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Issue 18

Henlow Heart

Autumn Days

Dear Parents and Carers

In September we welcomed all new members of our community in a whole school assembly in the Sports Hall and today we gathered again to celebrate Harvest. Meppershall's Year 5 students are currently educated on Henlow's site and enjoy being a part of our House structure, whole school assemblies and all of our shared endeavours. Our first ever Year 10 cohort are now entering their GCSE years and are taking positions of responsibility as senior students. The House and Sports Captain responsibilities were announced in today's assembly to much applause from the audience. Today's Harvest assembly included donations to The Need Project which will be gratefully received, more now than ever before. Thank you for your generosity.

Many parents were able to come in and see our new facilities at Open Evening and many discussions focussed on the impressive transformation of the original part of the school as it now houses specialist facilities alongside secondary sized classrooms and new corridors. For example, the pictures on the next page show the journey that has taken place during July and August to rejuvenate the original hall into a bright new dining area. Our students are always stunning ambassadors for our school and it is through them that the ethos of Henlow can be demonstrated. Choosing to stay into Year 9 or join us in Year 7 for your whole secondary journey includes making a decision as a family and we are pleased to say that our presentations, tours and activities enabled everyone to appreciate both our ethos and our curriculum.

'I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.' John 10:10

If you were unable to attend the evening but have questions relating to a school place, please email info@henlowacademy.org.uk

We have also welcomed new teachers this year - Mrs Keen (Drama/ English), Mr Miley (PE/ Science), Mr Durrant (Drama/English) and Mrs White (Head of MFL). Additionally, we have Miss Currie, Miss Hill, Mrs Hilton, Mr Heatley, Miss Kaur and Mr Terris joining us as Teaching Assistants. Miss Barker as PE Assistant and Mr Huft as Site Agent.

Our first half term has included a focus on the curriculum with all secondary students enjoying the fact that some of their time brings an element of choice. In Years 7 and 8 students have a wide range of possibilities to complement the familiar national curriculum, Year 9 are able to specialise in their favourite Arts subjects and Year 10 have chosen their GCSE options. Within this newsletter our approach to Art is explained in more depth and in subsequent editions will continue to explore other subject areas to offer an insight into our approach. Our artistic talents are demonstrated again in Arabella's drawing of the Queen which will become a plaque in our prayer garden in recognition of her 70 year reign as our monarch.

I hope Half Term brings some sunshine and rest for everyone!

In late news, Mr Carrington has shaved his hair today to raise money for cancer charities and this was started live on stage at the end of assembly. Photos to follow!

Yours sincerely

Caren Earp - Head Teacher



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Roll of Honour

Isaac O 8RL

Selected for the U13's Bedfordshire Boys County Cricket squad

Lois FC 8RT

Winning a gold medal in 1m synchro and a bronze medal in platform synchro at the diving East Region Club Champs

Alfie R 9BW

Being extremely helpful and hardworking librarian. He goes above and beyond his 'duties', is courteous to all students and staff and uses initiative. Also achieving Grade 3 Euphonium

Jessica T 7JC

Donated her hair to The Little Princess Trust and raised £200 for the charity

Lulu D 9MS

Looking after a Year 6 student who was upset in the medical room, comforting and reassuring the student, showing great compassion and kindness to one of our younger students

Hari C 7JM

Selected for the England Development Squad for judo

Arthur P 6HK

Achieving yellow belt in Kick Boxing

Sophie B 6HK

Winning first place in a Dance competition for both of her routines

Eloise B 6HK

Achieving her Bronze Swimming Challenge

Sienna G & Isaac M 8RT

Has gone above and beyond during tutor time, always kind and helpful

Awen Jones 10DW

Achieving Grade 1 Piano with Distinction

Jasper A, Sophie B, Phoebe W, Amelie D & Ria M 5SG

For showing kindness and empathy towards a member of 5SG

Flora CW 8RL

Achieving Grade 1 Piano with Merit

Oliver L 7AW

Trialling for County Squash

Alfie W 7AW

Achieving a bronze swimming award and playing for County indoor bowls

Sienna R 7AW

For giving up her lunchtime to help with KS2 Maths Club and enthusiastically helping in Tutor time

Emily S 7AW

Enthusiastically helping in Tutor time

Evie M 7GS

For giving up her lunchtime to help with KS2 Maths Club

Roll of Honour

We now have the data for the progress our students made in the Key Stage 2 SATS in May. Incredible progress was made by the following students:

