monday 26th - Friday 30th October HALF TERM

Monday 2nd November Back to School



We love hearing about your achievements outside of school.
Please email me if you have wonderful news to share!

Annabelle (Yr 5) took part in a charity fundraising over the summer. She and her friend did a 5K Mud Run at Hylands Park in Chelmsford, getting absolutely filthy, to raise money for the Cancer Research charity. Together, they raised an amazing £520 plus £100 in Gift!

We are so proud of you Annabelle!

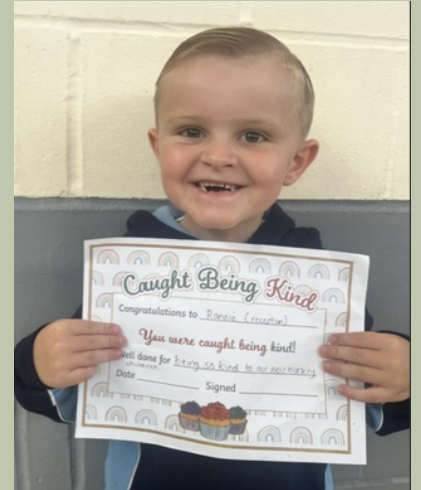




Mrs B's kindness award



Alice (yr 6) for
showing such
kindness, ,
thoughtfulness and
friendship to
someone in her
class.



Ronnie (rec) for
showing such
kindness to our
new nursery
children.

Freya (yr 2) for
being so kind -
helping her friend
cut up her food at
lunchtime.



House Points

Blue House: 861

Purple House: 717

Red House: 666

Green House: 660



Some of our golden behaviour.....

Positive attitude to learning

Beautiful writing and showing confidence
reading in the 'authors chair'

Helping her friend with a broken leg

Being a super star role model all week

Our GOLDS are...

Nursery - Robin, Maisie B

Reception - Halle, Gray, Pheobe, Teddy, Ralph

Year 1 - Olive, Billy

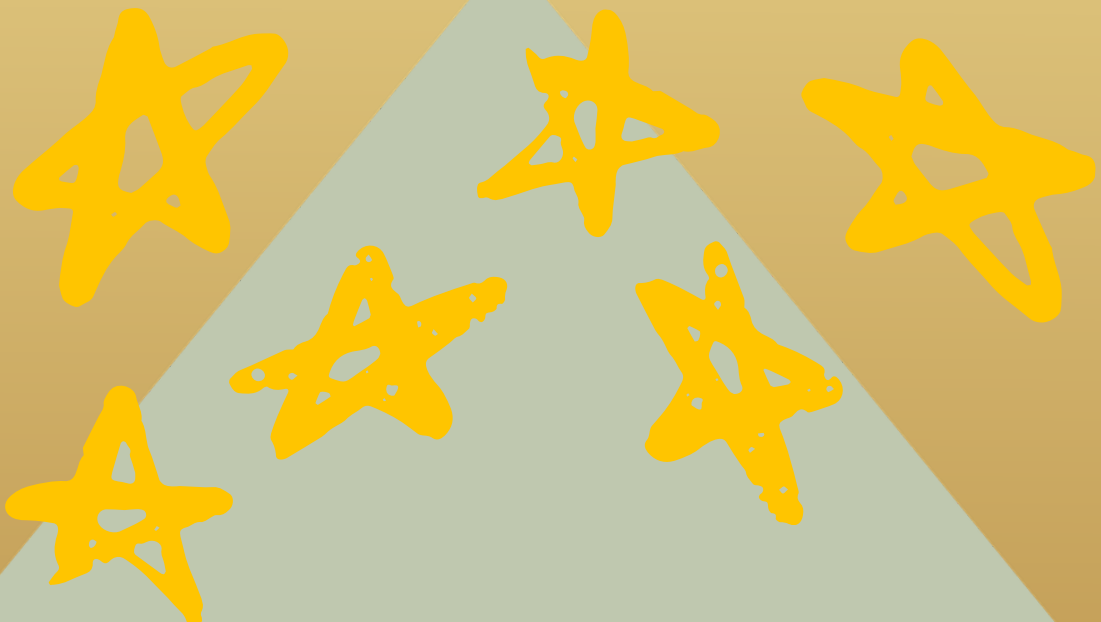
Year 2 - Tommy, Ottilie, Hattie, Anjel-Rae,
Amalie.

Year 3 - James, Lily

Year 4 - Freddie, Matilda, Henry

Year 5 - Abel, George L, Abdur, Willow, Reece

Year 6 - Alice, Vinnie, Freya



READ TO REVOLT

The Goal:
If half of the school successfully participates in the Summer Reading Challenge, we will earn a school-wide Revolt Day.
A No Rules Day with a difference

LET'S MAKE READING THE MOST IMPORTANT REVOLT

Events you can look forward to:

- Digital Blackout
- Human Library
- Manifesto Murals
- Protest poetry
- Whole class debate

Our mission
We are not against technology, but we are against it taking over our lives.
This revolt is a peaceful, creative demonstration of our ability to choose where we direct our attention, proving that real connections are more rewarding than the infinite scroll.




