



Newsletter

Friday 26th September 2025

I can't believe that is almost the end of September already. Whilst we are still enjoying a little sunshine, please make sure that your children have a coat in school as we do aim to be outside as much as possible.

Please check that you have completed your permission checks on Arbor- without these, we cannot use your child's pictures in newsletters, take them on school trips etc so it is really important that these are completed as soon as possible.



I know that there have been some technical difficulties for staff to

access the Learning Pi currently, which we apologise for, but I am really excited to announce that this term, we will be holding 2 information session for parents to learn more about **Learning Pi**, what it is, the language we use and how this is developed in school. We will also share some of the work that our schools does to support emotional literacy and resilience in school- regardless of which school your child attends, you are invited to attend either session at either school. **The first event is on 2nd October at 3.30 at Henley, and the next is 9th October at 6.30 at Helmingham.**

We are encouraging all children to wash their hands properly throughout the day to minimise germs and the winter bugs that appear to be raising their heads.

Please make sure that correct uniform is being worn. Trousers and shorts should be Navy- not black or grey. Cycling shorts worn under skirts and dresses should also be red, white or navy in line with uniform policy.

Class One have been respectful practising using their knives and forks to cut their food. They have been learning how to sit beautifully at the table and use their manners to say thank you to Tina and the midday supervisors.



Year Ones at Henley have been settling into another year of maths very well with Mrs Myatt. They've been collaborating, taking it in turns within their pairs to represent number sentences. They have been learning about symbols they can use to show greater than, fewer than and equal to, to compare amounts. They were resourceful and used cubes to help visualise the numbers.



Class 2 have been busy writing their own versions of the story Dear Zoo, using all their writing skills and being adaptive to change the different parts

of the story. They produced some fabulous writing and illustrations.



Class 3 have been developing their collaboration skills during playtimes when they have been creating dens out of tyres, mats and cones. They were creative and the den building was lots of fun for everybody involved.

They have also been busy making tortillas as part of their Ancient Maya topic work. They had to use their maths skills to weigh and measure, as well as developing their DT cooking skills. The children always enjoy cooking in school, and they certainly enjoy the tasting afterwards. I think these smiley faces demonstrate their enjoyment.



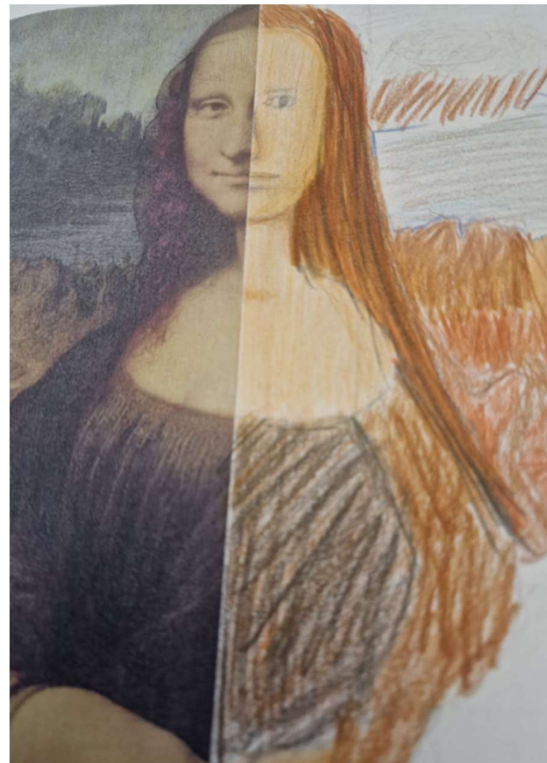
Class 4 (Barracudas) have been remixing their own music using digital media in music. In History, they had lots of fun role-playing the Battle of Bosworth as part of their Three Monarchs topic.



At Helmingham, Edith was presented with our first Friendship award by our ambassador Norman. He was able to explain why Edith had proven to be such a great friend and deserved the recognition. Well done Edith!

At Helmingham we are also working on achieving the Golden Broom award for tidying up and respecting their resources so look out for these as they come home over the next couple of weeks.

Foxes have been busy creating portraits and looking at famous works of art. They have created their own portraits and completed the other halves of the Mona Lisa.



A note from the SENDCo:



16/10/25 - Helmingham
8:30 The Graduated Approach- how we support children on the SEN Record and how you can support as

Parent/Carers. (This will be an informal 75-minute session with Mrs Powley and I, each half term. The first two themes have been decided and from then on, we would like to collaborate with you to support themes and topics of interest to you.)

PINS 'Coffee, Tea and Chat' sessions with Jerry Hoy;

Programme Lead which will take place at Helmingham on 1st October and 15th January at 14:00.

Parent/Carers from Helmingham or Henley that would like to join, you can e-mail office.helmingham@suffolk.gov.uk.

If you have concerns around the child's needs, please talk to your child's teacher in the first instance. They will then make contact with me for further support and guidance.

Other useful addresses for support:

<https://www.suffolklocaloffer.org.uk/>

<https://suffolksendiass.co.uk/>

<https://suffolkpcf.co.uk/>

Did you know there is an independent organisation within Suffolk called Suffolk Parent Carer Forum to support families with children with SEND?

