



The Old School Henstead

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MESSAGE FROM THE HEADMASTER

It has been most heartening to see the manner in which the school community has supported the Backpacks of Hope appeal, which will provide practical help to those in such need in war-torn Ukraine. It really is love in action.

May all of our community enjoy a blessed and peaceful Easter.

WJ McKinney MA Hons PgDip MA





DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.

Dates for your Diary - calendar updated weekly with additional events, fixtures and excursions.

Monday 25 April - Summer Term Begins

Friday 20 May - The Henstead Charity Hike

Sunday 22 May - Friday 27 May - Year Six Residential Trip to Snowdonia

Wednesday-Friday 8-10 June - Years Four & Five Residential Trips



Jewellery Workshop.



Over the last three weeks pupils in Year 6 were introduced to jewellery making. Each pupil was allowed to create a ring, earring or pendant and had the opportunity to saw, solder, hammer and sand the silver. They were attentive and responsible when dealing with the different tools and should be very proud of their creations. - Miss Bennie



Easter Music.



Our Choirs expertly led the final service in our cycle of worship at St Mary's this term.

Our opening hymn "*Now the Green Blade Riseth*" uses beautifully poetic imagery to compare the miracle of new life around us in springtime to the miracle of Christ's Resurrection from the dead. A similar message was contained in the Junior Choir's "*New Life Has Begun*" which they performed with their usual enthusiasm. The Senior Choir performed "*The Old Rugged Cross*", a hymn tune which has been recorded by many great recording artists including Jim Reeves and Ella Fitzgerald, and our service concluded with the joyful "*Easter Hymn*".

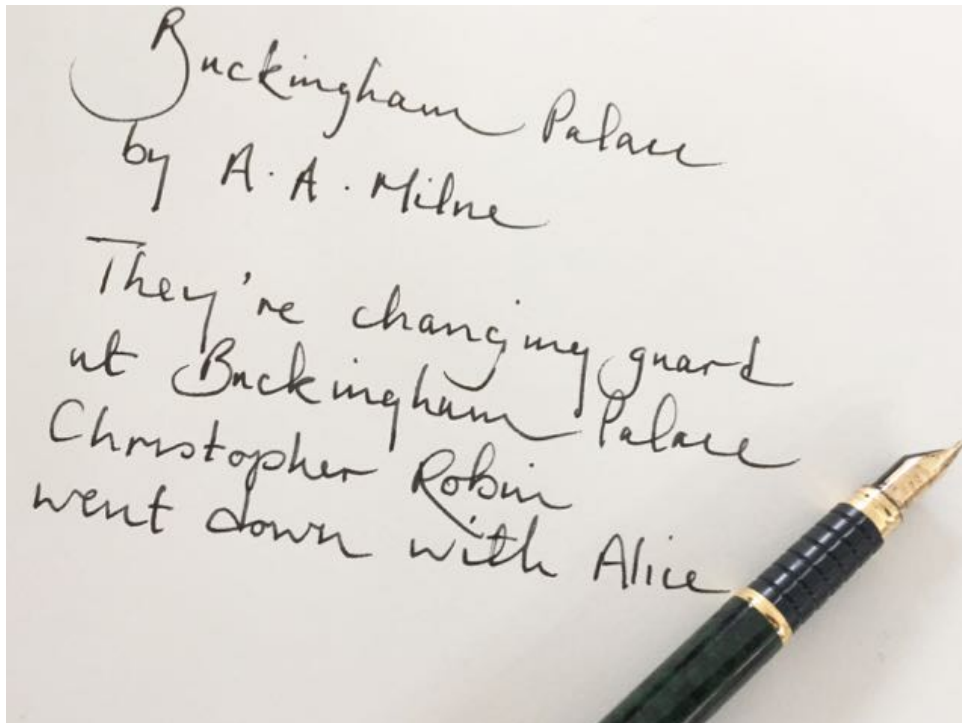
Thank you to all families who joined us for the service.

- Mr Spencer





Poetry Competition.



The annual Inter-House and individual poetry competition was as keenly contested as ever. The theme for this year was the poetry of A.A. Milne.

Every pupil in Years 4-6 performed a piece individually, with each house choosing a poem for a choral performance. An excellent standard was delivered throughout and the winners in each category reported below. Congratulations to all.

Poetry Competition

Individual winners

Year 4 Grace-Marie

Year 5 Isabella

Year 6 Lola

Overall winner Georgina

House Poetry Competition

First Yare

Second Orwell

Third Waveney

Fourth Deben



Cross Country Competition.



A fantastic effort from all of our boys and girls in the annual Inter-House Cross Country! Upper School winners: Rafferty and Amelie; Years 2 & 3: Louis and Emily; Reception & Year 1: Jonah and Aurora. And Yare won the shield. More pictures of the event feature on the following pages.