Reading Scaled Score Points Progress

Sophia G +13
Alfie W +12
Hayden S +11
Anna K +11
Grace R +11
Blake F +11
Thomas H +11

Peyton H-J +11
Leighton M-D +11
Lucas S +10
Xanthe W +10
Noah M +10
Hollie-Ann M +10
Olivia B +10

Spelling Punctuation & Grammar Scaled Score Points Progress

Jenson R +16
Grace R +16
Ollie R +15
Hayden S +15
Dominic B +14
Melody G +13
Isabel H +13
Ellie N +13
Harley O-E +13
Dexter E +12
Samuel H +12
Jenny R +12
Darcie W +12
Logan X +12

Ethan E +11
Milly H +11
Riley J +11
Bobby L +11
Tommie S-H +11
Josh S +11
Lucas S +10
Maiya W +10
Heather L +10
Isabella H +10
Daniel R +10
Emilia W +10
Jessica T +10

Mathematics Scaled Score Points Progress

Noah R +16
Bella D-B +15
Maiya W +12
Ryan S +12
Lily T +12
Melody G +11
Jack N +11
Tommie B +11
Kai D +11

Eliza B +11
Emily S +11
Hayden S +10
Ellie N +10
Mylo P +10
Jenny R +10
Archie B +10
Marija M +10
Dominic B +10

Open Evening



On Thursday 29th September we invited current and prospective parents and students to view our new facilities and showcase the 'Henlow Way'. Over 500 parents and students attended the evening! If you have any questions regarding your child continuing their education at Henlow then please do get in contact.



House & Sports Captains

We are thrilled to announce this year's House and Sports Captains. We look forward to seeing them represent their houses throughout this school year.

