Henlow CE Academy Newsletter

Issue 42 April 2019

It's a bumper issue!

Dear Parents and Carers

I can hardly believe so much has been achieved during this half term. Alistair Burt took time out of his busy Westminster schedule to visit us, enjoying talking to pupils and joining a Year 8 English lesson as you can see in the photos. He was able to visit our new classrooms and sports hall which I am pleased to announce have been nominated for a Local Authority Building Excellence Award. In our Easter assembly today I have illustrated how our buildings have developed over the years and reflected on the fact that a year ago the sports hall only had its foundations built! Our buildings and new facilities are important and I would like to thank everyone for their contribution to our Learning Centre which is now temporarily homed in our mobiles. The PTA, staff and parents have given their time (and resources) to ensure we are now able to offer a calm yet engaging space for pupils to gain 1 to 1 and small group work to support their development.

The full range and scope of our endeavours this term are explored in full in the following pages. Our MP, the Careers Day, Watoto concert, Tagtiv8, ceramics evening and Mr Singh have brought a range of visitors into school to extend our understanding and appreciation of wider perspectives. Our pursuits off site - Young Voices, cross country, Johnson Matthey and ski trip have widened the horizons of our pupils and brought new opportunities for success.

The role of honour includes academic achievements for Year 6 as they prepare for SATS but also highlights the range of contributions and wider pursuits, including charities.

Thank you to everyone for their contributions throughout the year to a range of charities - over £5000 raised so far!

I hope everyone has an enjoyable Easter break and returns refreshed for the summer term.

Yours

Caren Earp

Head Teacher

Spring Roll Of Honour

Anwen J, Soraya P and Lulu M

donated their hair to wig charities

Grace R, Max A and Harleigh JS (all 6CC)

Selected to play cricket for Bedfordshire.

Grace has also played cricket for our girls year 7/8 team.

Girls: 1st Amelie S, 3rd Sammy W, Boys: 3rd - Jake E

Cross Country Year 5 race - (200 year 5's taking part in each race)