Did you 'Read to the Beat' this summer?



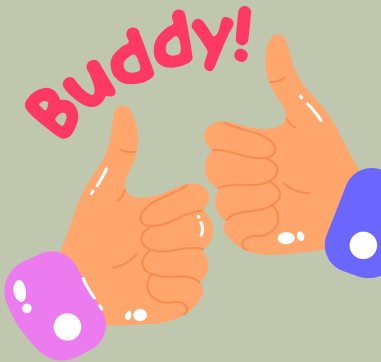
Harrison (Yr 5) and Jackson (Yr 2) enjoyed the challenge.

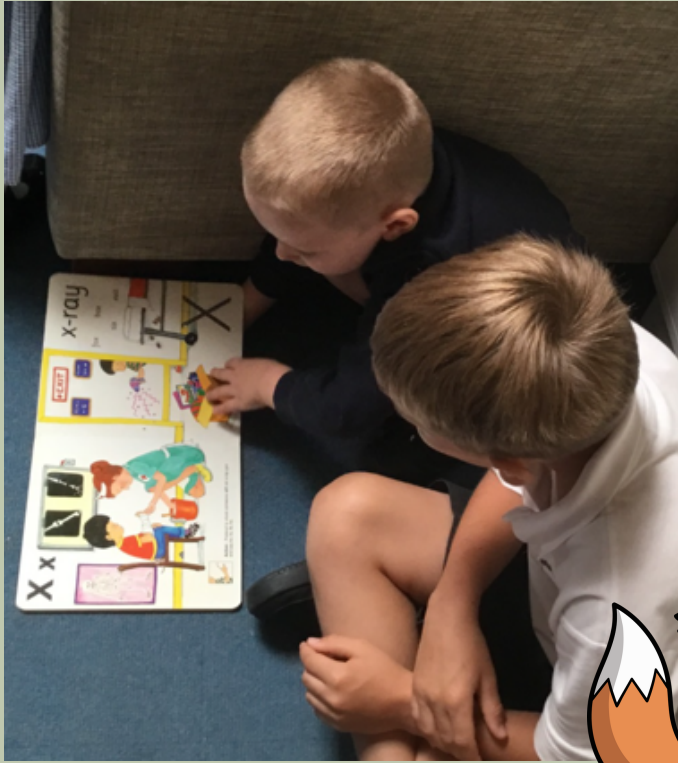
If you too joined the challenge, please send in your photo's, or an email to Miss Jeremy and let her know.

CLOSING DATE 2nd October.

Reading in reception

This week our reception children met up with their year 5 buddies and enjoyed sharing a story - it was delightful seeing them getting to know each other.





BUDDY



HENHAM & UGLEY PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL



**Are you looking for a school
place for your child in 2027?**

You are welcome to tour our beautiful,
village primary school and find out a
little more about what we have to
offer.

**THURSDAY 22ND OCTOBER 9:30
OR**

WEDNESDAY 4TH NOVEMBER 9:30

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



SMART PHONE FREE

Supporting Childhood in a Digital Age

From this year onwards, we will be a smartphone-free school for pupils from our current Year 4 cohort and younger. We have made this decision thoughtfully and with children's wellbeing at its heart. We recognise that smartphones can bring significant challenges for children, including increased exposure to social media pressures, online risks, cyberbullying, inappropriate content, and difficulties maintaining healthy sleep patterns and attention. By encouraging children to enjoy a little longer without a smartphone, we aim to support their emotional wellbeing, friendships, confidence, and focus on learning. We understand that some families may wish their child to have a phone for safety and communication purposes when travelling independently. Therefore, children are welcome to bring a basic mobile phone (sometimes called a feature phone or "brick phone"), which can be used for calls and texts but does not provide access to the internet, social media, or apps. We believe this approach helps children develop safely and confidently, while giving families peace of mind that they can remain in contact when needed. Together, we can give our children the gift of a childhood that is rich in real-world experiences, relationships, play, and learning.



A big thank you from the ladies in the office for all your patience as we have made the switch over to ARBOR. They are very grateful!

CLUBS



After school clubs are in the process of being set up and organised - watch this space. You will be informed when clubs are available to be booked.

If you would like to run an after school club, please do let us know.



IMPORTANT!



Early Collection / Late drop off's

We are noticing an increase in parents/carers wanting to collect children early or coming in late due to medical appointments.

Leaving class early or coming in late can be extremely disruptive to your child's learning and can interrupt the flow of teaching. Whilst we appreciate that at times it's unavoidable, we urge you to try to book all appointments in advance and outside school hours.

Thank you for your support and understanding.

