Henham & Ugley Nursery and Primary School

Newsletter:
Friday 13th November 2026



Message from Mrs Brogan

This week the children remembered all those that have lost their lives in conflict across the world, their families and friends. Children have marked remembrance day with a 2 minute silence, year 4 & 6 walked to the war memorial and represented the school and others made poppies, read poems and discussed the importance of this day in their guided reading lessons.

Friday was our 'wear spotty/own clothes to raise money for 'Children in Need' day. Thank you to all those that contributed to our collection - the grand total will be announced next week.

The weather has certainly turned a little chillier! Could we ask that children bring in their coats, gloves etc... every day. We find so much lost property, could we please ask that you label everything so we can reunit items with children.

I love seeing you all on the gate every morning and in the afternoons. It's my time to welcome our families and start our school day on a positive note. School should feel homely and welcoming and a place where our children feel a true, genuine sense of belonging. That starts with our welcomes in the morning, throughout the whole day until we leave after school. Being on the gate is a lovely opportunity to get to know my parents and extended families too - please feel free to grab me at those times if you have something you need to chat about 'communication is key!'. If you have something more sensitive to talk about, I'm here for a coffee in my office too.

I hope you enjoy your weekends.



Limelight on learning...

Year 2

Daisy & Evangeline have been absorbed in maths and learing how to make numbers greater than 10.

Year 5

Fletcher is loving basketball in PE. Sienna is loving the DT project and planning to make a soft toy. This week she has learnt the 'blanket stitch'.

Reception

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Ottalie has said 'I love learning' and Arthur has really loved playing with the magnets.



Year 3

Lucas-Jay is really enjoying writing about the 'magical place'

Isabella has said that gymnastics has been the highlight of her week!

Year 4

Both Martha and Kayleigh have been absorbed in their writing inspired by a picture of a 'wintery arch'.



Year 6

Harrison H enjoyed the walk to the war memorial in Henham

Finn has loved the WW2 writing topic.

Year 1

Stanley has loved his science this week and learning about bones.

Jude has thrown himself into his RE this week learning about Hinduism.



Nursery

Savannah told me that she has loved the play Doh in nursery!

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.

Some of our golden behaviour.....



For showing confidence and joining in games..

For lovely learning behaviour.

For 'OOZING' the Henham values!

For using WOW vocabulary in your writing. .

For beautiful art work

Our GOLDS are...

Nursery - Darcy, Thea.
Reception -Lukas, Hamish.
Year 1 - Mia, Max, Rosie M, Albie, Phoebe.
Year 2 - Trixie, Ottalie, Wren, Isabella, Willow, Amelie, Charles.
Year 3 - Thomas, Mia, Isabella, Cameron.
Year 4- Savannah, Ronnie, Matilda
Year 5 - Abdur, Oliver, Sophia.
Year 6 - Toby, Lucy, Davey, Vinnie, Ronnie.



Mrs B's kindness award

Archie B (Yr1) for showing 'heart felt' congratulations when your friends go up the behaviour chart.



Rupert (Yr1) for handing a friend a lunch tray in the queue.

Oscar (Rec) for being a 'tidy up superstar'.



Olivia (Yr2) for always offering to help the kitchen staff

Freddie (Yr6) for offering up your seat when a friend needed to focus in their learning.

Harry (Yr6) for offering up your coat when a friend was cold.



Admissions - reception 2027



PLEASE NOTE - admissions are now open for 2027 reception places. Please spread the word. If you are applying for a place at our school, you need to apply via Essex www.essex.gov.uk/admissions. We do not have any involvement in admissons.

Diary Dates

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

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

Monday 30th November - INSET DAY

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.

Monday 14th December 2pm - WHOLE SCHOOL Carols around the Henham Christmas Tree (opposite OSCA Hall Crow Street) - all are welcome!

Tuesday 15th December 8-9.30pm - The 2 John's on line safety training

Wednesday 16th December - Christmas Jumper day and Christmas dinner day.

Friday 18th December - last day of term FINISH at 1.15pm



















Thank you

WOW! You raised an amazing £292.40 for 'Children in Need' how brilliant.













Your child was sent home with the sheet for designing their own Christmas card.....please note, the DEADLINE is: 25th November. Please return to your class teacher.







CONGRATULATIONS

To our football squad who won with a 6-0 score against Chrishall School.

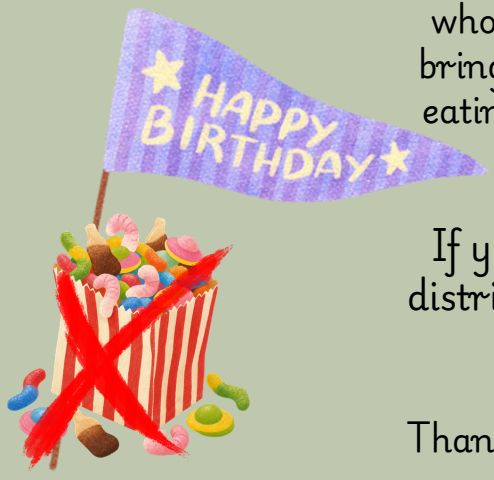
A special mention to George F who scored a hat trick winning the 'Mrs Pope' hat trick ball!



Thank you to Freya and James Gilles for representing our school so beautifully at the war memorial, Henham and laying the wreath on behalf of our school.

HENHAM HOUSE POINTS

GREEN HOUSE	904
RED HOUSE	899
BLUE HOUSE	886
PURPLE HOUSE	741



We love celebrating birthdays at Henham, asking children to come to the front of assembly as we sing happy birthday as a whole school.Unfortunately, we cannot allow children to bring in sweets/cakes to share in school. We are a healthy eating school, plus we are governed by statutory policy in line with Natasha's law and Benedict's law.

If you are keen on sharing goodies, please could you distribute outside the school grounds and be mindful of those children that have allergies.

Thank you so much for your support and understanding.

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





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
CHRISTMAS
BAZAAR
Everyone Welcome!
Friday 4 December 2026
After school
Support our school
Join us for a magical afternoon of festive fun, treats and gifts!
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!


Christmas Carols
Around the
Henham Village
Christmas Tree
Monday 14th December · 2pm
Crow Street, Henham
HENHAM
Parents and family members welcome for this annual festive celebration
If the weather is very bad this event may be cancelled.


Folies
FIELDS
Folies Fields,
CM24 8SX
Trees, Gifts,
Wreathes
and More
£5 back
to your
school!
Christmas



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 5 V Yr 6

Yr 2 V Yr 4

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.





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, unfortunatley 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.