Flint Brewer

progress in writing

CELEBRATING KEY STAGE 2 ACHIEVEMENT

Reading: Toby B, Mackenzie K, Ellie H, Freya M & Jack M: 120

Maths: Izzy N, Alfie H & Jan K: 115

SPaG: Katie D (who got full marks) Ruby H & Jan K: 120

Writing: Jan K , Izzy N, Ellie H, Katie D: Greater depth

CELEBRATING KEY STAGE 2 PROGRESS

Reading: Nathan C +19, Millie C +17, Tilly T +16, George B +16, Mia S +16

Maths: Harry K +15, Evie R +15

SPAG: Toby D +21, Leylan A +19, Ellie H +18, Emily C +17

EXCEEDING TARGET SCALED SCORE

Reading: Leland E +17, Morgan L +16, Jack M +14

Maths: Leylan A +5, Damian K +4, Tyler-Jay F +4

Combined progress: Ben H +12 reading, +6 Maths

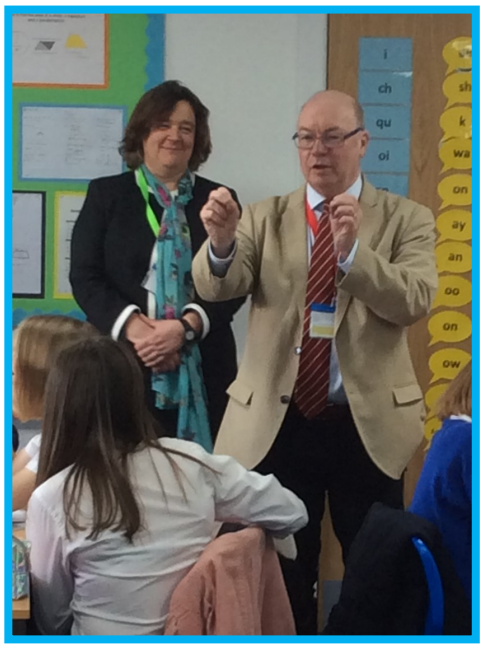
CELEBRATING PROGRESS

Reading: Anne H +14, Lucas RT +14 since September

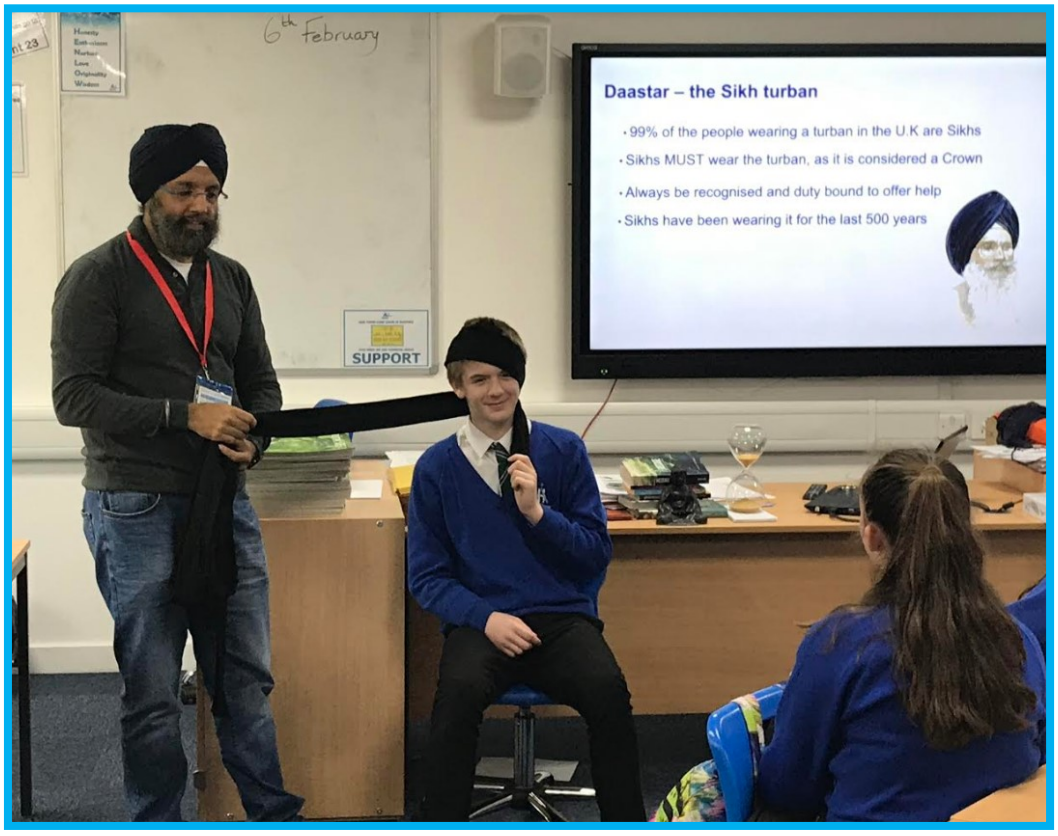
Caitlin B, Rianna B, Izabella M

achieved 5 writing targets

We welcome Visitors



When Mr Burt came to Henlow, Chloe and I in Year 7 were asked to give him a tour. We showed him and his assistant around the new sports hall, and the rest of the new block. Mr Burt was impressed with the students and the facilities. We also showed them the new corridor connecting the hall and the old changing rooms, as this was built quite newly too. At the end, he took a photo with us and Mrs Earp in front of the school to put it on his website. - Daniel B



This term Mr Jaspal Singh visited some of our year 8 students to talk about the Sikh religion. His presentation was fascinating and included how to tie a turban!

- Mr Taylor

Careers Day

On Friday 15th March, Year 7 and 8 took part in careers day. This involved a range of different activities to get them thinking about their ambitions and skills that are needed in the workplace.

As part of this, they all visited the careers fair. This was a chance for pupils to go and speak to a range of people with different jobs and find out more about them (as well as taking full advantage of some of the freebies and ice cream on offer). There were some really great conversations and the pupils asked some fantastic questions that really made some of our guests think hard.

We would like to say a big thank you to all of our volunteers who came and helped make the fair such a success:

Kirsty Wright from LV

Phil Lawrence from Places for People

Yvette Hutchings from Berry House Vets

Kat Darcy from Black Cricket Animal Services

Jonathon Bowering from GKN Aerospace

Ella Gregg from 321 Artists

Laura Dunn from The Academy

Adam Curtin from Yellow Duck Ltd

Scott Butler from EasyJet

Emma Dalton representing University of Bedfordshire

Alison Davies from Dawn until Dusk Ltd

Caroline Musgrove from Monkey Puzzle Day Nursery

Abbie Young from Abbie's salon in Biggleswade

Denise Price

Leanne White from Dear Health

Catherine Stacey from Chill your Beans Well-being

Gideon Tester from Altro

Harjot Kaur and Trevor Dolan from Sue Ryder St John's Hospice

Insel Slade and Dave Gowlett from Border Force

Sally Lawrence from Oppo

Steve West from Release Train Engineer

Nikki Mackay and Dave Tamarro from East of England Ambulance

Representatives from Borras

Representatives from MCP

The Travels Of Henry Henlow

Cerys and Charlotte R – Henry Henlow February 2019

At half-term, Henry enjoyed a fantastic holiday in England's wonderful West Country. Henry Henlow enjoyed himself down in the Cheddar area of Somerset. He visited the amazing Cheddar Gorge and the Cheddar cliffs. He also saw the famous Royal Crescent Bath and then visited Brean Down on the coast. He even had some sunshine!

Sporting Success

Well done to the Year 5 cross country team who took part in the Year 4/5 County Cross Country event. Henlow scooped 3 out of 6 medals. Amalie got 1st place and Sammy came 3rd in the girls race and Jake came 3rd in the boys race. Thank you to Raynsford for bringing along some Year 4's to race with us.

Watoto Update

We have received this email from the Watoto choir, following their visit to us in February:

We want to say a MASSIVE thank you on behalf of our Watoto Children's Choir and UK Office team for hosting us as part of our 2019 'We Will Go' Tour. We had a great time with you in Henlow and want to thank you again for your kind hospitality and opening up your school and homes to our choir. The difference you're making We are so thankful for your partnership and are really encouraged by the 6 people who signed up for monthly sponsorship with Watoto during our time with you. These new sponsors make it possible for us to rescue, restore and empower even more precious lives through Baby Watoto, our Child Care Ministries and our Neighbourhood Mothers ministry. Thank you so much for your endorsement of our work in Uganda and South Sudan. In addition to this you helped us raise the following support: £575.38 in offerings and donations £545 of merchandise sales Thank you for helping us make sure the lost in our community have a place to call home and are raised as leaders to rebuild our beautiful nation. We would love for you to watch this short thank you video to show our appreciation: bit.ly/Choir97ThankYou

Young Voices

40 pupils braved freezing temperatures including sleet and snow on the return journey to take part in the Young Voices concert series on the 29th January this year. The concert took place at the O2 Arena in London, music included The Greatest Showman, A Little Can Change the World, Any Dream Will Do and several medleys including the ubiquitous Pop Medley. One of the highlights of the concert is the pupils get to sing alongside other artists this year the line up included Tony Hadley (Spandau Ballet) and Beau Dermott (Britain's Got Talent 2016).

A special thank you to the students who were exemplary ambassadors for the school and also the to Mrs Bridges, Mrs Marshall, Mrs Armitage and Mrs Paine who accompanied Mrs Fordham. A special mention to Mrs Bridges, Mrs Armitage and Mrs Fordham for leaving the warmth of the coach and pushing a car up the slip road in the snow so we could get home. - Mrs Fordham

Calling All Budding Bakers

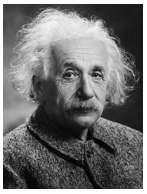
An Important 500 Word Story

One of our Year 7's wrote this incredible 500 word story about dyslexia. We think it's important for everyone to read. The pupil has asked to remain anonymous.

