



Henham & Ugley Nursery and Primary School

Newsletter:

Friday 2nd October 2026



Message from Mrs Brogan

Where has this week gone? Another busy one for us here at Henham. Some of the highlights for our children have been:

Nursery have embraced the lovely weather and been enjoying our allotment - planting herbs.

Year 2 have been writing newspaper reports based on the story 'Stuck'. They have also relaxed in PE doing some yoga, Cahrles & Otilie.

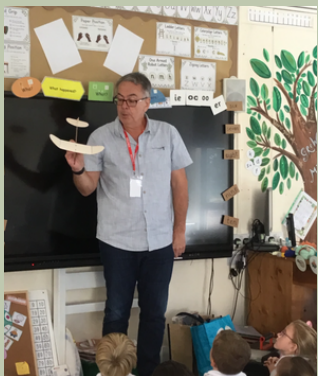
Yr 5 enjoyed writing autumn walk recounts and have explained that swapping books with their partners and editing each others writing was a really helpful tool. Sophia & Clara.

One of the highlights in Year 6 has been looking around secondary schools. Plus enjoying football in PE and team working exercises! Freya & Freddie

In reception, the children have been immersed in the book 'The colour Monster' and in Drawing Club have been drawing their monsters and making maps. The even learnt the word discombobulated!!! Mabel & Lilah

Year 3 have been learning about skeletons in science and the names of their bones. In English they have been making 'WANTED' posters based on their class book - Fantastic Mr Fox Finnley & Lilah

Year 4 have been focused on rounding to 1000 in their maths and in their English they have been writing stories inspired by the book 'Stoneage boy' Poppy & Matilda.



As part of our history topic in Year 1, we are learning about toys our parents and grandparent would have played with. We were lucky enough that Erik and Mrs Hampton brought in toys from their childhood to share with the children. We had some super old teddies, a balsa wood aeroplane, a knitted doll, a model aeroplane, a slinky, and lots of Meccano parts. The children had lots of wow moments and plenty of questions - what a delight! Thank you to Erik and Mrs Hampton.

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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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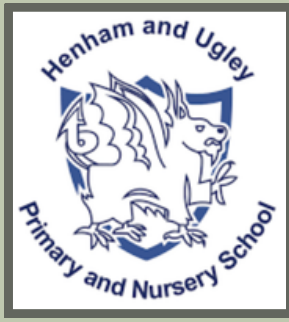
5. We value and
encourage
each other.

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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



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

Thursday 22nd October - PSA Halloween disco.

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!



Please note some important information

REPORTING ABSENCE & CHANGE TO PICK UP ARRANGEMENTS:

Could we ask that parents PHONE school and choose the absence option to report sickness etc... please ensure you leave a reason for absence. You do not need to email.

If there is going to be a change to who is collecting your child from school - please inform the class teacher in the morning.
If the change occurs during the school day, please PHONE school and leave a message giving your permission and communicationg who will be collecting your child. You do not need to email.

EARLY PICK UP's & COLLECTION FROM SCHOOL OFFICE.

We ask that you endeavor to make all appointments outside of school time, early pick ups mean your child misses out on parts of the curriculum and can cause an element of disruption to the class.

If you are having to collect during the school day, can we remind you that we ask for you to wait outside the office door and we will bring your child to you.

Thank you for your support and understanding.





Mrs B's kindness award



Marla-Mae and
Bluebell for
voluntarily
cleaning your
classroom.



Ellis for being so
kind to your
friend when the
ball wasn't being
passed to her.

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

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

**WINNING
HOUSE**

End of term treat!
The house with the most house points at
the end of the Autumn term will enjoy
a Christmas themed treat morning on

Thursday 10th December

House Points

Red House: 831

Green House: 812

Blue House: 772

Purple House: 657



Some of our golden behaviour.....

For emulating 'everything Henham!'

For being so kind and helpful to Mr Oade

For coming into school so much happier

For taking such pride in everything you do.

Our GOLDS are...

Nursery - Goldie, Bobby.

Reception - Jacob, Otilie, Arthur, Clover.