Addington

Gribble

Lennox

Raynsford

Tilly

Year 10

House
Captain

Neve M

Anwen J

Finja R

Maria P

Zac T

Sports
Captain

Fraser K

Mackenzie

Thom F

Kiane H

Alex W

Bethan M

Kacey M

Leticija G

Carmen R

Ellie H

Year 9

House
Captain

Erin C

Daisy-May

Will E

Dominic M

Alfie R

Sports
Captain

Daniel G

Nathan L

Jacob B

Ethan B

Charlie A

Avelyn S

Alexandra R

Daisy P

Niamh T

Annabel M

Year 8

House
Captain

Carys J

Megan W

Tom S

Flora CW

Daniel J

Sports
Captain

Kyle A

Parum S

Aiden F

Vinnie R

Caelen F

Chloe W

Lois F C

Scarlett A

Erin SS

Holly H

Year 7

House
Captain

Isabelle W

Hari C

Jessica T

Lyla H

Harley OE

Sports
Captain

James C

Tommy HS

Louie P

Oskar E

Logan H

Olivia A

Eliza B

Izzy H

Sophie S

Iris G

Key Stage 2

House
Captain

Isla G

Bethany F

Erin D

Robbie M

Jude NB

Sports
Captain

Mason L

Ollie M

Sam B

Adam C

Charlie W

Elsa S

Milena S

Chiara P

Faith L

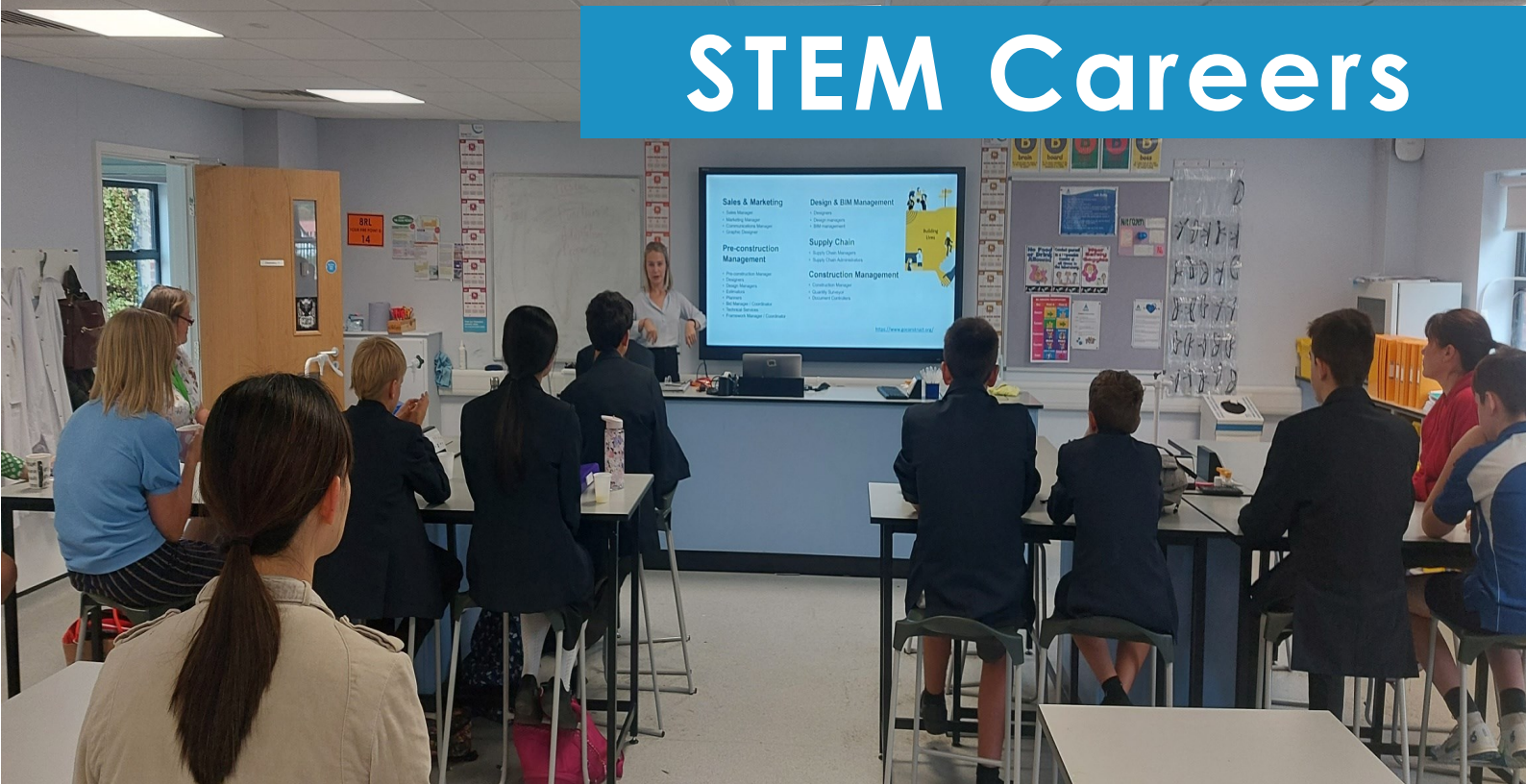
Emily J

Harvest Festival



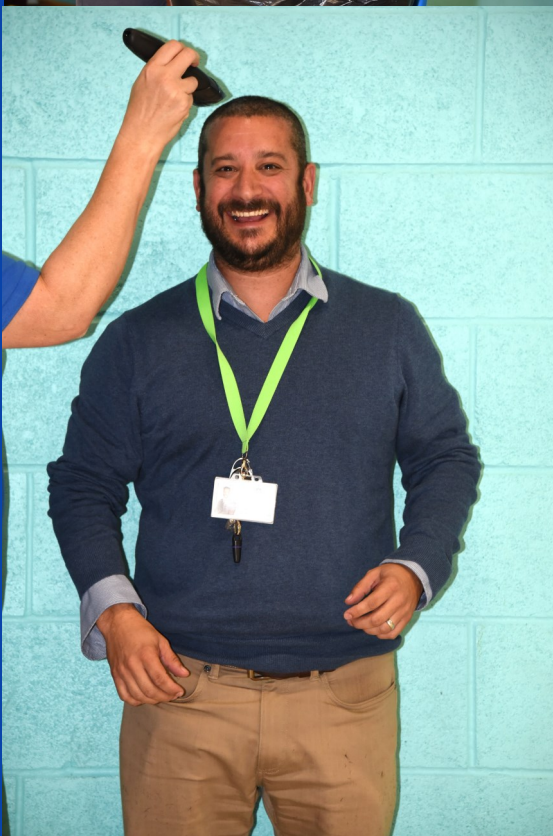
Today we held our Harvest Festival. All week students have been bringing in donations for our Harvest collection. The Need Project will be thrilled with the donations that have been received. Thank you for all your support.

