



# THE OLD SCHOOL HENSTEAD

INDEPENDENT PREPARATORY SCHOOL



School Newsletter  
Autumn Term  
23rd November 2024





We have reached the end of another week, which has seen temperatures dip below freezing. The children have loved finding ice to build little ice sculptures with! On that note, please make sure your child comes to school with their school hat, gloves and scarf, as well as a winter coat and wellie boots.

- Mrs Solomon





## Key Dates:

**Wednesday 4th December** - Christmas Disco (Years 1 to 6)

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**Friday 6th December** - KS2 trip to Sizewell B Visitor Centre

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**Friday 6th December** - PTFA Christmas Fair - 4.10pm

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**Tuesday 10th December** - EYFS Nativity

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**Wednesday 11th December** - School Nativity (Year 1,2,3,4)

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**Wednesday 11th December** - Christmas Carol Service - St Mary's Church, Henstead at 4.30pm

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**Thursday 12th December** - Years 1 to Year 6 trip to the Marina Theatre to see Beauty and the Beast

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**Friday 13th December** - Christmas Jumper Day and Last Day of Term

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**Saturday 14th December** - School Choir to sing at the Henstead Arts and Crafts Christmas Fair at 12pm

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**Saturday 14th December** - Cocktails and Casino Night - 7pm til Late

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**Monday 23rd December** - Premier Education Holiday Camp

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**Thursday 2nd January/Friday 3rd January** - Premier Education Holiday Camp

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





## CCHS UK & Children in Need



A big thank you to everyone who donated to CCHS UK Pyjama Day and BBC Children in need.

**Totals raised:**

**CCHS UK - £106**

**BBC Children in Need - £66**

## PTFA Christmas Fair - Friday 6th December

A reminder of this year's hamper colours are as follows:

**Nursery - Silver**

**Year 1 - Purple**

**Year 2 - Gold**

**Year 3 & 4 - Red**

**Year 5 & 6 - Blue**

Please bring your contribution to the hamper into school by Friday 29th November. Pupils can give them to their form tutors.

We really appreciate your generosity.

Many thanks,

The PTFA







# Cocktails & Casino Night



The Old School Henstead presents

## COCKTAILS & CASINO

SATURDAY, 14TH DECEMBER  
HOSTED AT THE HENSTEAD PAVILLION, BECCLES

FORMAL EVENING ATTIRE - DRESS TO IMPRESS

GLASS OF PROSECCO UPON ARRIVAL

CHRISTMAS DINNER WITH ALL THE TRIMMINGS

LIVE BAND - THE DEVILS CADILLAC

CASINO TABLES

MAGICIAN - THE ONE & ONLY SEAN GOODMAN

AUCTION OF PROMISES

RAFFLE (ALL PROCEEDS TO GREAT ORMOND STREET HOSPITAL)

Arrival 6pm - Carriages at Midnight - Tickets £70

GROUP DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE



HENSTEAD PAVILLION

Thanks to the generosity of the Henstead Pavilion, we are able to reduce our Cocktails and Casino ticket price to £70!

Bring your family and friends for a guaranteed fun-filled night, with Christmas dinner, a live band and more!

Ticket price will be discounted to £65 for groups of 5. (Only one person in the group can be a Henstead parent).

A prize of a bottle of champagne awaits the person who sells the most tickets!

To book, please click [here](#)





# Premier Education Holiday Camp

December  
23rd/  
January 2nd  
& 3rd

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**Dates:**

**23rd December 2024 &  
2nd/3rd January 2025**

To book your space, please  
click [here](#)

If you have not done so already, there is still time to book your child's place on the Premier Education Multi-Activity Holiday Camp.

## YOUR NEAREST HOLIDAY CAMP...

**Venue:** Old School Henstead

**Dates:** 23.12.24 02.01.25-03.01.25

**Times:** 8:00-5:00

**Price:** From £24.99

**Ages:** 4-12

**Additional info:** Please select half day option for children aged 4

## PLEASE BRING

A packed lunch  
Plenty of water  
Suitable clothing  
Loads of energy!

With great value sports, performing arts, and games to enjoy each half term, we have plenty for your children to get stuck into in the school break.

