

Henham & Ugley Nursery and Primary School

Newsletter:

Friday 9th October 2026

Message from Mrs Brogan



Today, we have been caring for our mental health. With the children feeling comfortable in their own clothes, they have enjoyed village walks, mindfulness colouring, playing board games, having opportunities to discuss their mental health and discussing how we can look after our minds. Science experiments, visits to our curiosity copse and lego have helped us all relax today. Even the staff team were treated to a mini massage thanks to a lovely Mummy of a previous Henham child - thank you so much Fiona!





♥ Relax



Even the staff team were treated to a mini massgae thanks to lovely Fiona (an ex-pupil Mummy)

Shine
Bright

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

It was Lily's (Yr 2) first gymnastics competition and she got to meet Gold Olympic medallist Max Whitlock too.

Brilliant achievement Lily!



Thank you Lily (Yr3) for taking your learning home and writing your own Autumn poem!

Pumpkins are orange, good to smell, right now autumn has ended sad to be gone!

Don't worry there will soon be more colours let's pick another colour for now.

Let's fight back to get orange back,
Oh nooooooooooooo! Red has gone now what will we do, we will have to get them back.



Lily Gray
Year 3



Congratulations to Jack Kennedy, Obi and Ava Wilson-Green, and Molly Cuthbertson in Year 1, who were invested into 1st Henham & Elsenham Beavers this week. Beavers runs on Tuesday Evenings, (Term time only) 5.15 -6.15pm and offers children a wonderful range of opportunities, including crafts, baking, hikes, learning new skills, developing confidence and values, and taking part in exciting trips and activities.

The group is run entirely by a dedicated team of community volunteers. With our local villages continuing to grow, there is currently a very long waiting list for children wishing to join Beavers and Cubs. Unfortunately, the group is unable to offer places to more children without additional adult volunteers.

If you would be interested in joining the fantastic team of leaders, no previous Scouting experience is necessary and full support is provided. Parents who become regular volunteers will be able to secure a place for their own child without having to remain on the usual waiting list.

For more information, please contact Matt Morland - matt.morland@hatfieldforestdistrictscouts.org.uk

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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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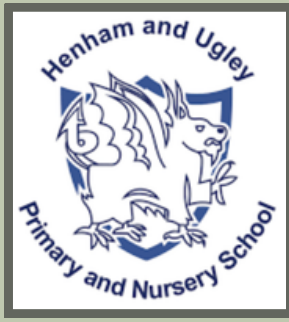
5. We value and
encourage
each other.

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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



Tuesday 20th October - One Plan Meetings in Hall

Wednesday 21st October - 1.45pm Harvest Festival Celebration in the Henham Church (email details to follow).

Thursday 22nd October - PSA Halloween disco.

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

Tuesday 15th December - 2 John's keeping children safe online training
8-9.30pm



Wednesday 21st October 1.45pm

HARVEST
FESTIVAL



We will be holding our Harvest Festival Celebration in Henham Church on 21st October. We will be walking to the church from school. You are welcome to join us in the Church and join us singing 'Cauliflowers fluffy!'

Further details will follow in an email



The 2 John's



TUESDAY 15th
DECEMBER
8-9.30pm

The 2 John's are two former police officers dedicated to keeping children safe online. They have been involved in numerous community events and workshops, sharing their expertise on online safety, particularly concerning online child sexual exploitation. They work with schools and organisations to educate children about online risks, such as gaming sites, privacy settings, and the importance of reporting suspicious activities. Their approach emphasises open conversations with children about their online activities and the need to be cautious of strangers online.

We have paid for all children, staff and parents to receive their training.
They are experts in their field with lots of helpful guidance.
Please keep this date/time free.

Further details, together with the on-line joining code will follow nearer the event.

We hope you find it useful



Thank you to our school golfing team who attended the tournament this week - even bagging some gold medals along the way!



Henham win 9-1 against St Mary's this week - what a result!

Well done Freddy (Yr 6) bagging a HAT TRICK in Thursdays match against St Mary's - you won Mrs Pope's champion ball.



The Year 6 boys enjoyed the football tournament this week - here's their report:

In our first game, Carter did a through ball to Freddie and he slotted it in. Davey then scored a little cheeky tap in. The game finished and the final score was 2-0.

In the next game we had to play more defensively as the other team were quite good. Harrison R, Dylan, Herbie and Ronnie were strong in defence and Carter, Freddie, Davey and Seth had to try and get the ball up the pitch. The match ended 0-0.

In the semi-finals we were having a strong game, but we broke the deadlock with a power shot from Davey. Suddenly, the other team scored and it went to extra time. We knew we had to produce something so Carter got the ball from our own half and pelted the ball to Freddie, who tucked it home.

The final started off a tight game but suddenly Clavering were on the attack. They shot it and Patrick made an amazing save. The game went to penalties but we lost 3-1.



A rather wet and soggy boys football tournament this week, but they loved it! Coming 2nd! We are proud of you all.

