



Newsletter: Friday 25th September 2026

Message from Mrs Brogan

A proud Headteacher moment as I read the final version of our schools impact report for 2025/26. Please take the time to read this (emailed to you yesterday). Thank you for the positive emails in relation to our report, we love hearing your feedback.

We will be holding our annual school tours soon (see poster below). Could you kindly spread the word to any friends and family who are interested in a school place for the next academic year.

This week, our whole school assemblies have been focused on our British values, with particular attention on 'Mutual Respect'. The children have contributed brilliantly to our discussions and I hope they will be able to articulate to you what this means. We would be grateful if you could continue these discussions at home to consolidate our school chats.

Have a wonderful weekend in this stunning sunshine -
happy Friday.

Polite reminder:

We are not permitted to tape ears for PE lessons and earrings are not allowed during our PE sessions. Could we please ask that on your child's PE day, earrings are taken out at home. If your child wears earrings, unfortunately they will not be able to take part in their lesson, missing out on an important part of the curriculum.

Thank you for your support and understanding.



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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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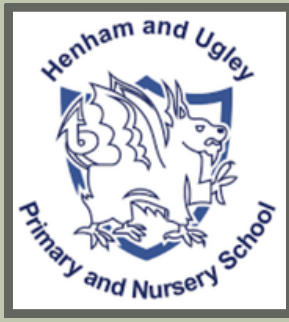
5. We value and
encourage
each other.

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6. We look after
everyone
and
everything.

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7. We try our
best with
our learning.



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

Diary Dates



Thursday 1st October - School Census lunch day

Friday 9th October - World Mental Health Day.
The children can wear their own clothes. We will be planning lots of mindfulness activities for our children to enjoy.

Tuesday 20th October - One Plan Meetings in Hall

Friday 23rd October: INSET Day

Monday 26th - Friday 30th October HALF TERM

Monday 2nd November Back to School

Friday 6th November Individual and Sibling Photos

Tue 24th & Thur 26th November - Parent Consultation Meetings



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



Mrs B's kindness award



Mr Oade for so kindly clearing out the 'gloomy, slimey, fish tank in year 5

Isla (Yr5) for lending your shin pads to other children during the football trials.

Rupert (Rec) for sharing chairs with your friends when there weren't enough!

Amberleigh (Nursery) for fetching a tissue and giving it to your friend when she was sad.

Hamish (Yr 5) for showing kindness to our environment - you were caught picking up rubbish!



Leo (Yr3) for being so gentle and kind to Gray in reception during wrap around.

Mrs Miley and Mrs Pratt for stepping up and helping Mrs B whilst Miss Gilber is away!

Hamish, Mrs Miley and Mrs Pratt - unfortunately are away today, they will appear in our newsletter next week).

House Points

Green House: 821

Red House: 778

Blue House: 738

Purple House: 659



Some of our golden behaviour.....

For trying so hard and being such a resilient learner..

For settling in so well to Caterpillar class

For always joining in!

For leading the maths lesson so brilliantly!

Our GOLDS are...

Nursery - Sophia, Evie, Henry

Reception -Thad, William, Ronnie.

