



# THE OLD SCHOOL HENSTEAD

INDEPENDENT PREPARATORY SCHOOL



School Newsletter  
Autumn Term  
24th November 2023



Excitement is building as we head towards Christmas. Nativity rehearsals are in full swing and angel voices singing carols flow from the music room. It has been a busy, fun and productive week as the countdown is underway. I would like to thank you all for your support, be it singing the songs, learning lines or costume production.

- Miss Clifton



## Key Dates:

**Monday 4th December** - Official Opening of The Hub by Polly Dunbar, with a reading of her new book.

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**Thursday 7th December** - Christmas Disco

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**Friday 8th December** - Christmas Fair 3.30pm - 5.00pm

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**Friday 8th December** - Christmas Jumper Day

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**Tuesday 12th December** - EYFS Nativity (N&R)

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**Wednesday 13th December** - School Nativity (Y1,2,3)

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**Thursday 14th December** - Carol Service

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**Monday 18th - Friday 22nd December** - Christmas Holiday Club

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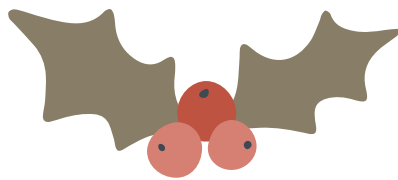
**Monday 8th January** - Spring Term Starts

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**Monday 22nd January** - School Photographs

Full details regarding each of these events will be provided nearer the time and more dates will be added weekly.

FRIDAY 8TH  
DECEMBER



3.30PM - 5PM

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# CHRISTMAS FAIR



GAMES  
& STALLS



SANTAS  
GROTTO



MULLED  
WINE



HOT  
CHOCOLATE



TURKEY,  
BRIE &  
CRANBERRY  
ROLLS



SAUSAGE  
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CAKES &  
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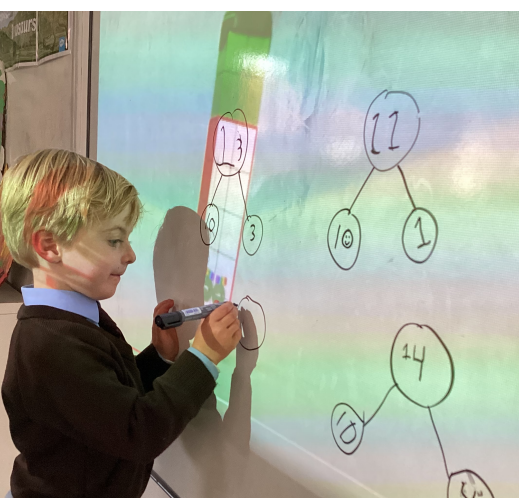
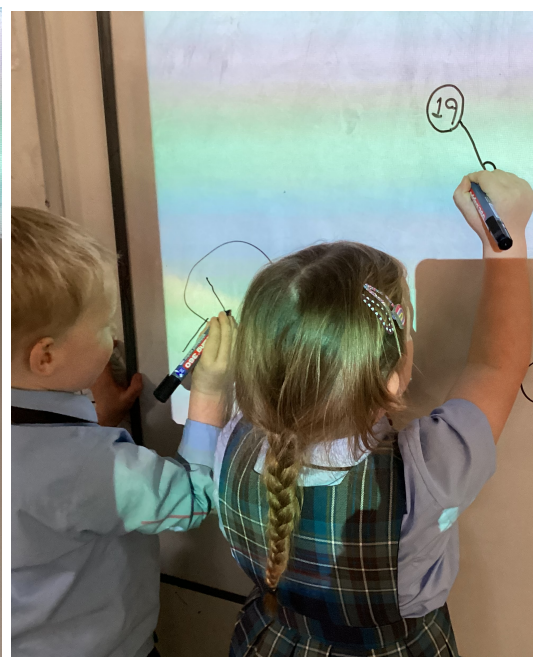


# Reception

Amazing maths!

Reception have been working so hard, mastering teen numbers. They've shown a deep understanding of how the numbers are written and their composition too. They've even worked on adding two 2-digit numbers together using numicon. Really amazing work, Reception!

