



# THE OLD SCHOOL HENSTEAD

INDEPENDENT PREPARATORY SCHOOL



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We have arrived at the end of another fantastic term! I would like to take this opportunity to say an enormous thank you to our parents, grandparents, boys and girls, along with our teachers, that make our school community so special. Together we have shared some wonderful learning experiences and look forward to the many events that lie ahead in the Summer Term. Opportunities to dream, believe and achieve as sports day, the summer show, speech day and a variety of trips pack our busy calendar. To all our school community, I wish you a lovely Easter break.

- Miss M J Clifton





## Key Dates:

**Monday 27th - Friday 31st March - Easter Holiday Club**

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**Monday 17th April - Summer Term Commences**

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**Friday 21st April - PTFA Quiz Night**

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**Wednesday 26th & Thursday 27th April - Illustration workshops with Polly Dunbar**

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**Monday 1st May - Bank Holiday (school will be closed)**

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**Monday 8th May - Bank Holiday (school will be closed)**

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# Easter Holiday Club

## LAST CHANCE TO BOOK!

Our Easter Holiday Club will be running from **Monday 27th to Friday 31st March** for all children in Reception to Year Six.

Cost - £35 per day / £140 for the week (receive one day FOC)

Our daily activities are as follows:

Monday	Easter Cookery
Tuesday	Easter Arts & Crafts
Wednesday	Sports and Games
Thursday	Outdoor Education
Friday	Easter Party, Activities and Movie Day

9.00am to 3.30pm daily

To book, please use the following link:

[www.theoldschoolhenstead.co.uk/easterholidayclub](http://www.theoldschoolhenstead.co.uk/easterholidayclub)





**THE OLD SCHOOL HENSTEAD PTFA**

# QUIZ NIGHT



**Friday 21st April**

6.30pm, for 7.00pm start

Teams of 6 people (fill a table, or let us make up a team for you!)

£5.50 per ticket (adults)

Children are welcome to come along (Reception to Year Six) for a PJ party, with a movie and board games!

[CLICK HERE TO BOOK YOUR TICKETS](#)





This week in Nursery, we have been learning all about spring and Easter celebrations. First, we went on a spring nature walk to look at the spring flowers and find a branch that we could turn into an easter tree. Then, we took turns painting the branch a beautiful bright white. Finally, the tree was ready for decorating and we worked together to make easter ornaments and bright pom-poms. What a bright addition to the classroom it has been!

- Mrs Braidwood







Year One have been exploring doubling numbers in Maths this week. We looked at different methods of doubling numbers to twenty and beyond using bricks, counters, fingers or just working it out in our heads!

The children all enjoy a challenge so we investigated and analysed our answers when we doubled odd numbers and then even numbers. We have also started using the column addition method to add up doubles - no carrying sums yet!

Great maths work, Year One. Well done.

- Mrs Dakin





For the past week, Year Three have been working hard on subtracting using borrowing. This has been very challenging for the pupils because they have also had to write out their own sums! The pupils have shown resilience and confidence when tackling the different questions. To finish off the topic, the pupils took part in a missing Easter egg challenge where they had to solve different problems to find out the clues. Well done, Year Three.

- Miss Bennie







# Model Gliders Club

Our engineers in model glider club thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to test their creations this week. Bravo!







# Inter-house Cross Country

What a fantastic performance from our runners in our Inter-house Cross-Country competition. Congratulations to our winners, Orwell.







# Inter-house Cross Country







# Easter Bonnet Parade

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Easter Bonnet Parade. What a wonderful morning, with some fabulous creations. Well done everyone!

Our winners were as follows:

**EYFS**  
Albert C  
Ottillie P

**Junior**  
Lucy  
Orlando

**Senior**  
Sonny  
Betsie

**Tallest - Aurora**







# Easter Bonnet Parade







# Achievements

Congratulations to Sophia who has passed her karate grading and been awarded her orange belt.

Thank you for sharing your amazing achievement with us!



Well Done to our Bronze and Silver certificate winners this week - Teddy, Hugo, Arthur, Reuben, Grayson, Florence, Hollie and Lily.





# Poetry

This week, we held our annual inter-house and individual poetry recital competition.

With a stunning performance of Leave the Whales Alone, Please! by Tony Bradman, Yare were victorious in the house competition.

Shortly after, the children were entertained by some stunning individual performances by years four and six.

Well done to all, our winners were Bella and Emily, and runners up Ruby and Alex.







## Easter Service

The senior and junior choirs were in fine voice for our Easter service at St Mary's, leading the congregation in the traditional Easter hymns "Now the Green Blade Riseth" and the rousing "Thine Be the Glory." The junior choir's performance of "Were You There?", a traditional American Spiritual, was touching in its simplicity, and "Christ Be Our Light" featured both choirs joining voices for the uplifting chorus. As well as readings from the Bible, Year 6 presented a piece of drama attempting to answer some tricky questions about the meaning of Easter organised by Mrs Solomon. Thank you to all the parents and friends who helped make our service special by attending.

- Mr Spencer







# School Notices

## Summer Dresses

Summer dresses with white ankle socks can be worn from the start of the summer term (weather permitting).



## Swimming

Swimming continues next term for Nursery, Reception, Year One, Year Two and Year Three on Tuesday afternoons.





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