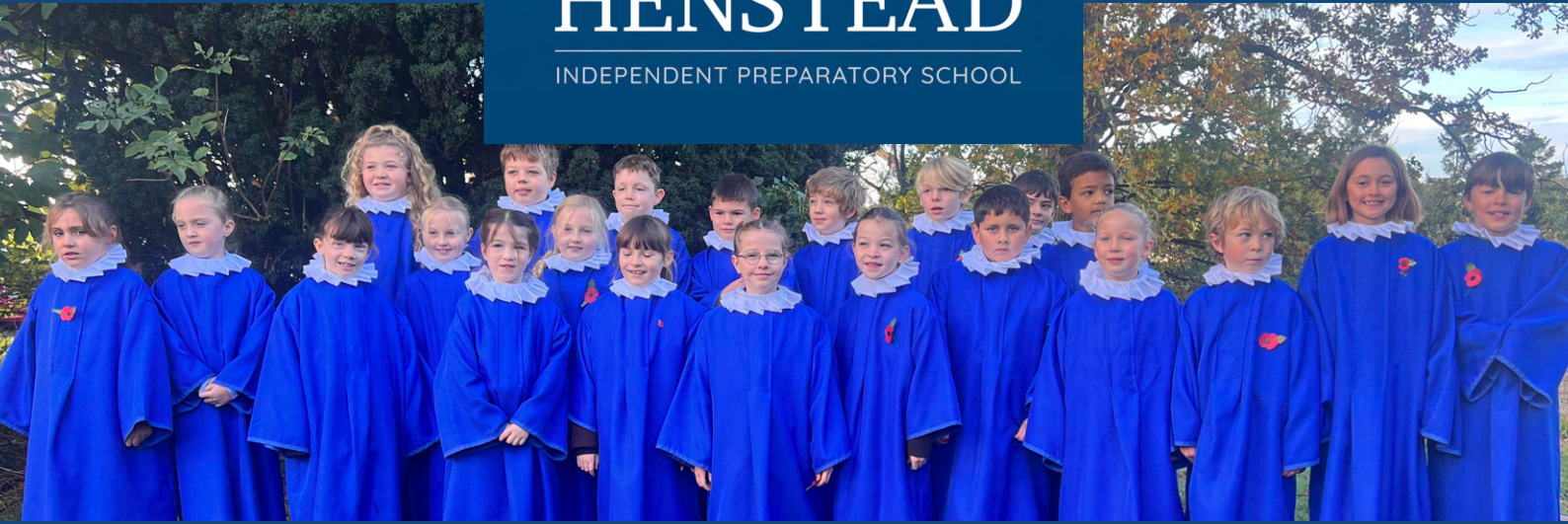




# THE OLD SCHOOL HENSTEAD

INDEPENDENT PREPARATORY SCHOOL



School Newsletter  
Summer Term  
26th April 2024





It has been another great week in the life of The Old School! Some of the children have been out on trips, learning about the world around them from the past and present. Others have been working hard on their athletics skills. So many of the children have been talking about how much they love their school and what it is they like about being here. It is such a joy to hear their conversations about this. What a lovely school we have the privilege to be part of!

It also gives me great pleasure to announce the appointment of a Senior Pupil Leadership Team. As you will be aware Pupil Voice is extremely important and much valued. The Year 5 pupils have all been asked to assist myself and the Senior Leadership Team, helping us to build a greater understanding of the school from the perspective of the boys and girls. Look out for the blue and gold striped ties!

- Miss Clifton



## Key Dates:

**Friday 3rd May – Grandparents Morning (8.35am-10.45am)**

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**Friday 17th May - PTFA Quiz Night (4.15pm - 6.00pm)**

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**Friday 24th May - Henstead Hike**

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**Monday 27th – 31st May - Half Term**

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**Saturday 8th June - Henstead Half (Adults Hike)**

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**Monday 10th – Wednesday 12th June – Year 5 Residential**

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**Wednesday 19th June - Sports Day & Summer Fair**

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**Thursday 27th June – Year 3 & 4 Trip to Whitlingham**

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**Thursday 27th June – Year 4 & 5 Camp Out**

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**Wednesday 3rd & Thursday 4th July - Summer Show**

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**Friday 5th July - Speech Day and End of Summer Term**