Dyslexia is a funny thing, it all makes sense in my head and out of my mouth but on paper, well that's a different matter. How come everyone else seemed to find it all so easy. The words make complete sense to me.

Spelling tests are the worst thing ever, I learn the words in head over and over again, then I get to do a dreaded spelling test and it all goes to pot or should I say qot.

Life is definitely harder with Dyslexia but I don't think of it as a learning difficulty I now think it's a learning difference. My brain is just wired slightly differently to others, it makes how I see the world slightly different to a non-dyslexic. Round pegs and square holes is something that my mum says to me. I think without Dyslexics mankind would have died out by now. Only a Dyslexic would think of rubbing wood together to make fire and invent the wheel. You only have to look at all the famous people that have it to see, Albert Einstein - physicist, Steven Spielberg - Film Director, Richard Branson and many actors and actresses.

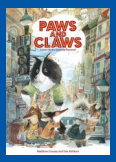


Someone famous once said about being Dyslexic "***Dyslexia is not a pigeonhole to say you can't do anything. It is an opportunity and possibility to learn differently. You have a magical brains, you just process it differently"*** *and that is something that I believe in.*

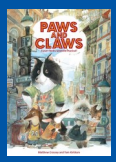
I know that having Dyslexia will make things a little harder for me in the future. Sometimes when I'm at school and we are writing in lessons I feel as if I have a type of brake on and it permanently keeps me slowed down. Everything always takes a bit longer and a bit more effort.

Did you know NASA employs more Dyslexics than any other company in the world. They love people like me, we are the ones who can work out what seemly seems an impossible situation or problem, so there definitely is some perks to being a Dyslexic perhaps maybe one day I will work for them.

P.s my mum helped me type this.



Key Stage 3 Production

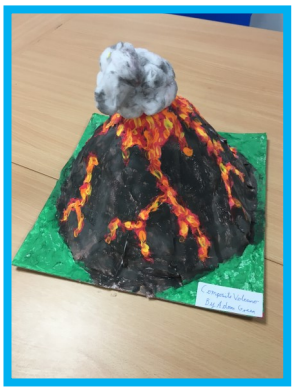


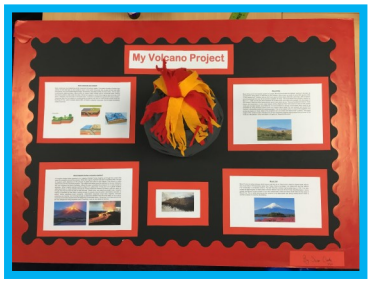
The Key Stage 3 Drama Group have spent the term working on the production of 'Paws and Claws'. Paws and Claws is based very loosely on 'Romeo and Juliet', but with dogs and cats instead of the Montagues and Capulets. In all our time directing plays at Henlow, we have never has such a harmonious cast - both with their singing and general behaviour. This is a play in which every part matters, in which every character has an identity, a personality, an individuality. We would like to thank the cast for all of their hard work and for making this so easy for us. We would also like to thank everyone involved behind the scenes making the production possible.

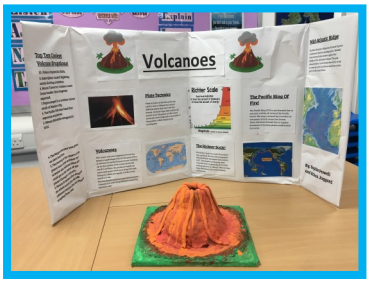
- Mrs Rimmer & Mrs Bowskill

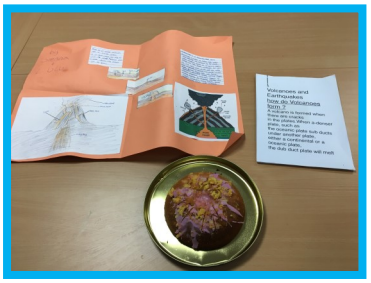
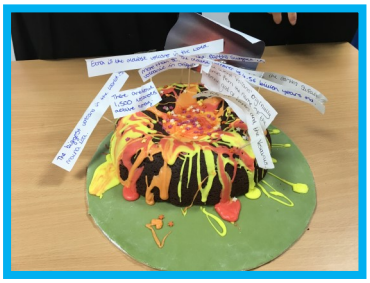
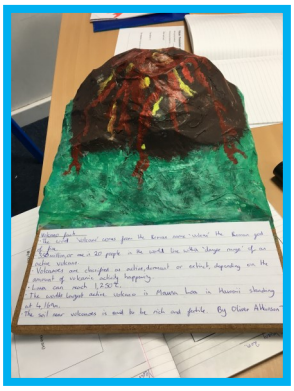
Our amazing cast
Sienna B
Daisy G
Haylee L
Chloe B
Eilis F
Mae HP
Ella N
Cerys R
Sophie R
Izzy M
Charlotte R
Tilly MF
Cate H
Tabitha L
Lois T
Leah D
Lucy M
Leah M
Alice J
Isabellle H
Bobbie P
Millie M
Izzy F
Cara N
Issy B
Megan C
Charlotte L
Layla B

