

# Home Grown

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News and  
Updates from  
the Beds!

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### News from the Garden

It's been a very busy Easter break in the gardens, new editions, clearing, planting and building, spring has finally arrived and we are hopeful for very full beds. A New compost system has been installed so it won't be long before the old weeds, garden waste becomes new soil that will go back into the beds. Netting frames are being constructed to keep some of the beasties off of the fruit and veg, and frames are going up for vertical growing. The salad garden has been set with a mix of leaves and radish, vegetables are being sown in the beds and back at the big greenhouse ready to be transported over to the small greenhouses on site, so keep an eye out and try to guess what's growing. In the raised beds tulips are appearing just as daffodils say goodbye and some other plants are starting to show themselves too. There is a Henlow bed, it looks a bit sparse right now but all those plants will creep around and fill the space with a sea of Henlow Academy colour, and watch as the third bed turns in to a wild garden full of colours ready to feed an array of wildlife.



# Let's Talk Compost!

It's got to be said, I never thought I'd get excited about compost, but here we are. It is thoroughly satisfying to turn garden waste into garden gold, and absolutely soul destroying when you get it wrong. It's a very steep learning curve, but that's why we are all here, to learn. One of the biggest mistakes is not knowing what can and can't go in your garden compost.

So the big no no's, would be meat, cooked products, plastic, foil. But some of the things that I didn't know until very recently is that you don't really want to put those green food compost bags in your compost, not unless you have a few years to wait. They are great for the council collection schemes, not so great for your average garden compost, they break down incredibly slowly. Egg shells are amazing for your compost, as long as you wash them and crush them, otherwise you're left with a smelly clump of shells in the middle of what could be super mud for the garden. I'm hoping with the new compost system on site that in time and with lots of learning we can give the beds all the extra love and mud they deserve.



Henlow Academy blue and white garden has now been planted and will hopefully spread out into a sea of school colours.



Seedlings being prepared to move to the Henlow greenhouses.

## April Jobs



Sow wildflowers  
Reseed lawns  
Sow vegetables in outdoor beds



Feed plants  
Weeding

If you would like to know more, have a question or a suggestion please feel free to contact Mrs. Evans who will pass your messages on.  
Thank you. - Mrs Swindle