STEM Careers



This year we are partnered with STEM Ambassadors to offer our students a range of information and experiences within the field of STEM. In September we welcomed Stacey Cutten from Willmott Dixon to Henlow, who gave us an insight into different construction careers. Look out for future STEM events throughout the year!

Brave the Shave



Hi everyone, I'd like to ask for your support. My Aunt has been diagnosed with breast cancer and is currently undergoing chemotherapy and taking a number of medications to try to fight the spread. In order to raise awareness, support her and to raise some money for Macmillan Cancer Support and Going For Bust (a charity local to my Aunt) I am going to brave the shave, in fact, by the time you read this, I will already have braved it!

During assembly this morning I gave a brief presentation to explain the situation with my Aunt and was very clear with students that this does not represent a change in our uniform rules around haircuts, we still have the same expectations which can be found in the Uniform Guide for Parents on the school website. I would be really upset if this charitable act were to cause unnecessary issues because students didn't adhere to our expectations.

I decided to Brave The Shave and then ask for donations as I wanted to support my Aunt, rather than it being about hitting a monetary target. That said, as we all know, cancer touches far too many families and the charities that carry out so much work to research and support need as much funding as they can get. If every student were to donate 50p, we would raise £300, £1 would raise £600 and so on. I appreciate that times are tough, but if you do feel able to contribute, you can do so either via Parent-Mail or via <https://www.gofundme.com/d8g6r4-brave-the-shave>.

You can see a before and after picture here.

Thank you in advance for your support, every pound that I can send in as a result of this is a pound that wasn't available before.

Mr Carrington

Art @ Henlow

Wow, what a start to the year for Art at Henlow! Year 5s have had their very first taste of Art at Henlow through learning about colour theory through a Valentine's date to learn complimentary colours, and have got stuck in work with clay to make windows. In fact, our Year 6s and Year 8s currently studying Art have also been exploring ceramics through their creative thumb pot fish and slab built houses. All of the clay has been gradually making it's way through the kiln for it's bisque firing and will be glazed after half term. Year 7 have

travelled to the other side of the world to explore Australia! They have been inspired by aboriginal art and history whilst creating beautiful mixed media artworks.



As previously mentioned Year 8 have been house building as part of their architecture project, alongside some exquisite layered, fantasy cityscape drawings and responses to the artists Minty Sainsbury and Sunga Park.

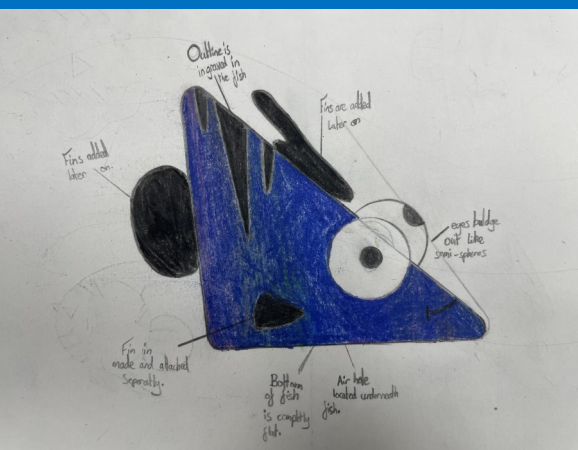


It's been a "sweet" time in Year 9 as we have delved into all things yummy! Students have been focussing on colour mixing through coloured pencil and acrylic paints. I am so thrilled to see the perseverance and determination of our Year 8 and 9s as they have tackled some challenging tasks - there are some real GCSE artists in the making!

Our first Year 10s have taken on the challenge of GCSE head on. The year has started with controlled pencil and mixed media studies of a range of natural forms. Before Christmas Year 10s will also get the opportunity to create a ceramic outcome inspired artists and forms of their choosing.



Over the last couple of weeks I have felt like a member of the Beatles... so many students have wanted to create a fabric pumpkin at a lunch time workshop that I had to put on additional sessions. The pumpkins will return next year around spooky season... For the meantime students will be able to attend one-off Christmas themed workshops and a portraiture programme.



Lastly, I would like to take this opportunity to highlight some of our fabulous young artists. Our school newspaper editors asked me to select 3 students to celebrate throughout the school - this was no mean task as I have been so impressed by the attitude and outcomes of so many already! Well done to Joseph in Year 6, Tommy in Year 8 and Kacie in Year 10.