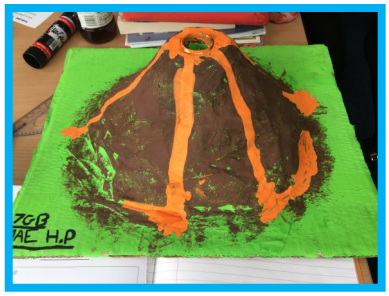
Volcano Projects





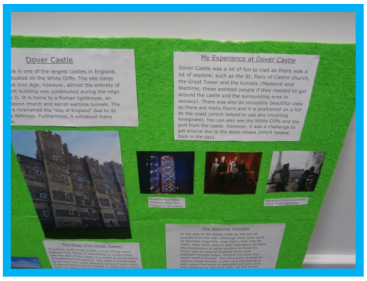


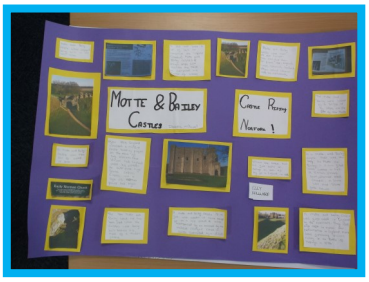




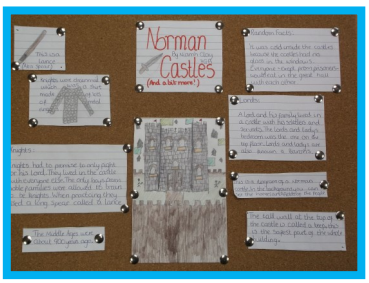


Year 7 geographers have been busy creating incredible projects as part of their volcanoes topic. They used a range of materials including a geography favourite, cake! Mrs Cooper is thrilled with the effort and creativity the children have used. Well done Year 7's!

Castle Projects







Year 7 historians have been busy creating castle projects. We saw a variety of buildings including papier mache, Lego and cake creations. The detail that the children put into their projects really impressed Mrs Goward. Well done Year 7's!

When Maths Met PE!

On Thursday 21st February we held a PE/Maths day for Year 6 pupils where Tagtiv8 came into school to run activities combining math activities with PE activities. Tagtiv8 uses innovative ways to deliver the Maths National Curriculum in an active way to encourage confidence in fluency, reasoning and problem solving.

4:45 Club

It's serious business as 4:45 club try to work out who did it in a game of Cluedo!

4:45 club runs each day from 4:45pm until 5:45pm and costs £5 per session.

This is open to pupils who attend after school clubs.

Red Nose Day

This year we set the year groups a challenge to see who could raise the most money for Comic Relief. The children did an amazing job to organise their events which included gunge the teacher, splat the teacher, a cake sale and beat the goalie.

The results were:

1st place - Year 5 £248.30

2nd place - Year 8 £232

3rd place - Year 6 £130.60

4th place - Year 7 £62.75

Combined with the mufti money and some donations we raised an incredible £1003.73. Thank you Mrs Westcar for organising such a fantastic fundraising event

Pila Ski Trip

During February half term 6 Henlow staff and 38 pupils got up very early and went off to Pila for a week of skiing. Here is what some of the pupils had to say about it:

The ski trip helped me gain a boost of confidence and taught me to keep going. It was a wonderful experience. Rianna

I really enjoyed the ski trip. It is an experience I will never forget. Max

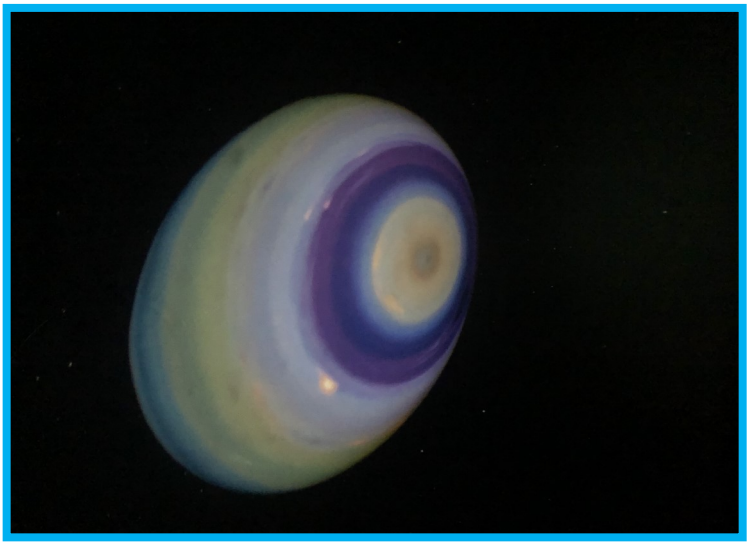
At the resort the staff were welcoming and kind. It was my first time skiing but the instructors were so good that in no time I was parallel turning down red slopes. It was one of the greatest holidays of my life. Frederik

The ski trip was amazing! We had lots of fun. The Interski instructors were fabulous and taught me how to ski. The hotel was great and had delicious meals. The entertainment included a pizza night, a night bowling and a quiz night. Tom

The ski trip was an amazing experience! We got to do so many things. Molly

All 6 skiing instructors were good. The night time activities were really fun and a bit strange as they put courgette on a pizza! I would highly recommend this trip. Joshua

Science Week



During Science Week we were extremely lucky that Mark Rutherford School kindly lent us their inflatable planetarium for 2 days. All pupils were given the opportunity to come and experience the wonder inside the planetarium whether through lesson time or the extra sessions offered. It really was a special experience for all those who came to watch. We hope to offer this again in future years. A huge thank you to Mr Betts at Mark Rutherford for making this possible.

Throughout Science Week the department did a range of activities. These included:

- Science club made crystal gardens.
- Year 6 designed and made spaghetti antenna holding structures to be as tall and as stable as possible on sand.
- Year 7 looked at DNA and inheritance linking it with careers in archaeology. They considered how scientists can use a mix of bones and DNA evidence to recreate faces from the past. Students made up a DNA profile code which was then interpreted and drawn by a partner.
- A poster competition based on the British Science Week theme this year of journeys.

8-17 March
British Science Week 2019

Science Week

Y6 Science Visit to Johnson Matthey In Royston

A group of Y6 pupils were invited to take part in a Science Project - Challenging Children in Industry this term, led by Mrs Wallace.