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



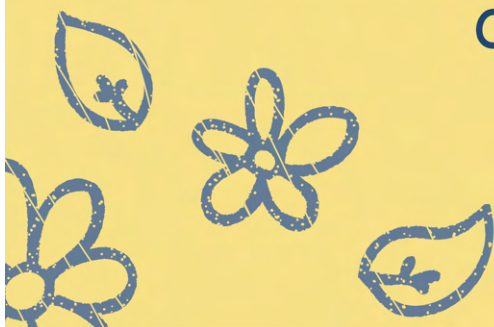


WE WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YOU TO  
JOIN US FOR

# GRANDPARENTS DAY

FRIDAY 3RD MAY  
8:35 - 10:45AM

PLEASE JOIN US FOR ASSEMBLY, A  
TEA PARTY, SOME STORIES AND A  
OTHER ACTIVITIES.



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# Reception

The children in reception have been busy learning all about pollinators this week as part of their topic on mini-beasts. They have enjoyed learning about the different creatures, how flowers can turn into fruit and seeds and even spotting evidence of this in our own garden and veggie patch. During one hunt, the children were surprised to see a very hungry caterpillar had been munching on our flowers, they are now keen to track down the culprit! Great learning, reception!  
- Miss Doughty







# Reception







## Year Two

In Year 2 we have been reading the story of The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch. Over the past couple of weeks we followed instructions to make a delicious Lighthouse sandwich and Iced Sea Biscuits. They were so tasty!

- Mrs Solomon







# Year Four

Year 4 taught us all about poetry in their assembly this week. We learnt about different styles - free verse, haikus, nonsense and limericks to name but three. They also talked about how figurative language in poems, like similes, personification and onomatopoeia can paint vivid pictures in the reader's or listener's mind. It was also wonderful to hear them read their own poems to us. Well done, Year 4!  
- Miss Sonn



## Why Birthdays are the Best, By Minty

What I like more than Christmas or Easter Is my birthday.  
All about me.  
My own special day.  
I get cake and presents.  
And boss my brother around, who gets as angry as a gorilla



When the day is over, I start to feel sad.

But when I wake up the next morning,  
I realise:  
It isn't over!  
I've still got my party  
And lots of presents to come.

I told you birthdays are the best.



## Faces, By Sonny

I love making faces.  
All different ones, it's true.  
I have a face for everyone.  
Even you!  
Here are a few.

First one: the chin face.  
Next up: the evil pout.  
My personal favourite: The Blob Stop.  
And finally: The Upsy Dupsy.

Those are my best faces.  
Thank you for the applause.  
Before I go I'd like to see  
you making some of yours.





## Year Two Trip to Woodbridge











There is a real passion for fashion at Henstead! Last week in **Fashion Club** we designed outfits using fashion illustrations and this week we have been designing clothes for clients using scrap material. In our case, it was Barbies who wanted a fresh makeover and they looked fabulous! - Mrs Braidwood







Pony Club started this week, and what a great first session it was. In their riding lessons the children mastered rising trot and around the world! Well done, everyone.







# **THE HENSTEAD HALF**

## **ADULTS CHALLENGE**

**SATURDAY 8TH JUNE**  
**13 MILE HIKE**

In addition to The Henstead Hike, this year we have a fundraiser for the adults too – The Henstead Half! We are looking for at least one representative from each year group to come and join us!

Let's challenge the children and go head to head to see who can raise the most –  
The Henstead Hike (Children) or  
The Henstead Half (Adults)

Please let Mr Hunter know if you would like to take part!

**(The Henstead Hike will be Friday 24th May)**



## School Mascots

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

Well done to all of our mascot winners:

Reception - Oliver

Year One - Ottilie M

Year Two - Teddy

Year Three - Jonah

Year Four - Minty

Year Five - Louis

## Outdoor Education

Thank you to Mr and Mrs Cunningham for the kind donation of fertile hatching eggs. We have them ready in the incubator and eagerly await them to hatch!

- Mr Hunter







## Lunch Menu - w/c 29th April

MONDAY	Chicken Korma, served with Rice, Naan Bread and Salad Bar
TUESDAY	Cheese and Potato Pie
WEDNESDAY	Jacket Potato Bar with Tuna Mayo, Cheddar Cheese, Baked Beans, and Salad Bar
THURSDAY	Chicken and Bacon Pasta Bake with Garlic Bread and Salad Bar
FRIDAY	Hot Dogs, Chips, and Salad Bar

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

*Alternatives for vegetarian, vegans and food intolerances.*

Full allergens can be found on the website.





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