Year 1 - Rex, Sadie

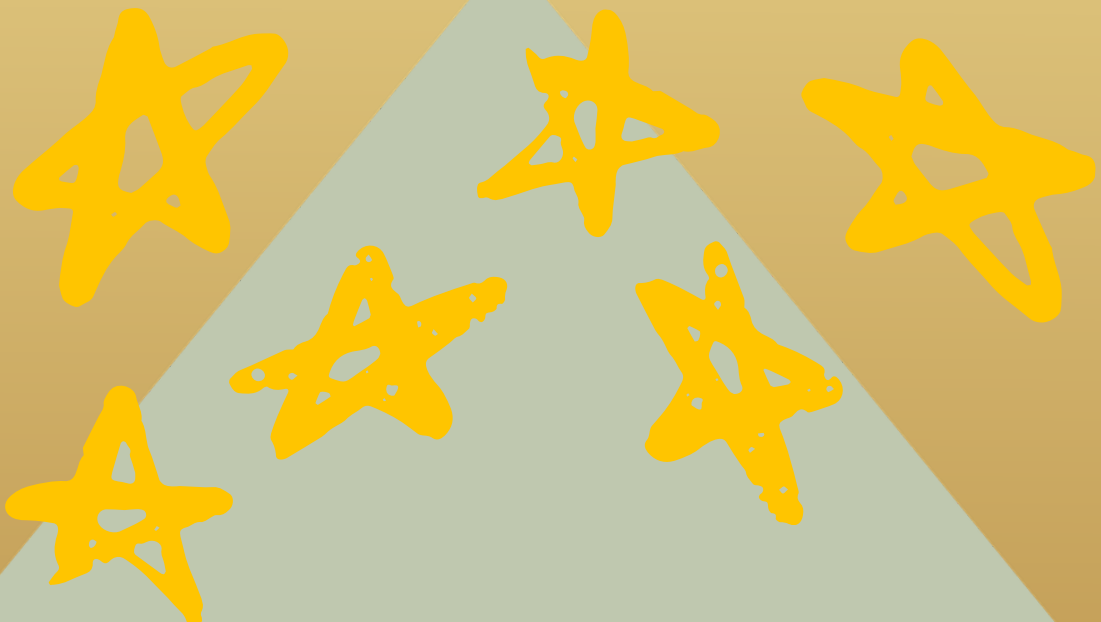
Year 2 - Olivia.

Year 3 - Arthur

Year 4- Cali, Ellis, Poppy

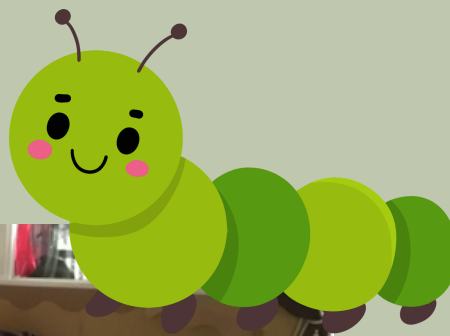
Year 5 - Brooke, George F, Clara, Abdur, Reece

Year 6 - Iris, Mollie, Seth, Finn





Year 5 bought their science to life this week. The children have been learning about air resistance, to test this, they made their own parachutes and had to fly an egg from a height and see if it would survive! What great learning and lots of laughs too!



Caterpillar class have been reading the book 'Hands are not for hitting' and this week made a lovely poster about using their hands 'kindly'.



Year 4 class trip - Stansted Aerozone!

Year 4 set off on Thursday to Stansted for their class trip to Stansted. A huge thank you to our volunteer helpers Anna, Chloe, Carly and Brooke (year 4 Mummy's) for coming along. Everyone had a fabulous time.

I loved seeing the Emarites plane, it was HUGE!!!!

Maddie (Yr

We learnt about how the toilets work on an aeroplane - we all thought it fell out of the sky but it doesn't!

Kayleigh (Yr 4)

We learnt about how celebrities are looked after. Our guide told us what celebrities have travelled through Stansted>

Jed (Yr 4)

I liked learning about how the planes work.

Ianis (Yr 4)



Football News:



Henham enjoyed their first match of the season on Thursday, hosted at our school. Our new team celebrated a win against Rickling with Davey scoring 2 goals, Carter 1 and Harrison 1. What a fabulous start to the season!





Did you 'Read to the Beat' this summer?

Harrison (Yr 5) Jackson (Yr 2),
Oliver (Yr 5) & Thomas (Yr 3)
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.



Could you please check your
ARBOR accounts and
ensure your personal details
are correct and up to date.
This is something you can
amend yourself - you do not
need to contact the office.

Thank you



Sport is so important to us at Henham and we pride ourselves on our commitment to providing diverse opportunities for our children to enjoy a wide variety of sporting events. Mr Harris and Mrs Stock work hard to organise and plan a calendar of sporting events either 'in-house' or out of school in competitive events. Unfortunately, the funding for PE is significantly changing, which is putting a pressure on us as a school to fund transport to and from events (which is very expensive). This is where you maybe able to help! We are determined to continue our winning streak and take part in as many events as we possibly can. We have been awarded a gold award for sport at Henham and we would love to continue our work towards PLATINUM!

Would you be able to help with transport?