The project was run by the Centre for Industry Education Collaboration (CIEC) based at the University of York, in partnership with industrial partners Johnson Matthey and Sartorius Stedim.

It provided a range of practical, stimulating science activities in School as well as being set in industrial contexts, which had been designed to enhance children's understanding of science and industry. The pupils learnt about the science of soap, filtration, viscosity of liquids linking the procedures to catalytic converters in cars.

The sessions were fun, very practical, giving pupils lots of opportunity to work in small groups developing skills on working scientifically.

The Practical lessons were led by Mrs Docking (from Johnson Matthey/Sartorius) and Mrs Wallace which linked to industrial storylines and this, together with the site visit to Johnson Matthey (a local industry) in Royston, encouraged children to understand the uses and implications of science in real life contexts.

The Staff at Johnson Matthey were so organised and enthusiastic as well as being fantastic with the pupils, giving a clear and detailed insight into the many careers offered by this industry.

The pupils thoroughly enjoyed the whole experience, especially the site visit which they found so exciting and invaluable – not to mention the 'Goody Bag' at the end of the visit. Myself, Mrs Panton and Mrs Saini who also accompanied the pupils on this visit were extremely impressed with the level of detail and preparation Johnson Matthey had put in to make a successful visit.

The pupils were a credit to the school and were very appreciative to Johnson Matthey for hosting the event.

- Mrs Wallace

Extra Art Club

On Tuesday 19th March, the Extra Art group had a special clay session with local Ceramist Victoria Houghton. She showed them how to use some different techniques in clay to produce these Dutch Gable houses inspired by the tall houses seen in Amsterdam. We can't wait to see how these look once fired and glazed! - Mrs Henshall

Blast From The Past

As always we love to hear about how our past pupils are progressing. Recently we were informed that Henry Preston has won a nationwide competition this month as Science Graduate of the Year - UK Nuclear Industry. Well done Henry, we are extremely proud of your achievements.

Job Vacancy

Midday Supervisor

Hours of work: 12:35pm - 1:35pm Monday to Friday term time only (5 hours per week)

Assisting with supervision and care of our pupils during lunchtime.

For application form and job description please visit www.henlowacademy.co.uk/vacancies

Closing date: On going

Assessment Information

End of Year Testing and Assessment Calendar

Pupils are assessed continually throughout the year through a variety of methods. The timetable below is to let parents and carers know when key assessments are taking place in school.

In core subjects, end of year tests take place for all years (excluding Year 6 due to SATs) through a scheme published by GL Assessment. Pupils will be given a Standardised Age Score which is compared to a national average. The report to parents/carers offers a considerable amount of information regarding ways to help support your child in their learning as well as provide the school with valuable information regarding progress and attainment.

The school also conducts a series of tests to assess attainment progress across all subjects that pupils will be completing before the end of term.

Pupils will complete these tests with their usual teachers with the appropriate support in place.

	w/c 13th May 2019	**w/c 20th May 2019**	**w/c 27th May 2019**	**w/c 3rd June 2019**	**w/c 10th June 2019**
Year 5		GL Tests - Maths, English and Science	Half -term		End of Year Maths and English - SATs Practice Week
Year 6	**SATs week**	Science End of Key stage tests.			
Year 7		Year 7 Exam week - GL Tests for Maths and English - Science end of year exams. - AQA English papers			
Year 8		Year 8 Exam week - GL tests (Maths, English and Science) - Transition to Upper School tests (Maths and English)		Complete Upper School Transition Tests	

Henlow PTA

Fundraising

your school lottery

Supporting Henlow

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Supporters must be 16 years of age or older. Sign up before the 16th February 2019

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Summer Term Menus

LUNCHTIME Co

Week 1

Commencing • 22nd April • 13th May • 10th June • 1st Jul • 22nd July • 2nd Sep • 23rd Sep • 14th Oct

Henlow Church of England Academy

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Freshly baked bread	Wholemeal	Garlic	Ciabatta	Rosemary wholemeal bread	Focaccia
Menu choice 1	Sausage & wedges	Chicken tikka and vegetable fajita	Beef lasagne with salad & coleslaw	Roast turkey with roast potatoes	Fish fingers & chips with garden peas
Menu choice 2 (VEGETARIAN)	Vegetable chilli taco with potato wedges	Quorn balls in tomato & basil sauce with pasta	Vegetarian sausage & mash with baked beans	Quorn wraps	Fishless fish fingers & chips with garden peas
Sides	Seasonal vegetables Selection of salads	Seasonal vegetables Selection of salads	Seasonal vegetables Selection of salads	Seasonal vegetables Selection of salads	Seasonal vegetables Selection of salads
Desserts	Pancake & sauce *Sliced fresh fruit Cheese & biscuits*	Ice cream *Sliced fresh fruit Natural yoghurt*	Rice crispy cake *Sliced fresh fruit Cheese & biscuits*	Oat and fruit slice *Sliced fresh fruit Natural yoghurt*	Fruit jelly *Sliced fresh fruit Cheese & biscuits*

Available **every day**:
- Packed Lunch option
- Jacket potato and fillings (Tuesday & Thursday)

Some of our food may contain allergens. Please ask our chef for advice.

Our mission is to make your lunchtime meal the highlight of *your* day.