Miss Gardiner

Our New Library

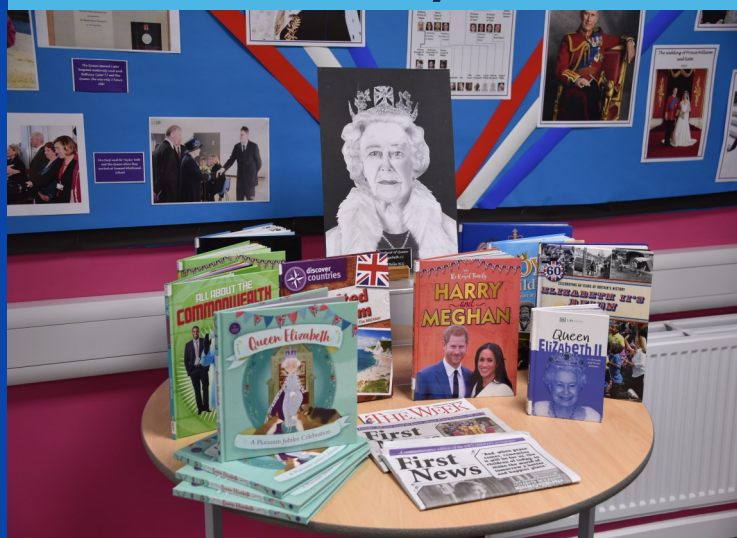


Henlow Hub

Our new library, named 'Henlow Hub' by the students, has been welcomed by students and is frequented by many during break and lunchtimes. In addition, many classes have a fortnightly English lesson in which reading for pleasure is encouraged. Our library books are gradually being adapted to cater for our older students. We have a new collection of young adult fiction book, careers and study guides and more resources will be obtained over the next few months.

**Do you have any
good quality
books aimed at 11
to 16 year olds
that you no longer
need? Book
donations can be
dropped into Mrs
White in Henlow
Hub**

**If you are happy for you
child to read teenage and
young adult books, please
can you complete the
permission form which can
be collected from the
library**



National Poetry Day

Students and staff celebrated National Poetry day on 6th October. A poetry session was held in the Hub on this day and Mrs White, Ms Keene and students shared their favourite poems.

A poetry competition was organised over the last few weeks in September and we received some wonderful poems from many students. A winning entry was chosen, a beautiful poem by Anwen J (Year 10).

All students who entered received a certificate and prizes were awarded by Mrs Earp at our Harvest festival assembly today.

Autumnal Breeze By Anwen J

The wind idly ruffles the wispy branches high up in the trees of the forest.
Autumn is upon us.

Flames of reds, oranges and purples dance through the canopy of trees,
chasing away softly
lingering traces of a long forgotten summer, as scents of cinnamon and
pumpkin majestically waft through the shimmering mist.

Leaves, crisped by frost, gently crunch under foot.
A squirrel hastily gathering winter supplies suddenly stops midway, as if
finally coming to the realisation that times have changed and the period
of warmth and laziness has drawn to a close

Well done to our runners up:

Year 5	Sophie B	Year 8	Ellie B
	Amelie D		Rory C
	Phoebe W		Parum S
Year 6	Zara B	Year 9	Tabby A
			Erin C
Year 10	Trixie W		

PE Kit Requirements

Here is the PE kit requirements for the next half term for Year 5 - 7. Please can you make sure that your child is coming to every PE lesson with the right equipment.

Group	Sports	Equipment
Year 5	Netball Sports Hall Athletics	Compulsory PE Kit Trainers
Year 6 Boys	Hockey Sports Hall Athletics	Compulsory PE Kit Trainers Shin pads Gum shield
Year 6 Girls	Football Sports Hall Athletics	Compulsory PE Kit Trainers Shin pads Football boots (preferred)
Year 6 Mixed	Netball Sports Hall Athletics	Compulsory PE Kit Trainers
Year 7 Boys	Hockey Sports Hall Athletics	Compulsory PE Kit Trainers Shin pads Gum shield
Year 7 Girls	Football Sports Hall Athletics	Compulsory PE Kit Trainers Shin pads Football boots (preferred)
Year 7 Mixed	Hockey Dance	Compulsory PE Kit Trainers Shin pads Gum shield



Pupil Premium

Are you eligible for Free School Meals?