Year 1 - Rosie H, Jessica, Mehras

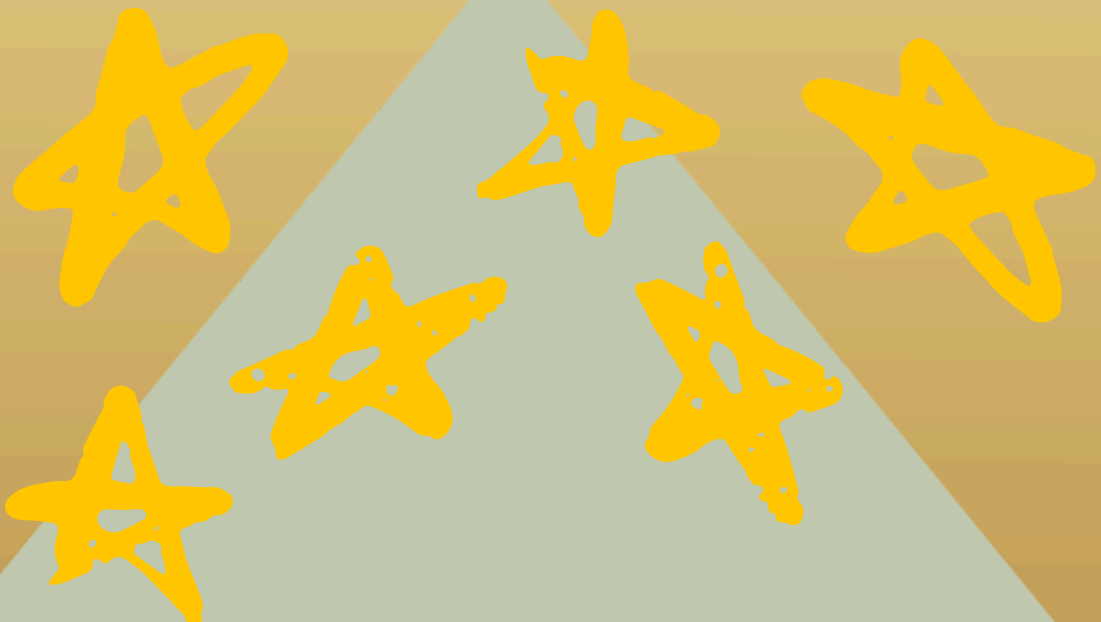
Year 2 - Freya, Wren

Year 3 - Thomas

Year 4 - Rowna, Kayleigh, Teddy

Year 5 - Oliver, Harrison, Sienna, Poppy,
Clara.

Year 6 - Sam



Year 3 have been writing poems based on the poem The Sound Collector. In our poems the class have imagined a "colour collector" who takes the colour from the world.



The colour Collector
The ruby red of the bus
Driving on the road
The rose red of the soldier
Now merky like a toad



The honey orange of the goldfish
Swimming in the lake
The marmalade orange of the fanta
Turned to a porpoise grey



Ellis Hill



The crimson red berry
Hanging on the tree
The rose red of the apple
The colour I cant see



The scarlet red of the soldier
Marching on the bridge
The crimson red of the strawberry
Sitting in the fridge

The basil green of the lime
Sitting in the bowl
The shamrock green of the grass
Now the hue of coal.

Marla-Mae Spinetti



The halloweeny orange of the pumpkin
Staring at the front of the house
The bright grey of the squirrels
Sitting on the mouse

The emerald green of the forest
Swaying in the beautiful clear sky
The chartreuse green of the mustang
Now they have all died.

Jack Lucas



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

Events you can look forward to:

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

LET'S MAKE READING THE MOST IMPORTANT REVOLT

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) Jackson (Yr 2),
Oliver (Yr 5), Thomas (Yr 3),
Annabelle (Yr 5) Rupert, Archie B,
Roman, Stanley, Emmy, Cobey (all
Yr 1) enjoyed the challenge.

Thank you to these children and any
others that joined the challenge! We
love reading at Henham

Books



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.

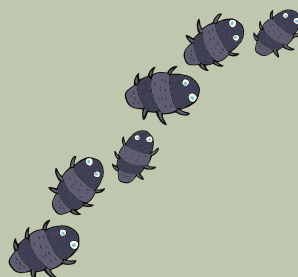
Thank you

THANK
YOU!

Big thanks to our local cub/scout group led by our lovely Katie Moxley who spent time this week in our allotment space. They have prepared and looked after the space ready for our little people to use.
Very kind!



It's so lovely seeing the children playing at lunchtime, the new fad being...making bug hotels, airports and complete villages!
Lucky bugs!





Harvest Lunch



Thursday 8th October 2026

On Thursday 8th October 2026 we are having a delicious
Harvest Lunch:

Roast Chicken
Or
Quorn Fillets

New Potatoes, Yorkshire Puddings
Seasonal Vegetables and
Gravy (optional)

And

Apple Crumble and Cream

Baguettes available as usual.

HENHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL
PSA PRESENTS

HALLOWEEN DISCO

THURSDAY 22 OCTOBER 2026

KS1

4:15pm – 5:15pm

(Reception, Year 1 & Year 2)

CHANGEVER

5:15pm – 5:30pm

KS2

5:30pm – 6:30pm

(Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6)

**PRIZES
FOR THE BEST
HALLOWEEN
DRESS!**



**FANCY DRESS
COMPETITION!**

TICKETS £5

INCLUDES A DRINK AND A HOT DOG

HOT DOGS

DRINKS

SWEETS

TICKETS AVAILABLE VIA TICKETY BOO

(Details to follow)

**LET'S MAKE IT A
SPOOKTACULAR NIGHT!**

Henham Primary School
PSA presents

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Everyone
Welcome!

Friday 4 December 2026
After school

Join us for a magical afternoon of
festive fun, treats and gifts!

Support
our school

Santa's
Grotto

Tombolas

Games
& Activities

Christmas
Crafts

Bake Sale

Festive
Refreshments
(including a bar
for adults!)

Raffle

Let's come together to make
it a very special Christmas!



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 3 V YR 5

YR 4 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.

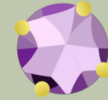


Polite reminder:

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.



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. 🌳