LUNCHTIME Co

Week 2

Commencing • 29th April • 20th May • 17th June • 8th Jul • 22nd July • 9th Sep • 30th Sep

Henlow Church of England Academy

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Freshly baked bread	Wholemeal	Garlic	Ciabatta	Rosemary wholemeal bread	Herb focaccia
Menu choice 1	Chicken & salad in a bun with potato wedges & coleslaw	Meatballs in tomato & garlic sauce with rice	Spanish chicken with new potatoes	Roast pork & apple sauce with roast potatoes	Battered fish & chips
Menu choice 2 (VEGETARIAN)	Vegetable lasagne	Five bean & vegetable ragout pasta bake	Aubergine parmigiana with new potatoes	Quorn sausage with roast potatoes	Roasted pepper & cheese pitta pizza & chips with garden peas
Sides	Seasonal vegetables Selection of salads	Seasonal vegetables Selection of salads	Seasonal vegetables Selection of salads	Seasonal vegetables Selection of salads	Seasonal vegetables Selection of salads
Desserts	Lemon drizzle cake *Sliced fresh fruit Cheese & biscuits*	Ice cream *Sliced fresh fruit Natural yoghurt*	Apple pie & custard *Sliced fresh fruit Cheese & biscuits*	Chocolate mousse *Sliced fresh fruit Natural yoghurt*	Carrot cake *Sliced fresh fruit Cheese & biscuits*

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Week 3
Commencing • 6th May • 3rd June • 24th June • 15th Jul • 16th Sep • 7th Oct

Henlow
Church of England Academy

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Freshly baked bread	Garlic bread	Whole meal bread	Ciabatta	Poppy seed bread	Wholemeal bread
Menu choice 1	Beef Bolognaise	Sticky chicken wrap with savoury couscous	Salmon pasta bake	Roast chicken with roast potatoes and yorkshire pudding	Fish & chips with garden peas
Menu choice 2 (VEGETARIAN)	Cheese & onion roll with new potatoes	Vegetable burger with new potatoes	Macaroni cheese	Quorn fillet with roast potatoes	Vegetarian fajita
Sides	Seasonal vegetables Selection of salads	Seasonal vegetables Selection of salads	Seasonal vegetables Selection of salads	Seasonal vegetables Selection of salads	Seasonal vegetables Selection of salads
Desserts	Chocolate brownie Sliced fresh fruit Cheese & biscuits	Strawberry mousse Sliced fresh fruit Natural yoghurt	Fudge tart Sliced fresh fruit Cheese & biscuits	Raisin cookies Sliced fresh fruit Natural yoghurt	Orange and lemon muffin Sliced fresh fruit Cheese & biscuits

Our mission is to make your lunchtime meal the highlight of *your* day.

Available *every day*:
- Packed Lunch option
- Jacket potato and fillings (Tuesday & Thursday)

Some of our food may contain allergens. Please ask our chef for advice.

Henlow Bell Ringers

On 12th March this year it was the 200th anniversary of three Henlow ringers being arrested for trying to break into the church to ring the bells. They had probably been drinking in the local pub, The Five Bells, so when they knocked on the Vicarage door asking for the church key the Vicar sent them away because they were drunk. They were seen later trying to break the church door down, one using a crowbar. He was heard to say "Damn this door, I'll break it all to pieces". Another held a lighted candle to the door in an attempt to burn it down. They were arrested and taken to the local house of correction until they were acquitted of the charge of Riotous Assembly at the Easter Quarter Sessions, probably because the Vicar didn't want them to be transported!

On May 4th there will be a Ringers' Razzle - curry, drinks and entertainment in the Parish Hall - to celebrate the ringers' return to Henlow, freed from the threat of a one-way trip to Australia by the merciful vicar, the Rev Thomas Gregory. Get your £10 tickets from the box office on 01462 815012

World Book Day

On Friday 15th March we celebrated World Book Day by dressing up as book characters. We saw a huge variety of different costumes from pupils including Harry Potter, Mary Poppins, Gangsta Granny, Mrs Trunchbull and our very own Mad Hatter, Mrs Earp. A big thank you to parents and carers for helping to create all the amazing outfits.

Library News

This month our school has been focusing on ***reading*** and to celebrate **World Book Day** , a variety of reading initiatives were organised to celebrate and encourage reading for pleasure. Pupils and staff dressed up in book characters and there were some very interesting and inventive costumes!

On 8th March, we held a **reading café** in the library , and were delighted that **so** many relatives joined in our book day. It was a lovely afternoon and we hope that everyone enjoyed their time sharing books with their children over a cup of tea and cake! We hope to hold another café in the near future!

Following on from World Book Day, we held a **sponsored read** and competitions . The sponsored read raised **£ 270.00.** A **huge** thank you to everyone who kindly supported this event. This money will be used to buy new resources from Usborne books.

The following pupils read the most '*minutes'* and were awarded a certificate and gained points for their team house:

Leo Al, Izzy N, Sophie H, Cameron K, Alexandra R, Niamh Q, Archie N, Ned L, Lana B Adam G. Well done to **ALL** pupils who took part in this.

Throughout our book week, pupils 'caught' reading were given a **'*Golden ticket*'**. A prize draw was held and the winning ticket holders won an Easter egg. Winners were : Arabella 5KB, Ruby 6SM, Sophie 7SM, Tom 8JH.

Our competition 'Read in an unusual place', has not as yet been judged but the winner will receive a book of their choice from Usborne Books.

The library continues to be very busy and the following clubs are being held at lunch times:

Monday: *new :* Origami

Wednesday: Pokémon, Chess/boards games, Warhammer, Rubik cube

Friday: Reading cloud/chrome books

Equipment Reminder

Over the Easter holidays please check that your child(ren) have all the equipment they need for school. All pupils at Henlow are expected to have the correct equipment with them for all lessons. Increasingly pupils are coming to school without even the basic equipment to be able to complete work. Please can you ensure that your child(ren) have the following equipment with them every day.

* Pencil case containing:
* Cartridge pen, handwriting pen or a friction pen (blue)
* 30cm ruler (not Superflex or folding)
* HB pencil and a spare
* 2 slim dry wipe board marker pens 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, 1 pink and 1 green
* Simple calculator
* Protractor (kept in original protective packet)
* Named water bottled

If you are experiencing any difficulties in providing your child(ren) with equipment for school, please contact their form tutor in the first instance.

