

Henham & Ugley Nursery and Primary School

Newsletter:

Friday 16th October 2026

Message from Mrs Brogan



We love hearing from the children and learning from them what makes their week special. Every Monday I choose a child from each class for 'Books & Biscuits' - the children bring their books to me and together we have a biscuit and a chat, celebrating their work! This is a lovely time for me to ask the children what helps them learn and learn from some pupil voice.

Freya, Sophia, Finn, Elise (yr6)
"I have never loved English more"
"English has been so much fun!"
"Even though it has been an assessment,
English has been the best ever!"

Chloe, Grace & Poppy
(yr4)

We did tooth decay experiments this week, leaving our tongues VERY purple! We also had a fantastic lesson with Mrs Parnell.

Mabel & Florence (Reception)
We have loved playing in the garden with all the other children!

Frankie & Natalie (yr5)

We have been using our 5 senses to help us in our figurative writing this week. We also enjoyed Science when we dropped our clay models into water to see how long it would take for them to sink.

Our Nursery children enjoyed time in their allotment, harvesting their carrots and eating them!



Ellie , Roman and Christopher (yr3) have loved learning about skeletons this week and their art lesson painting Elma Thomas inspired pictures.

Eva and Tommy (yr2) Have said they have just loved being in school this week!!

Emmy & Sadie (yr1) said that they love learning and have really enjoyed the weather this week

Year 1 have also been weather reporters for Engand and Trinidad! as well as making pumpkin for the Harvest celebration.

After School Clubs

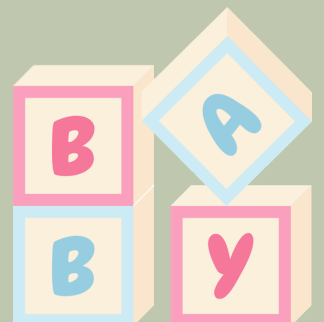
PLEASE NOTE

After school clubs lists for after half term have been emailed out to you.

Please have a look this weekend and book on Monday - with TUESDAY 20th being the cut off date.

Thank you for supporting our clubs

There were squeals of joy coming from the year 3 classroom this afternoon as Mrs Dixon announced to her class that she is having a baby! We are delighted for Mrs Dixon and her (growing) family - what beautiful news to share on a Friday!



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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.



Some of our golden behaviour.....

Infectious positivity in learning.

For thinking like a philosopher

*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 - Jesse, Ivy, Gracie M

Reception - Florence, Oscar, Mabel.

Year 1 - Mia, Pheobe, Jack

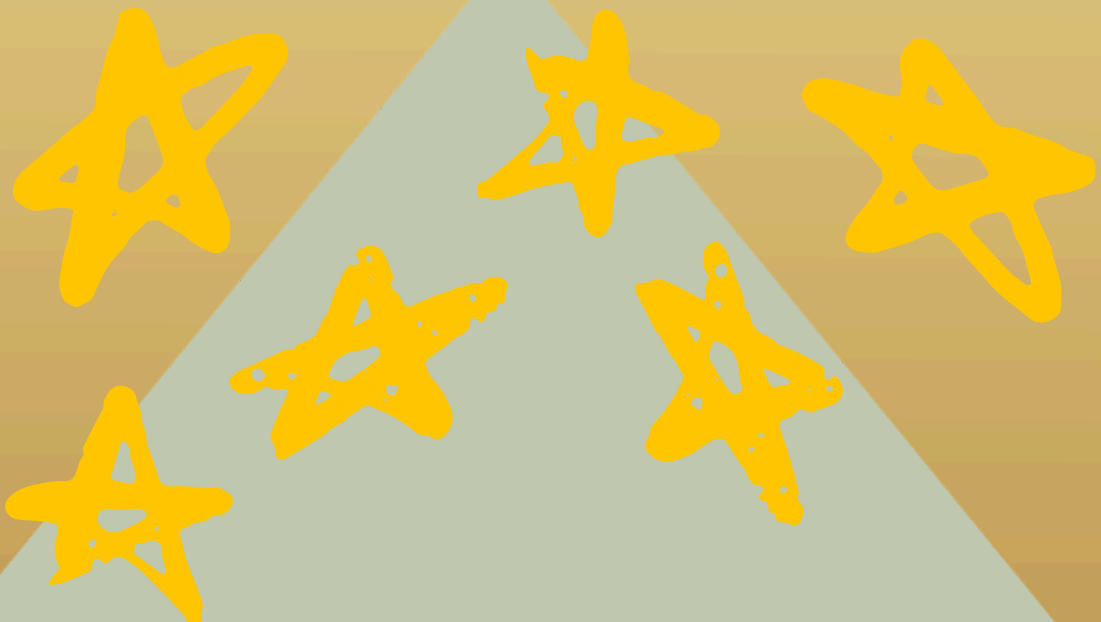
Year 2 - Whole class

Year 3 - Lily, Finn, Thomas, James

Year 4 - Jed, Ronnie, Tobias, Mr Harris

Year 5 - Hamish, Reece, Ethan R, Harrison,
Abel, Fletcher, Jesse P

Year 6 - Elise, Alice, Freddie, Molly





Wednesday 21st October 1.45pm

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Our Harvest Festival will be held in St Mary's Church, Henham on Wednesday. We will be walking from school to the Church so children **MUST HAVE A COAT** (preferably with a hood in case of rain).