Over the winter break, there will be lots of festive fun to enjoy too.

Our Holiday Camps keep children entertained, safe & on the move during the school holidays.

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# ISA Art Competition

We may be small, but we are mighty! In October we entered a selection of children's art work to the National ISA Art Competition. As such a small school with a tiny art department we knew that the competition would be a challenge. However, we have proven once again that Henstead is a force to be reckoned with. Three of our fantastic students have placed with their amazing work.

**Ayla** - KS1 2D Art - Third Place

**Emma** - KS2 Drawing - Third Place

**Anna** - KS1 2d Art - First Place

(work completed when she was in year 2)

I could not be more proud of the art and artists that we are producing at Henstead.

- Mrs Braidwood







# ISA Art Competition Artwork







# Nursery



The nursery has had another fun, busy week. This week, we have begun phonics sessions with our preschool children, who are starting to learn to write! They have done so well at this!



Our younger children have been focused on environmental sounds and carpet times. The nursery mascot, David Fish Worm, went home with Penny last week, and he had such fun at the cinema and sweet shop. He even went to Penny's dancing class. We also welcomed a new member to our nursery team called Miss Hammond; she has enjoyed her first week and is excited to get to know all the wonderful children. - Miss Coote



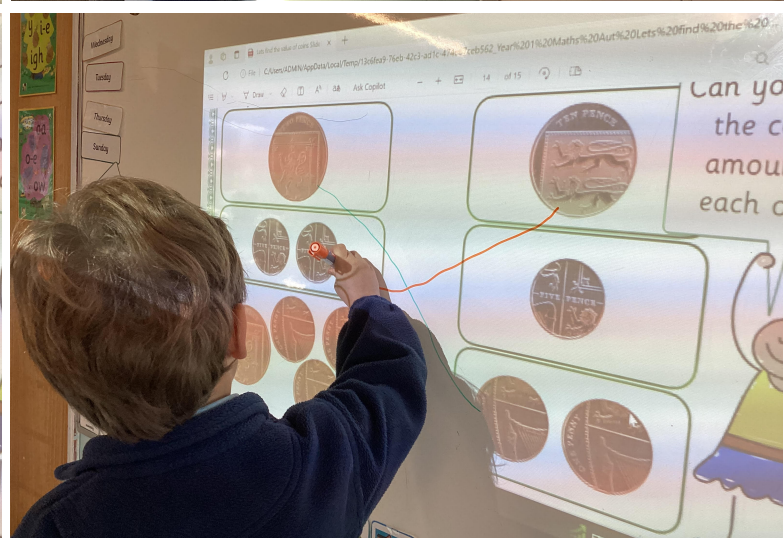
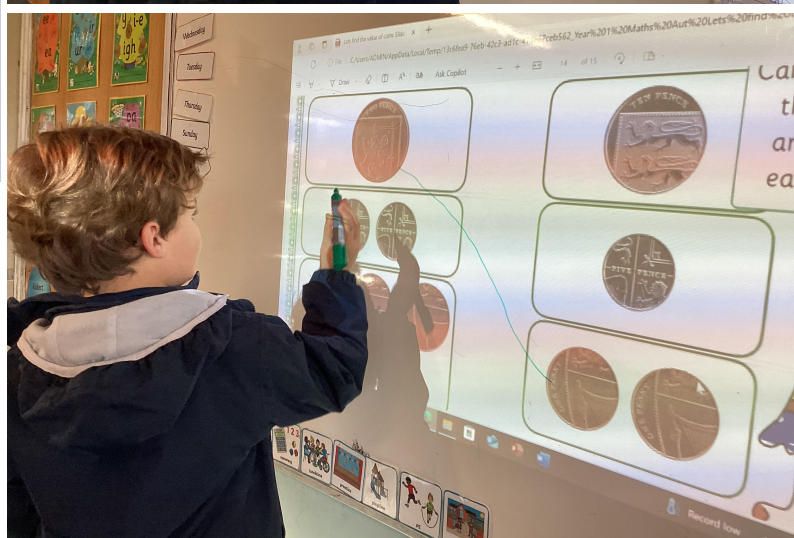
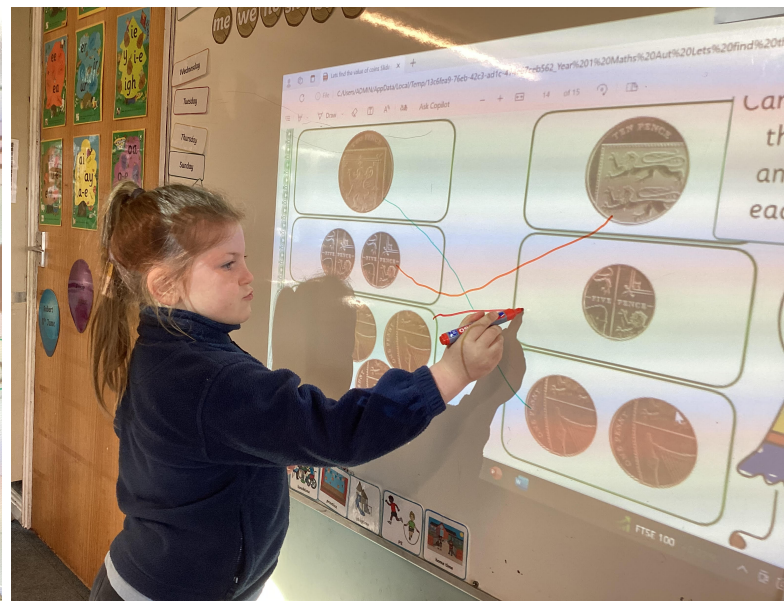