We have a school stationery shop, which is open every day at break time, where pupils can buy any equipment that they need. The price list is:

Berol handwriting pen	40p	Pencil	20p
Calculator	£6.50	Protractor	20p
Cartridges	30p	Rubber	10p
Compass	80p	Coloured rubber	20p
Highlighter	40p	30cm ruler	30p
Large pencil case	£1.20	15cm ruler	20p
Double pencil sharpener	50p	Whiteboard pen	30p
Single pencil sharpener	25p	Frixon Pen	£2.30
Fountain pen	80p	A4 wallet	40p
Whiteboard erasers	40p	Colour pencils	90p

Parking

Please remember, parents/carers should not be entering the school car park at drop off and pick up times due to the health and safety of all. The site can become very congested with buses and taxis and ultimately can result in transport delays. Below is a map of alternative drop off and pick up areas which are available to you. Thank you for your understanding and co-operation.

Park 'n' Walk!

We have 4 parking areas within close proximity.

Millennium Park - 5 mins
20+ spaces
Residential area

The Five Bells - 5 mins
20+ spaces
Private busy

Boydfield Carpark - 2 mins
40+ spaces
Scout hut

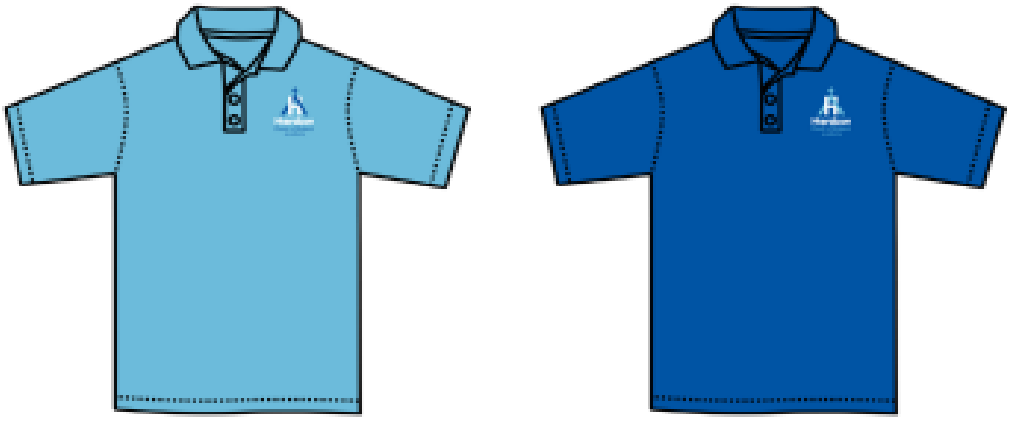
Henlow Pavilion - 5 mins
40+ spaces
Public & Residential Area

Please park considerately.
Thank you

Summer Uniform

When we return after the Easter holidays pupils can start wearing the summer uniform, if they wish. The shirt and tie of the uniform can be replaced with a Henlow Church of England Academy polo shirt. Polo shirts can be purchased from Beat School Uniforms. Blue gingham summer dresses may also be worn during the summer term.

Henlow Academy Summer Polos



Available in all sizes, in Sky and Royal Blue, from early March, ordering your Henlow Academy Summer Polos could not be easier!

You can order ONLINE at:
www.beatschooluniforms.co.uk

By PHONE on:
020 3362 2930

Or visit our STORE at:
Beat School Uniforms,
67 Hermitage Road,
Hitchin,
SG5 1DB

Could Your Child Be Eligible?

Ministry of Defence

Directorate Children & Young People

2019 Service Pupil Premium

Extra Funding for State Schools, Free Schools and Academies attended by Service Children in England

Service parents with children in State maintained schools, Free schools and Academies in England are encouraged to ensure that the Head Teacher of their child(ren)'s school is made aware of their Service status ahead of the Spring school census deadline of 17 January 2019.

The Service Pupil Premium is provided by the Department for Education, to State maintained schools, Free schools and Academies in England who have children of Regular Armed Forces personnel among their pupil population to provide additional (mainly pastoral) support. Pupils with a parent on full commitment as part of the full-time Reserve Service (FC FTRS) are also classed as Service children.

Service Pupil Premium is currently £300.00 per Service pupil and is paid directly to schools.

Schools with Service children in Reception to Year 11 classes are eligible to receive the funding, but only if the child(ren)'s name appears on the school's roll as being a Service child.

The information recorded by schools regarding Service status is protected and data regarding individual children is not shared outside the school.

For more information on eligibility, please visit:

www.gov.uk/service-premium-information-for-schools

For general queries, please email the Directorate Children and Young People:

DCYP-DCYP-Mailbox@mod.gov.uk

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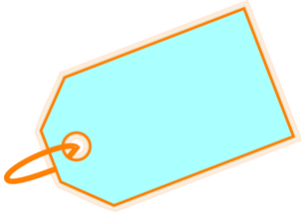
General Reminders

Please ensure all money sent in to school is in a sealed envelope and has your child's name, class, what the money is for and the amount of money on the front.

The school office are unable to call home if your child forgets something they need that day at school. Please ensure your child checks their timetable and brings all they need each day.



Please make sure that all your child's clothes and property is clearly named. If your child has lost any items please make sure they check lost property ASAP.

ALL children are required to bring in a named water bottle daily. The school do not have cups to provide to children who do not bring a water bottle and the canteen no longer sells bottles of drinks. Bottles can be purchased from the school shop.

If a club/fixture is cancelled on the day it is meant to occur, we will send a message home via Parent mail. Your child will be sent to the homework club after school which finishes at 4:45pm unless you contact the school requesting alternative arrangements which you would like them to do. We are unable to ring all parents individually and ask what their preference is for their child.

Please be aware that Breakfast Club runs from 8:00am until 8:30am.

Staff are not available to supervise children before 8:00am and therefore children are not authorised to be on site before this due to safeguarding and health & safety.
If you are interested in your child attending Breakfast Club, the cost is £2 per day.

Please can all parents and carers check their child/ren's Squid accounts and ensure they are in credit. We will no longer be able to provide snacks at break time to anyone who is overdrawn.

