



The Old School Henstead

Newsletter

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Calendar for next week

Monday 16 October
Tuesday 17 October

8.35 Bag2School Collection
1.30 Years 2 & 3 Swimming
2.15 Years 4,5 & 6 Swimming
2.30 Reception, Year 1 & Nursery Pre-School Gymnastics
2.00 - 3.30 Parent & Toddler Group (in Nursery) **NEW**
9.00 Year 3 Visits Art & Architecture Design Workshop Norwich
2.00 U8 Matball at Sir John Leman (A) **Postponed**
Inter-House Art Competition
Inter-House Quiz
6.30 PTFA Bonfire Night & Fireworks
Half Term Begins

Wednesday 18 October

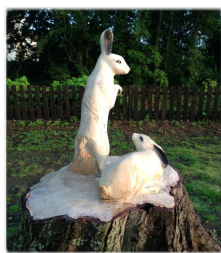
Thursday 19 October
Friday 20 October

Dates for your diary

Monday 30 October -
Friday 3 November
Monday 6 November

Holiday Club (bookable via the Office)

Term Resumes



Message from the Headmaster

We look forward to welcoming all the members of our school community, together with guests and friends this weekend at our open morning. There will be a varied programme of events, centred on the achievement and the personal development of our boys and girls, but especially on the Performing Arts and music. It promises to be a wonderful morning. *Mr McKinney*

Open Morning.

Our Open Morning takes place tomorrow Saturday 14 October. **Pupils' registration will take place at 9.30.** We encourage family, friends and other visitors to arrive between 9.45 and 10.00 so that they may choose their options for the morning.

It is also an opportunity for parents and grandparents to join their children in school for the morning.

Pupils should arrive in usual full uniform, including blazers.

We appreciate your support in spreading the word.



The Old School Henstead
An independent prep school & nursery
for boys & girls aged 2½ to 11.

Open Morning

Give your child a confident start.



Saturday 14 OCTOBER Arrivals 9:45 - 10:00AM T. 01502 741150
Toad Row, Henstead, Nr Beccles NR34 7LG www.theoldschoolhenstead.co.uk

Green with Envy.



Who says being eco-friendly is all about biodegradable bin liners? Not Year Four after sitting in Dale Vince's £1 million, record-breaking, battery powered rocket ship at 'Ecotricity's' Green Britain centre near Swaffham.

Yes, of course we climbed to the top of the world's first publicly accessible wind turbine but not before refining our knowledge of blade configurations and angles in a challenging classroom session. Somehow those 305 steps seem effortless when you are not carrying the 46,000 tonnes of CO₂ a year saved by Ecotricity's wind farms alone.

Year Four delivered a big 'no' to 'nimbyism' as we continued our tour of rotating compost makers and then fuelled by a handful of organically grown raspberries we moved on emphatically to the future with V R headsets primed to develop our bee awareness.

It was a stimulating day perfectly geared to supporting our school work on recycling and renewable energy. You don't have to hug a tree to be an eco-warrior!

Mr Butcher





Stet fortuna domus.

Why Latin? There are many reasons why our Year Six pupils study this fascinating language.

It is the next step after phonics and half of our English vocabulary is made up of Latin words and roots, with nearly all scientific terminology rooted in Latin. It is the language of Law, government, logic and theology. It trains the mind, supports the learning of English grammar. Latin is excellent preparation for the learning of any language.

In applying modern language teaching approaches to a classical language, we also give prominence to Roman history and incorporate story-based approaches to language learning.

We are proud to follow the tradition of the many great schools at which our pupils have gone on to have such success, indeed, I have fond memories of alumnae of The Old School Henstead in my tenure as a senior school House Master at Harrow. We continue to embrace the ethos summed up so well by one such school - *Donorum dei dispensation fedelis* - the faithful stewardship of the gifts of God.

Mr McKinney

"NON SCHOLAE SED
VITAE DISCIMUS"

WE LEARN NOT FOR
SCHOOL BUT FOR LIFE

Holiday Club.

Our half term Holiday Club will take place from Monday 30 October to Friday 3 November inclusive.

Here is the programme for the week:

Monday 30 October	Board Games with a Twist
Tuesday 31 October	Movie & Pumpkin Painting
Wednesday 1 November	ICT Day
Thursday 2 November	Outdoor Ed
Friday 3 November	Gravity Trampoline Park

Each day will run from 9:30am to 3:30pm.
Open to children from Reception to Year 6.

Bookings may be made for individual days or the full week. Please return your booking form with payment to the office as soon as possible to reserve your place, as numbers are limited, especially on the Friday, where priority is given to those booked for the full week.



A Busy Term for Year One.



What a fantastic start to Year One we have made. We are busy every day enjoying learning in many different ways. Here are a selection of some of our favourite activities.

Gymnastics on a Tuesday is always great fun learning about balance, control and co-ordination. The equipment is fantastic!