- Miss Doughty

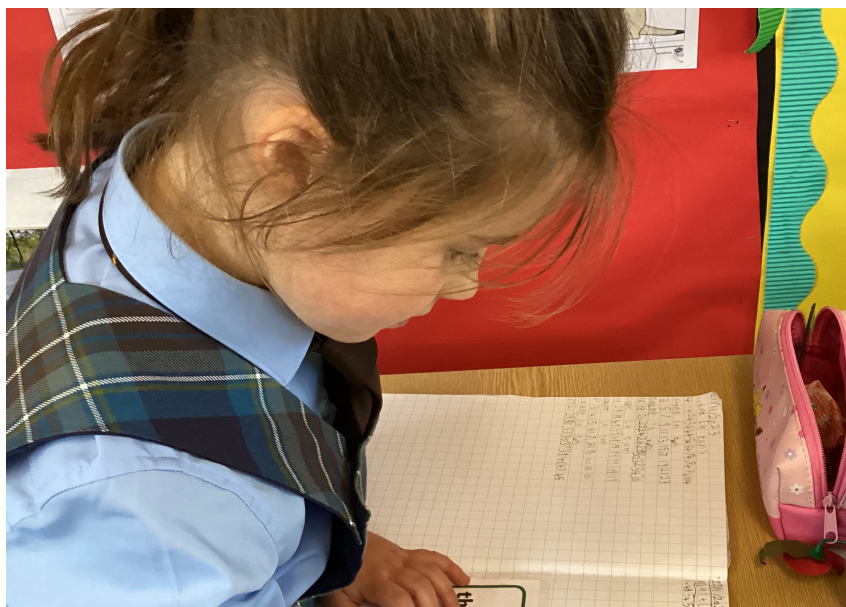




## Year Two

In maths this week, we have been working on identifying numbers that are in the two or ten times table. We sorted numbers and found out that if they were in the ten times table, they were also in the two times table. If they weren't in either of these, we put them in a separate column!

- Mrs Solomon





## Years Four and Five

On Wednesday, Years 4 and 5 spent a fascinating day at the Time and Tide Museum in Great Yarmouth. In the morning, they learned how to stand, march and fight like Roman soldiers and were invited into a Druid circle to create potions which would predict the outcome of the war between Boudicca and the Romans (and we all know how that ended).

After lunch, they were inspected by a Roman Lady who was looking for good quality slaves to help her with household chores, and finally they joined a member of the Iceni tribe to practise their war cries and hammer-throwing skills in preparation for the great battle to come. There is no doubt that everyone enjoyed the experience, or, as the Romans would say, *omnis gaudium!*

- Mrs Sonn and Mr Hunter.





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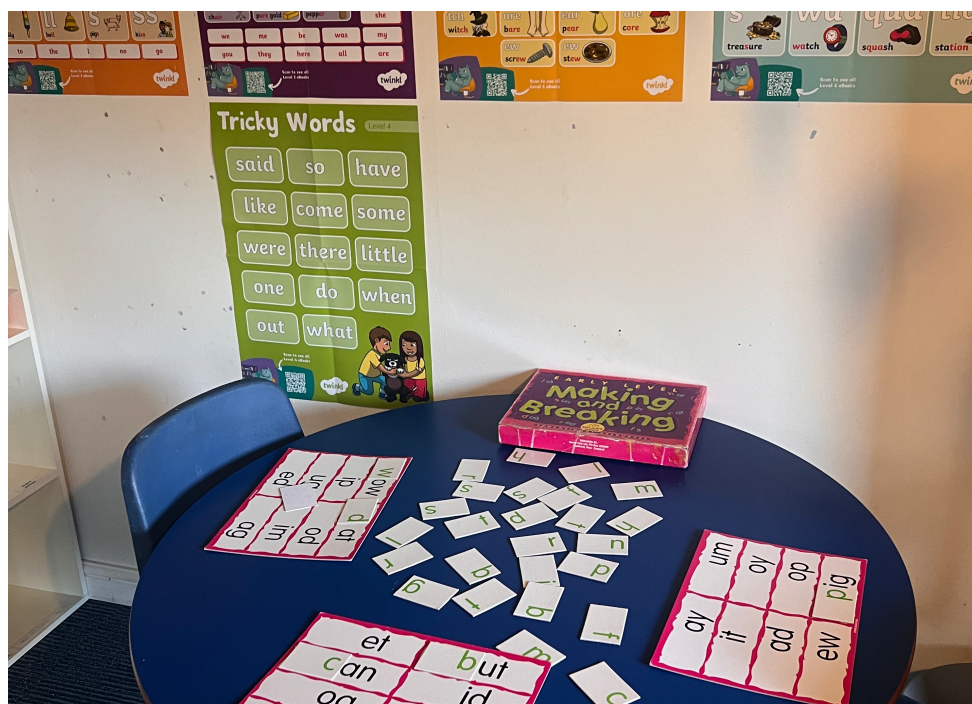




# Learning Support Room



Our new Learning Support Room is complete! Thank you to the PTFA for their donation towards resources. We are looking forward to using it to learn.