## Year One

We have been exploring money in our maths topic this half term. We have been investigating the value of different denominations of coins. We have discovered there are eight different British coins. The children have been matching money and learning that coins can make the same amounts in a variety of different ways.

- Mrs Dakin



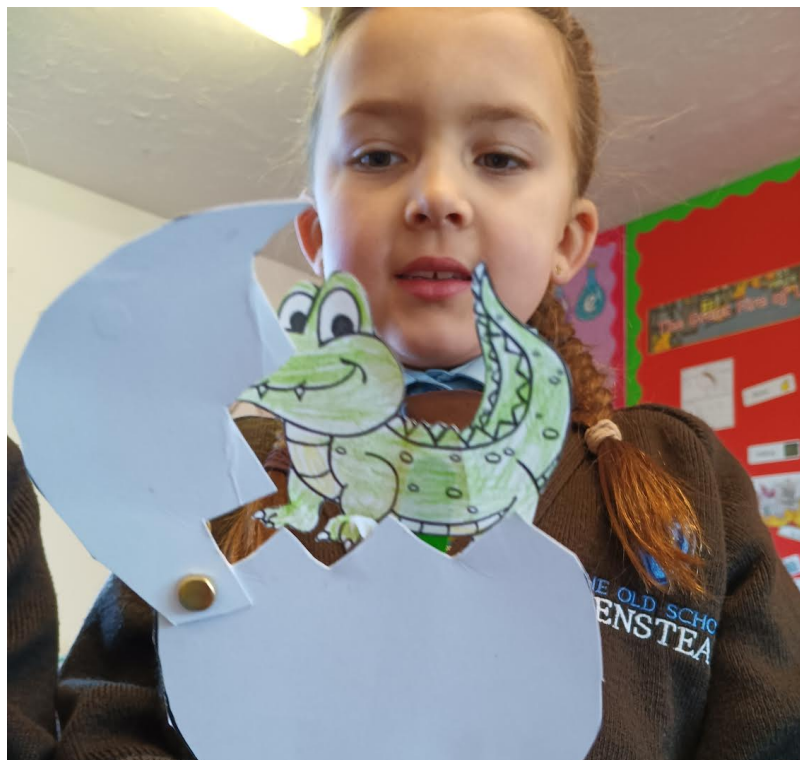




## Year Two

Year 2 looked at the life cycle of a crocodile. We made a hatchling crocodile popping out of the egg!