THANK
YOU



We would like to thank all the SUPER KIND parents that drove children to the football tournaments and golf this week - we are so grateful!

Also to Nikki Powter for bringing hot chocolate and biscuits for the soggy, cold children and Danielle Brassett for bringing spare socks - you are so kind.



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



William (Yr4)
for being a
lovely learning
partner in Mrs
Flemings art
lesson



Willow (Yr5) for
helping someone
when they were
hurt..

Freya (Nursery)
when a friend was
sad, you hunted out
their favourite toy.

Mabel (Rec) for
helping a nursery
child learn what
'Henham good
choices' are.

Poppy(Yr5) for inviting a peer to work with you
when they didn't have a partner.

**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

Green House: 1731

Blue House: 1414

Purple House: 1193

Red House: 1110



Some of our golden behaviour.....

Infectious positivity in learning.
Beautiful use of figurative language.

For making those marvellous mistakes and
not letting it stop you!

For not being impulsive, stopping and thinking about
your actions.

Our GOLDS are...

Nursery - Grace B, Savannah, Lily.

Reception - Lilah, Kora, Rupert H, Ollie, Pippa.

Year 1 - Cobey, Albie, Rosie H

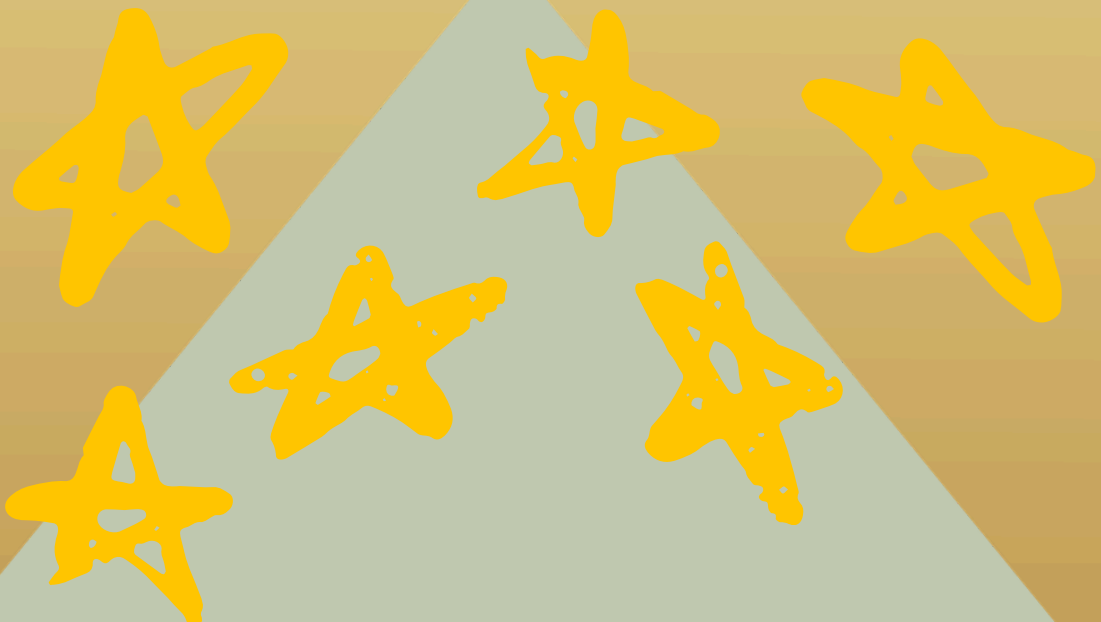
Year 2 - Jude, Willow.

Year 3 - Finnley, Franky, Bluebell, Lila, Arthur

Year 4 - William, Matilda, Evan, Jed

Year 5 - Sienna, Franky

Year 6 - Zach, Oliver, Harry, Lucy, Nate



The girls from year 5 & 6 attended the football tournament on Wednesday and won! Gold medals all round!

Thank you to all the teachers & carers for organising this amazing event and who transported us there!
Freya

We won first place by goal difference, Chesterford came second and Bentfield third. We really enjoyed going to play football, it was a great match. We are really elated that we won 1st place!

Iris

Brook from year 5 scored 6 amazing goals, also Clara scored a goal which was amazing!

Lucy

Thank you girls for standing up in assembly and so confidently talking to the whole school about your trip.



Alice, Iris, Lucy, Freya, Sophia, Poppy, Natalie, Clara, Isla and Brook went to Chestfield school to play the girls football. WE played first against Great Chestford, then we played against Bentfield

Sophia.

We only got to play 2 matches, but luckily the first match we drew 2-0 we were really happy about that but what made us even happier was the next match, the scores were 5-1 to us!

Alice

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 4

YR 2 V YR 5



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.

please be mindful



We fully appreciate that our class WhatsApp groups are a great form of communication and a speedy way to update each other! Please be mindful sharing information about our children to other adults outside our school community that are not on your group.

Thank you.

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.

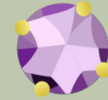


Polite reminder:

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. 🌳