Our current topic is *Toys From The Past*. A big thank you to all parents and grandparents for letting us experience their wonderful and precious old toys. It has been truly educationally valuable to see them. We are really looking forward to our school field trip on Wednesday 15th November to Stranger's Hall in Norwich for our *Toys from the Past* workshop.

As scientists we have made predictions and observed the results of our experiments carefully in our *Water* topic. We are also starting to see the importance of fair testing in order to get accurate findings. So far we have explored the water cycle and created freezing and evaporation experiments.

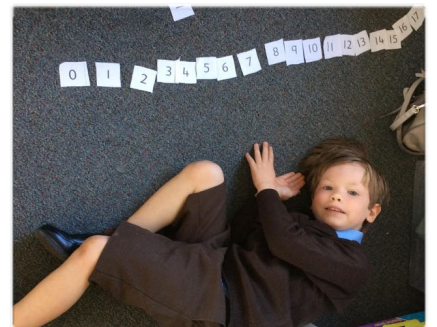
The Rainbow Fish by Marcus Pfister has been our main literacy book this term. The Year One children have been practising their story telling skills and writing sentences using a word bank and sentence starters. We are now writing our own picture storybooks.

We have been practising counting skills and representing numbers in different ways. Place value is our next challenge where we recognise that numbers below 100 are made up of digits which are represented in tens and units.

In French, we have been learning about the parts of the body.

We look forward to seeing you on Open Morning.

Mrs Loader





Reception Roundup.



We continue encouraging and watching the children's personal, social and emotional development this week in Reception as they confidently negotiate friendships with younger and older peers. It is especially nice to see how as a class we are enthusiastic to demonstrate our learning to Nursery children.

To reinforce the importance in our social, communication and language skills we have enjoyed focussed circle times on how we communicate with each other through play and developing friendships. We also enjoy sharing stories and are very good at identifying positive role models.



Using our fantastic environment in maths this week has helped us to see how numbers are used all over the school and how things on the field can be counted. We especially enjoyed our running race to see who was 1st, 2nd and 3rd.

As part of our weekly routine at school we have to get changed for games and gymnastics. We are all demonstrating excellent physical development and are able to dress and undress ourselves independently. Buttons and zips are still a bit tricky though!



Now that we are confidently mastering the sounds of the alphabet we are exploring capital letters and letter names and reinforcing our understanding of the alphabet through song, stories and writing.

We are very excited about Bonfire night and after hearing the story of Guy Fawkes we have created our own bonfire and firework picture using a variety of materials and techniques.

Mrs Scriven & Mrs Dakin



SPORTS ROUND UP

Hockey



HOCKEY

On Wednesday, 11 girls headed down to The Abbey for a fun hockey fixture. Upon arrival the girls were split into four teams, combining with the 20 Abbey pupils and begun warming up for a mini tournament. After a gentle start the girls soon put their skills to use; making some exceptional passes and striving for the goals. Well done to Kate, Rebecca, Daisy, for scoring at least two goals each for their individual teams.

After some close matches, the Red team came in 4th, Orange team 3rd, Blue 2nd leaving the Green Cucumbers the tournament winners scoring a total of 7 goals over the three matches. Players that stood out were Rebecca and Daisy for their

teamwork and confidence as they played the field. Also a big well done to our two goalies – Tabatha and Rachael who stepped up to the challenge and saved some key goals for their teams.

Although the girls enjoy playing against another school, it was a lovely afternoon for them to make new friends, try new positions and also put the skills they've been learning in Games lessons to use. Thank you to the parents who came to support the girls.

Mrs Jensen



Mascot Awards.

Mascots were awarded this week to the pupils best demonstrating our school value for this half term - **Confidence**:

Reception: Robin for confidently trying to stay focused on his tasks

Year 1: Oscar for showing great confidence in mathematics

Year 2: Amelie for confidently developing reading skills

Year 3: Marli for showing confidence when learning times tables

Year 4: Olivia for taking responsibility for her own homework and getting 10/10 in her spelling test

Year 5: Jack for confidently teaching other pupils how to convert remainders to decimals

Year 6: Alex for confidence around the school and responsibly ringing the bell.



Bag 2 School



Our next Bag2School collection will take place on Monday 16 October (change of date). We appreciate all your donations.

Nursery Star



Priscilla the owl is having a sleepover at Violette's house this weekend because Violette has been a great help this week in Nursery, tidying up after lessons and being kind to other children.

Bonfire & Fireworks



Don't miss our Bonfire Night & Fireworks on Friday 20 October. Drop your ticket booking form in at the office.

Girls' Winter Uniform



After the half term holiday girls should all be wearing the winter uniform.

UNIFORM SHOP

Opening Times
Term Time

Mondays 8.15-9.15
Thursdays 3.15-4.15

PTFA

News Extra

Bonfire Night & Fireworks
Friday 20 October 6.30pm
(Fireworks from 7.30)
Tickets Adults £5;
Children £3, including
hotdog. Return your
booking form as soon as
possible.

Next PTFA Meeting
Wednesday 8 November
at 7pm in The Three
Horseshoes



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