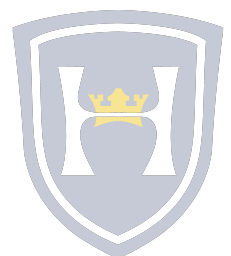




You are warmly invited to attend the School Carol Service on Thursday 14th December, at which the Junior and Senior choirs will be performing (Year 1 onwards). The service will begin at 6.30pm and all children should be at St Mary's Church, Henstead for 6.15pm.

Members of the Senior Choir should be wearing their choir robes and ruffs and members of the Junior Choir should wear school uniform. Although heaters will be on, the Church can be cold so please, all wrap up warm.

We look forward to celebrating Christmas with you.





# School Mascots

Mascots were awarded this week to the pupils best demonstrating our school values for this half term: researcher and resilience.

Well done to all of our mascot winners from this week:

Reception - Halle

Year One - Ayla

Year Two - Hugo

Year Three - Darcie

Year Four - Minty

Year Five - James





# Christmas Disco



**Thursday 7th December - 4.15pm - 5.30pm**  
(For children in Reception onwards)

Children are welcome to stay at school until the Disco starts. Please send children with a change of clothes for the Disco.

Tickets are £3, and will be on sale from Monday in the school office.

There will be a tuck shop at the disco, so please bring pennies!

## Christmas Jumper Day



**Friday 8th December** will be our Christmas Jumper Day!

Children may come to school wearing their Christmas jumpers over their uniform, for a

bottle donation towards our Bottle Tombola at the PTFA Christmas Fair. Please could all bottles be given to class teachers between now and Thursday 7th December. Thank you in advance for your contributions to this.

# Christmas Holiday Club

Monday 18th to Friday 22nd December

9am - 3.30pm

*Reception to Year Five*

Monday	Christmas Baking	Miss Bennie/ Mrs Guildea
Tuesday	Christmas in France	Mrs Dakin/ Mrs Guildea
Wednesday	Christmas Fun & Games	Mrs Dakin/ Mrs Guildea
Thursday	Christmas Crafts	Mrs Dakin/ Miss Bennie
Friday	Christmas Movie & Party	Mrs Dakin/ Mr Hunter

£40 per session

[BOOK HERE](#)

£160 full week  
(receive 1 session free)





## Lunch Menu - w/c 27th November

MONDAY	Chicken Kebabs in Flatbread and Salad Bar (A,b,d,g,i)
TUESDAY	Meatballs in a Tomato & Herb Sauce Served with Spaghetti & Tomato & Mozzarella Focaccia and Salad Bar (a,b,d,g,i,m,n)
WEDNESDAY	Roast Chicken, Yorkshire Pudding, Stuffing and Roast Potatoes served with Seasonal Vegetables (a,b,d,g,i)
THURSDAY	Jumbo Fish Fingers served with Chips, Garden Peas or Baked Beans and Salad Bar (a,b,d,e,g,i)
FRIDAY	Pork and Apple Burger, served with Chips, Garden Peas or Baked Beans and Salad Bar (a,b,d,g,i)

Daily - Selection of Fresh Fruit, Yoghurts, Cheese and Biscuits with a Sweet Treat on a Friday (g,b)

*Alternatives for vegetarian, vegans and food intolerances.*

(a=celery, b=gluten, c=crustaceans, d=eggs, e=fish, f=lupin, g=milk, h=molluscs, i=mustard, j=nuts, k=peanuts, l=sesame seeds, m=soya, n=sulphur dioxide)



# Achievements

Nellie achieved 2nd place, Freddie 1st place and Bethany 3rd in their groups at the Waveney Gymnastics Club competition on Sunday. Well done to you all!





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# Christmas Competition

category one

**Make a Christmas card**

category two

**Make a Christmas  
decoration**

category three

**Write a Christmas poem**

Bring your entry (you can enter more than one category) to school on Friday 8th December.

A winner from each category will be announced at the Christmas Fair.

**£1.00 per entry**





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