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Reception News.



Easter is fast approaching and the Reception children have been busy exploring lots of different Easter activities: counting eggs, writing Easter cards, telling stories in our Easter small world tray and of course practising our phonics skills. The children also enjoyed attending the Easter service at a rather snowy church!
- Miss Doughty



Exploring Medusa in Art.



In Art Year Three pupils were exploring the mythical Medusa. They created their pieces using pastels! - Miss Bennie



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Easter Bonnet Parade - Competition Results.



We received the largest number of entries in this year’s Easter Bonnet Competition - too many to showcase in this newsletter. The creativity shown was outstanding, indicating many hours spent at home working secretly on these masterpieces before revealing them on the day. The judge had the difficult task of choosing winners in each category and age group and we are delighted to report the results below:

Most Creative

Nursery & Reception	Grace and Oliver
Years 1 & 2	Sophia
Years 3 & 4	Grace-Marie
Years 5 & 6	Chloe

Most Colourful

Nursery & Reception	Ottilie
Year 1 and 2	Betsie and Saffie
Yers 3 & 4	Emily
Year 5 and 6	Millie

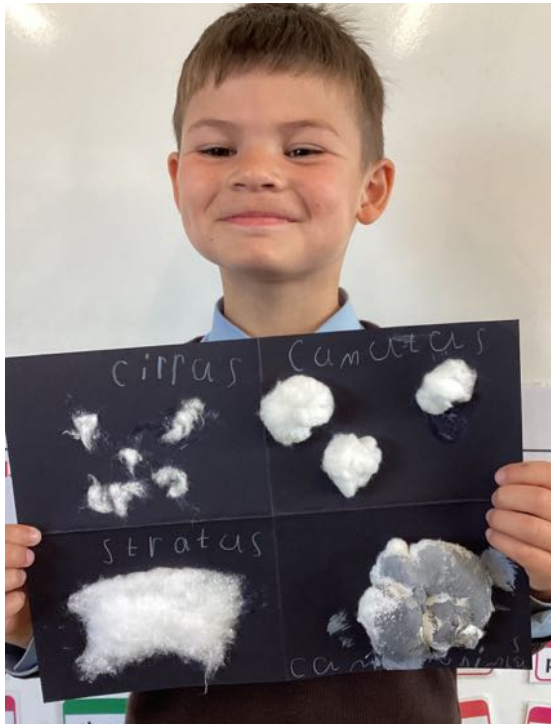
The biggest (whilst staying on the head) Amelie

Thank you to all entrants for your impressive work and creativity.
- Miss Bennie





Weather Matters.



Alongside our Science topic of Plants, Year Two have been studying weather as our humanities topic. The topic has inspired poetry writing in which the children wrote some beautiful acrostic poems and haikus about the seasons. Here are some examples:

Spring by Max

*Look out for the lambs,
Daffodils come out in spring,
Chicks come out of eggs*

Autumn by Eddie

*Do a jigsaw game,
You can play snakes and ladders,
You can wear warm gloves*

Snow by Lexi

*Snow is on the ground,
Now it's snowing hard,
Oh, it's all white,
Windy snow is cold.*

As you can see from our photos, we also prepared and presented our own weather forecast reports, in which we used our map skills to describe the changes in weather throughout the day. Finally, we have made our own clouds from cotton wool, learning the different names and many different facts. - Mrs McCarthy





Easter Treats.



Great fun was had by our boys and girls this week, making cute little Easter chick pop treats to eat. The pupils began by pushing their marshmallows on to small sticks before dipping into melted white chocolate. Mmmm - a good start!

Next, senior school pupils helped the younger ones add smarties for beaks, small sections of strawberry laces for crests and black food colouring for the eyes. The chicks looked very cute and extremely tempting. These teachers are afraid to say that some of the boys and girls gave into that temptation, and their little chicks never made it home!

Mrs Sonn and Miss Bennie





OTHER NEWS.

Good Manners Awards

Certificates were awarded by the School Council for Good Manners this term to:

Year 6 - Lolah
Year 5 - Christabel and Ariane
Year 4 - Grace-Marie and Robin
Year 3 - Emily
Year 2 - Saffie
Year 1 - Jonah
Reception - Aurora

Badges were awarded to:

Jonah (Lower School) and Emily (Upper School). Congratulations to all.

Certificates Awarded This Week

Silver: Jonah Year 1 and Grace-Marie Year 4

Instagram

You may now follow us on Instagram <https://www.instagram.com/theoldschoolhenstead/>

After School Clubs

Booking forms for next term's after school clubs - including Pony Club - will be out soon.

Summer Uniform

Temperature permitting, girls should revert to their summer uniform of dresses with white ankle socks after the Easter holidays. Short trousers continue to be available for boys.



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