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100% Attendance Matters

Our Attendance Team

Attendance Officer: Kelly Jando

Education Welfare Officer: Caroline Northover

Useful Numbers

School Office: 01462 813733

App - MyEd

School Arrival

8:40am Warning Bell

8:45- 9:00am Registration

9:00 –9:15am Late mark will be issued

9:15am onwards Unauthorised absence

FAQ

Q. My child has a tummy bug and isn't well enough for school. What do I need to do?

A. Call the school office on 01462 813733 before 9:00am to let us know. Children should not return to school after a sickness bug for 48 hours after their last episode of sickness/diarrhoea.

Q. I need to take my child to the dentist next week, do I need to let school know?

A. Yes please! Please inform the school office. Where possible please try to make appointments outside school hours/during school holidays. If that is not possible please make them for the start or end of the school day.

Q. I sometimes struggle to get all of my 3 children to school before the school gates close, being 5-10 minutes late doesn't really make that much difference does it?

A. It is important for all children to be in school on time as it can be upsetting for the child and disruptive for the rest of the class when children are late. Children who are late need to arrive via the school office and will get a late mark.

Did you know?

- ☹ 97% attendance means your child will have missed 6 days of school throughout the year.
- ☹ 90% attendance means that your child will have been absent for the equivalent of one half day every week.
- ☹ This also means that your child will have missed the equivalent of 4 whole weeks throughout the school year!
- ☹ If you take a two week holiday during term time your child's attendance will automatically be reduced to less than 95%.
- ☹ A two week holiday each year in school means a total of 14 weeks teaching time missed. This is the equivalent of a whole term and can have a real impact on your child's literacy and numeracy skills.
- ☹ If your child does not attend school regularly and you fail to work with the school and The Education Welfare Service you may be fined up to £2500 and in extreme cases sent to prison.

Things to remember:

- ☒ Keeping children away from school is a criminal offence.
- ☒ If you do not let us know why your child is not in school their absence will be marked as unauthorised.
- ☒ Looking after other children, going shopping, waiting in are not valid reasons to keep your child off school and will be marked as unauthorised absences.
- ☒ Some parents believe that their child is automatically entitles to up to 10 days out of school a year. **THIS IS NOT TRUE!** Parents can request to take children out of school during term time by writing to the Attendance Officer. However, holidays are only granted in exceptional circumstances. Holidays taken without permission will be recorded as unauthorised and the Education Welfare Officer informed.

Dates To Remember

Date	Event
Tuesday 23rd April	Start of summer term
Monday 6th May	May Day Bank Holiday (School Closed)
Monday 13th - Thursday 16th May	Year 6 SATs
Friday 24th May	Fun Run & Fun Run Disco
Monday 27th - 31st May	Half term

2019/2020 Term Dates

Henlow Church of England Academy - Academic Calendar 2019/2020

School Holiday | Bank Holiday | Pupil Day | Training Day

	September 2019					
Mon		2	9	16	23	30
Tue		3	10	17	24	
Wed		4	11	18	25	
Thu		5	12	19	26	
Fri		6	13	20	27	
Sat		7	14	21	28	
Sun	1	8	15	22	29	

	October 2019					
Mon		7	14	21	28	
Tue	1	8	15	22	29	
Wed	2	9	16	23	30	
Thu	3	10	17	24	31	
Fri	4	11	18	25		
Sat	5	12	19	26		
Sun	6	13	20	27		

	November 2019					
Mon		4	11	18	25	
Tue		5	12	19	26	
Wed		6	13	20	27	
Thu		7	14	21	28	
Fri	1	8	15	22	29	
Sat	2	9	16	23	30	
Sun	3	10	17	24		

	December 2019					
Mon		2	9	16	23	30
Tue		3	10	17	24	31
Wed		4	11	18	25	
Thu		5	12	19	26	
Fri		6	13	20	27	
Sat		7	14	21	28	
Sun	1	8	15	22	29	

	January 2020					
Mon		6	13	20	27	
Tue		7	14	21	28	
Wed	1	8	15	22	29	
Thu	2	9	16	23	30	
Fri	3	10	17	24	31	
Sat	4	11	18	25		
Sun	5	12	19	26		

	February 2020					
Mon		3	10	17	24	
Tue		4	11	18	25	
Wed		5	12	19	26	
Thu		6	13	20	27	
Fri		7	14	21	28	
Sat	1	8	15	22	29	
Sun	2	9	16	23		

	March 2020					
Mon		2	9	16	23	30
Tue		3	10	17	24	31
Wed		4	11	18	25	
Thu		5	12	19	26	
Fri		6	13	20	27	
Sat		7	14	21	28	
Sun	1	8	15	22	29	

	April 2020					
Mon		6	13	20	27	
Tue		7	14	21	28	
Wed	1	8	15	22	29	
Thu	2	9	16	23	30	
Fri	3	10	17	24		
Sat	4	11	18	25		
Sun	5	12	19	26		

	May 2020					
Mon		4	11	18	25	
Tue		5	12	19	26	
Wed		6	13	20	27	
Thu		7	14	21	28	
Fri	1	8	15	22	29	
Sat	2	9	16	23	30	
Sun	3	10	17	24	31	

	June 2020					
Mon	1	8	15	22	29	
Tue	2	9	16	23	30	
Wed	3	10	17	24		
Thu	4	11	18	25		
Fri	5	12	19	26		
Sat	6	13	20	27		
Sun	7	14	21	28		

	July 2020					
Mon		6	13	20	27	
Tue		7	14	21	28	
Wed	1	8	15	22	29	
Thu	2	9	16	23	30	
Fri	3	10	17	24	31	
Sat	4	11	18	25		
Sun	5	12	19	26		

	August 2020					
Mon		3	10	17	24	31
Tue		4	11	18	25	
Wed		5	12	19	26	
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