If you think you are eligible please contact Central Bedfordshire on the number below. As well as receiving the option to have Free School Meals you may also be entitled to a variety of initiatives at school. These may include free access to Breakfast Club, support with the cost of Food Tech, help towards uniform, subsidised music lessons, help towards the cost of school trips as well as other initiatives throughout the year.

The qualifying benefits to receive free school meals for children in Year 3 and over are:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part IV of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit, and your annual gross income does not exceed £16,190 as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs)
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Universal Credit (during the initial roll-out of this benefit)

If you think you meet the free school meals eligibility criteria, please call Central Bedfordshire Council on 0300 300 8306. When you call to apply for free school meals, please have the following information ready:

- National Insurance numbers and dates of birth for you and your partner
- dates of birth for your children
- if you receive support from the National Asylum Support Service, your NASS number

The school will then be informed and you will receive further information. If you would like to find out more about how the school uses the funding to support pupils in the school, you can find more information on the school's Pupil Premium Strategy on the school's website http://www.henlowacademy.co.uk/web/pupil_premium/396258 or contact Miss Julia Cave (jcave@henlowacademy.org.uk) For more information on how to apply for Free School Meals, please contact Central Bedfordshire Council directly on 0300 300 8306.

Could you be entitled to Pupil Premium Funding support?

Stock Your Pencil Case!

Please ensure your child has the correct stationery with you everyday. Students are expected to come equipped for the business of learning and therefore we do not provide stationery for pupils.

You need a pencil case containing:

- Cartridge pen, handwriting pen or a friction pen (blue)
- 30cm ruler
- HB pencil and a spare
- 2 Dry wipe board marker pen and a wiper/cloth
- Coloured pencils (not felt tips)
- Ink eraser pen (if using a cartridge pen)
- Green pen (friction pen preferred)
- Rubber
- Pencil sharpener (which can collect shavings)
- Glue Stick
- Scissors
- Highlighters
- Scientific calculator (ESSENTIAL FOR KEY STAGE 3 MATHS)
- Protractor
- Headphones (suitable to be plugged into any tablet)

Name ALL your belongings clearly

Reminders

Please use ParentMail to make all payments.

All children need to have a NAMED water bottle with them everyday.

Please make sure that all your child's clothes and property is clearly named and that name labels haven't worn off.

The school office aren't able to call home if your child forgets something. Please ensure your child checks their timetable and brings all they need each day.

We offer Homework Club everyday from 3:45pm to 5:00pm. There is no charge for Homework Club but booking is essential. Please email jmarshall@henlowacademy.org.uk

Please check your child's ParentMail accounts and ensure they are in credit for school dinners. Dinner money top ups can be found under the accounts section in ParentMail.

Breakfast Club runs from 8:00am until 8:30am and must be booked in advance. Do not drop children off before 8:00am as they are not supervised and not insured to be on site. Any pupil not attending Breakfast Club must not be on site before 8:35am.



events at RUSHMERE Country Park

Sun 30th Oct | Free event (parking applies) 11am–3pm



Feed the Birds – Family Fun Day

Spend the day learning more about our feathered friends and how we can help them thrive.

Aimed at the whole family - all children must be accompanied by an adult.

Free entry though there may be a small charge for some activities - **parking fees apply**. Don't forget your binoculars!

- Get messy making a bird feeder
- Fun crafts including badge making
- Make a bird box
- Bird ringing demonstration
- Birds of prey static display
- Guided walk

No booking required – just turn up!

For more details visit: www.greensandtrust.org

Email: visitorservices@greensandtrust.org

Contact Visitor Services at Rushmere Country Park or call 01525 234260.

Rushmere Country Park, Leighton Buzzard, Bedfordshire LU7 0EB

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Upcoming Events

Date	Event	Additional Information
Monday 31st October	First day back	
Monday 31st October	Deadline for secondary applications for September 2023	Henlow Academy students continuing their secondary education at Henlow do not need to apply
Friday 18th November	Children in Need	School Action Group will provide more information shortly
Monday 21st November	Barnardo's Young Supporters Concert	Please keep an eye on ParentMail if your child is involved
Friday 16th December	Christmas Lunch Christmas Jumper Day	Menu and sign up will be released in November