If your child is picked for an event, we may call upon you to be a volunteer driver. This could save on coach costs and hopefully we will be able to enter more competitions. If you are able to support us, that would be amazing.
Thank you.



**SPREAD
THE WORD**

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.



THIS WEEKS CHALLENGE:

YR 2 V YR 4

YR 5 V YR 6



We are experiencing an increase in children wearing 'smart watches' to school. If your child has a watch that is linked to a phone, we ask that in year 4 down, they do not wear them to school. In year 5 and 6 they will need to take them off and have them stored safely in the schools safe and returned at the end of the day.

Thank you for your understanding.



Harvest appeal



Help support your food bank this Harvest

In the three weeks leading up to Harvest, the food bank will provide over 140 food parcels for local individuals and families facing hardship.

Donate food



Donate an item or two from our shopping list, ensuring we can provide food for people facing hardship in your community.

Donate money



Help to cover the costs of storing and distributing food, as well as developing sustainable projects.

Shopping list

- Tinned Meat
- Tinned Veg & Fruit
- Cooking & Pasta Sauces
- Toiletries & Cleaning Sprays
- UHT Milk
- Cereal & Oats
- Long Life Juice & Squash
- Puddings & Custard
- Noodles & Rice
- Instant Mash & Stuffing
- Tinned Pasta Meals

0300 102 7980 (option 1)
uttlesford.foodbank.org.uk

Registered Charity in England & Wales (1176230)



Supporting Your Child: How We Manage SEN Meetings and Communication

At Henham, we are proud of the inclusive support we offer to children with additional needs, and we know that strong communication between home and school is central to that. We want to take this opportunity to explain how meetings and communication around SEN support are organised, so that every family knows exactly who to speak to and what to expect throughout the year.



Your first point of contact: the class teacher

Your child's class teacher works with them every day and knows them best. If you have a question or a concern, they should always be your first port of call. Teachers are well placed to answer most queries directly, and where something needs specialist input, they will refer it on to our SENCO on your behalf. This keeps communication clear and ensures the right person is involved at the right time.



Meetings for children with a One Plan

For children with a One Plan, we hold two review meetings each year, one in the Autumn term and one in the Spring term. These take place in the school hall and replace the usual parent consultation meeting, giving us dedicated time to focus properly on your child's progress and next steps.

This academic year they will be held on : Tuesday 20th October (Autumn Term) and Tuesday 9th February (Spring Term). Please note: dates can be subject to change reflecting unforeseen circumstances.

Should your child's circumstances change and the class teacher feels an additional meeting would be helpful, they will be in touch to arrange one. Outside of these planned reviews, we are not able to offer further ad hoc meetings, as our staff's time and capacity need to be carefully managed to ensure every child receives the support they need.



Children with an EHCP

For children with an Education, Health and Care Plan, our SENCO will contact you directly to arrange your child's Annual Review meeting.



Trusting our approach

We understand how important it is for parents to feel heard, and we will always listen. At the same time, we hope families will feel confident in the training, expertise and experience of our teaching and SEN team, and in the systems we have put in place to support every child well. These structures exist not to create distance, but to make sure the support we offer is thoughtful, consistent and sustainable for all our pupils.

Thank you for your continued trust and partnership as we work together to give every child the best possible start.



School Photos

FRIDAY 6th NOVEMBER

Pret-a-portrait
will be taking individual and
sibling photos.

If you have babies/Nursery
children that would like to be in a
photo with siblings, please attend
(school hall) from 8.30-9am

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.



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.





Every Day Counts



Growing brighter futures, one day at a time

Henham & Ugley Primary & Nursery School

95%

= 10 days missed a year (2 weeks of learning)

90%

= 19 days missed a year (almost 4 weeks)

85%

= 29 days missed a year (nearly 6 weeks)

80%

= 38 days missed a year (over 7 weeks)

Attendance	Days Absent / Year	Lessons Missed
100%	0 days	0
97%	5 days	-25
95%	10 days	-50
90%	19 days	-100
85%	29 days	-150
80%	38 days	-200



Just 5 minutes late every day adds up to over 3 lost school days a year!

Our goal is **at least 95% attendance** for every child. Being in school every day helps friendships bloom, confidence grow, and gives every child the best chance to flourish. 🌱

Be here. Grow here. Thrive here. 🌳