You are very welcome to join us. Could we ask that you sit at the back of the Church to enjoy our celebration.

We will walk back to school after. Children will not be permitted to leave with you at the Church as we need to take end of day registers in class.

We hope you can join us. It maybe a squeeze in the Church, but I'm sure we'll all fit in!



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

Blue House: 938

Red House: 836

Green House: 827

Purple House: 791



Mrs B's kindness award



Mrs Moxley for staying & helping even when she wasn't feeling well

Willow (yr5) for helping someone when they were feeling sad

Aspen (Yr1) for always showing such kindness around our school

Pippa (Rec) for helping her friend when she was feeling sad



Natalie (Yr 5) for being so super kind to a friend.

Penny, Wren, Toby & Daisy for coming in early Monday morning to help tidy the early years garden

Reece (yr5) for being such a gentleman and rushing to open the door for Mrs B !

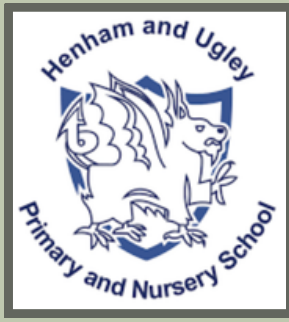
Hallie (Rec) for looking after William who is new to after school club.

Poppy (yr4) for helping and support a friend during break - it really helped boost their confidence.

Annabelle (yr 5) for always being ready with a hug for your friends.



Lilah (yr3) for being an excellent learning partner and being so kind to your friend who was having a bad morning.



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

Thursday 22nd October - School Tours for Rec 2027 parents.

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

Thursday 3rd December 9.30am - Nursery & Reception Nativity Production in school hall.

Thursday 3rd December 2pm - Year 1 & 2 Christmas Carol Service in Henham Church.

Autumn Writing year 6



Autumn by Alice

The forest is one of the most magical places October has ever seen. The tall trees towering over her makes it feel like home. She knows she is safe there. As the mossy branches sway from side to side, the colourful leaves fall onto the forest floor casting a blanket of shadows. The array of wildflowers dances happily, leaving the scent of pure untouched wilderness around her. As far as October's hazel- brown eyes could see is a layer oof thick mist coating the forest. The crisp fresh air dances around the tree like a snake wrapping around its prey. A powerful red kite glides through the air, watching over the forest like a soldier. The wind swishes past singing a peaceful lullaby to the whole forest.

Autumn by Freya

The rain poured down the window like little raindrops twirling on a stage. October was bored. She was stuck in her little wooden cottage leaning against the window with nothing to do. Before the storm, she had been teaching her baby barn owl to fly, even though it had ups and downs it got better. The light around the ancient trees turned to darkness and the sound of singing birds fell silent. Her world had been a canvas of colour, then as the storm appeared it was as though ink had fallen on to it, now it was pitch black. The wet roots twisted and grew and turned like a maze. As October watched from the window, she noticed that above the fireplace outside where she her dad and her burnt marshmallows a red Kite soared. She was fascinated watching it glide so gently to catch their prey. Although the wood was as quiet as a mouse, October knew that all the animals would be in their borrows nests and dens. A cold breeze rushed against her face like an ice cube hitting her and quietly she shut the window.

AUTUMN by Elise

On the fringe of the towering city, lay an autumn forest. A gentle breeze hummed quietly with the drenched-amber leaves. A calm stream weaves through the dense forest, bubbling and splashing as it goes. Autumn is here. Finally. Its ripples are waves, washing away all the hurt and sadness in the forest as the birds sing in a choir of joyful song. Light rain splatters silently on the muddy, wet ground; a watercolour appears. Leaves nestle peacefully between the twisted branches, like a child in open warm arms. It's beautiful. The forest is chilly yet not bitter on my fingers. I love that feeling. A kite flies overhead effortlessly, gliding and soaring and scanning for food. The sun's light peeked through the trees, casting shadows on the leaf litter below. All is calm. Autumn is upon us.

Autumn by Mollie

As the tiny birds chirped in harmony the long golden ribbon of leaves twisted around the ancient oak tree. I could see the sap drizzling down the autumn tree like icing on a cake. I could hear the teasing wind drifting between the trees, their vibrant twigs snapping on the muddy floor. I can hear the crispy leaves piling up like a mountain as October's feet collide with the leaves crinkling under every step. I can feel the shiny brown conkers being protected by their spiky green jacket. As birds glide through the air like kites, the sun begins to hide.



**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.

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



SPORT NEWS

Year 5 and 6 enjoyed the rugby tournament this week coming back to school with 3rd and fourth place certificates. They were very wet and soggy but they had a great time.

Footy News!

Henham 2 - Great Chesterford 1
another win for Henham!!!!!!



Christmas Productions

Thursday 3rd December - 9.30am
Nursery and Reception Nativity Production - this will be held in the school hall.

Thursday 3rd December - 2pm
Year 1 and 2 Christmas carols and celebrations in St Mary's Church, Henham.





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.



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.



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.

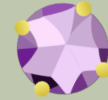


Polite reminder:

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. 🌳