- Mrs Solomon







## Year Two

In maths this week, we have started working on pictograms. We collected autumn leaves from the field and then sorted them into different colours - yellow, green, red, brown, etc. We then used these leaves to make a pictogram to see how many we had of each colour. We found out the most popular colour leaves found were brown!

- Mrs Solomon







## Year Three and Four

On Wednesday, year three and four put on an assembly for the rest of the school and their parents. They produced an assembly on the history topic they covered last term. The children dressed up and showcased different jobs people would have had in an Anglo-Saxon village and everyone spoke about some of the things they had learnt about this period in history. They even performed a rock song about the Anglo-Saxons! Well done team!

- Mrs Braidwood





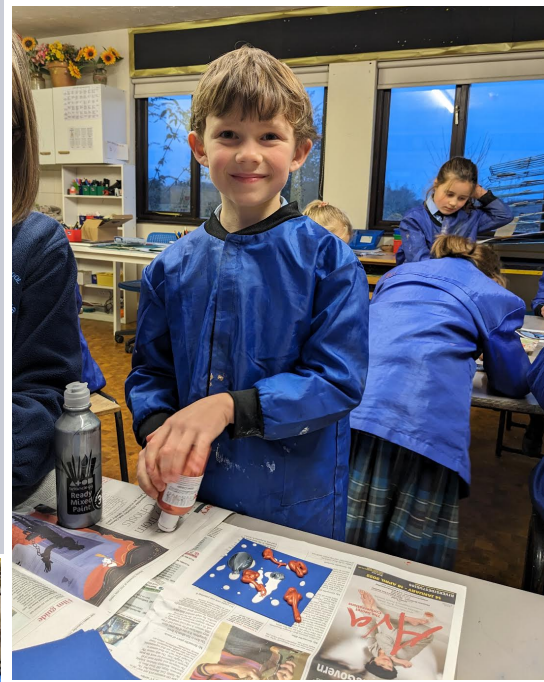






## KS2

The children in KS2 have been hard at work creating beautiful decorations for our tree at the Christmas Tree Festival at Hungate Church in Beccles. We have made a range of Henstead themed tree ornaments and it would be fantastic for as many people as possible to come to visit and vote for our tree at the event!



It is running from Friday 29th of November until Sunday 1st of December.

- Mrs Braidwood







## Year Six

Part of the remit of a prep school is in the name - to prepare pupils for life at senior school. For some of our boys and girls this includes an interview with their future headteacher.

This prospect can be daunting for a child, so Year 6 have been practising answering questions, ready for their interviews early next year. Some of the questions are what you might expect them to be; about their favourite subject or their interests and hobbies out of school. Others are designed to make them think a little deeper. What answers might you give to the following:

If you had a superpower, what would it be and why?

If you had a magic carpet, where would you go?

What are your thoughts on a current news topic?

We wish all of our pupils the best of luck in their exams and interviews in January, and look forward to hearing of their success!

- Mrs Sonn

## My Week

On Wednesday it snowed! It happened while my class was in the art room making decorations for our entry into the Christmas Tree Competition in Beccles. Every time we looked up from our task, it got heavier and heavier. It made us feel very Christmassy, so the teacher put on some Christmas songs. At break time we had snowball fights on the field; it was great fun!

- Layla (Head of School)





# Mascots

This weeks mascot winners are:

**Year 1** - Rosie - For her amazing resilience and progress with her reading.

**Year 2** - Ottilie- For her resilience with her NFER exams.

**Year 3/4** - Anna - For her resilience with her NFER exams.

**Year 5/6** - Layla- For the great research and planning she has done to prepare for her club each week



# Certificates

Congratulations to Rosie who has been awarded a bronze certificate for reaching 5 A1s. Well done!







# Lunch Menu - w/c 25th November



## MENU



### SALAD

Monday . Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans

Tuesday . Chicken Fillets and rice

Wednesday . Fish Finger Sandwich

Thursday. Meat balls & Pasta

Friday. Hot dogs in rolls

All bread, pasta or rice will be whole meal.

Soup will be available each day plus a bread roll.



### PIZZA

#### Sides

Carrot sticks/ Cucumber Sticks

Pepper Sticks



Strawberry Yoghurt and raisins

Apple slices

Biscuit

### DESSERT







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