You can register for their newsletter here <https://suffolkpcf.co.uk/> and also join their Facebook group.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

This is not an exhaustive list but here are a few dates to add to your calendars already:

Mon 29th September: 3.15 PGL meeting

Tues 30th Sept: 2.30 Helmingham Harvest Festival

Wed 1st October: PINS Coffee meeting 2pm @ Helmingham

Thurs 2nd October: Henley Harvest Festival

Thurs 2nd October 3.30 @Henley Learning Pi information event

Mon 6th – 10th Oct Yr 5 and 6 Residential

Mon 6th Oct: FOHenley AGM 7.30 (see flyer)

Thur 9th Oct @6.30 Learning Pi information event

Wed 16th Oct @8.30 at Helmingham SEND meeting

Thurs 17th Oct Police visiting Henley classes

Wed 22nd Oct: 9.30 and 10.30 Helmingham open tours for new parents

Thurs 23rd Oct: 9.30 and 10.30 Henley open tours for new parents

Thurs 23rd Oct: FOHS Halloween disco's and parties at both schools

Fri 24th Oct: Emotional wellbeing drop in session @ Henley 2pm

HALF TERM 27th- 31st October

Thur 6th November: Flu vaccinations @ Helmingham

Fri 7th Nov: Barracudas and Foxes London trip

Mon 17th Nov: 2.30 and 3.30 Henley open tours for new parents

Fri 21st Nov: 9.30 Helmingham open tour for new parents

Fri 21st Nov: KS2 Henley at Snape for Big Sing Concert

Fri 28th Nov: Emotional wellbeing drop in session @ Henley 2pm

Tues 2nd December: Parent consultation evening 3.30-6pm

Wed 3rd Dec: Pantomime @ Bury St Edmunds

Thurs 4th Dec: Parent consultation evening 3.30- 7pm

Wed 10th Dec: Henley Christmas Lunch

Wed 10th Dec: Helmingham Christmas fair and Nativity

Wed 17th Dec: Henley KS1 and EYFS Nativity @ community centre

Thur 18th Dec: Henley KS2 Carol Service 2pm @ Henley Church

Fri 19th Dec: Last day of Autumn Term

Other dates to be aware of already for the Spring and Summer

March 17th and 19th- Spring Parent Consultation sessions

Fri 24th April: Class photos

Wed 10th June: Henley Sports day

Fri 12th June: Helmingham Sports day

July 8th and 9th KS2 Performances @ Henley Community Centre



There is now a notice board outside the school at Henley where the dates for future events are posted. At the moment it has the dates for the Autumn term but we aim to post further dates for the whole school year as soon as possible. Please also

check the school calendar on the website too.



Friends of Henley School Annual General Meeting

Everyone is welcome!

Stay informed and
get involved

Monday 6th
October 2025
at 7.30pm
In the school
hall

The FoHS plays a vital part in the school community and all parents, family and friends are invited to join us.

This is your chance to hear and see how the funds you have helped to raise have been used for the benefit of the children at our school.

www.henleyschool.com

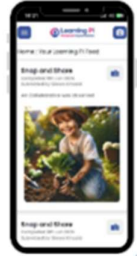


Do you know what your child is learning in school?

Have you ever wondered what the hexagons (learning characteristics) are all about?

Are you interested to learn about how we promote the development of your child?

Have you thought about how we support the emotional development of your child?



Mrs Powley and Mrs Dod will lead these events and share more about the Henley and Helmingham curriculum with you.

Both events are open to parents at each school so please attend at the time/ place which is most convenient for you.

Thursday 2nd October 3.30 @ Henley

Thursday 9th October 6.30 @ Helmingham

Light refreshments will be available at each session and there will be plenty of time to have a cuppa and a chat.

We are inviting all Greenfields parents to attend an information event to find out more so please come along!

ESCAPE! Please could parents collecting and dropping off at the extended school provision please not use the staff car park.



Please make sure that you are checking the class pages on the school website. This will give you the most up to date information about what they are learning in class. All

class will be adding a termly newsletter with information about the topic, recommended resources and activities to try at home.



A few regular reminders:

We do expect the children to read at home throughout the week. EYFS and KS1 should read for 10 mins daily and KS2 for 20 mins. We ask that you fit this in at least 4 times a week as this has a big impact on progress and attainment.



Timestables Rockstars is a fun way to learn times tables! The children in KS2 all have their own log in details so please support your children to log in as often as possible.

Curriculum Visions Schools

Our Curriculum Visions access continues. Please feel free to access this website using the passwords below. This is a website that has an online library of non fiction books and videos to support our topic work so please make sure you dig into this.

Your school passwords:

Username: henley.primary

Password: IP60QX (no gaps)

If you receive certain benefits, or are on a low income, your child may be entitled to **Free School Meals**. Please follow this link to see the criteria and to apply online: <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/children-families-and-learning/schools/school-meals-uniforms-and-trips/apply-for-free-school-meals>. You will receive an immediate response. If you think you may be entitled, we'd urge you to make an application, even if you don't think your child will have a school dinner. This allows the school to access additional government funding which we can use to support your child's education.

Escape club ran a successful holiday club throughout the Summer. Here are a few photos of some of the things they got up to over the Summer.



WOW BOARD!



We continue to celebrate the children's achievements on our WOW board in school. If your child has won awards out of school for their sporting achievements or out of school activities,

School Mobile Numbers:

Henley: 07593564799

Helmingham: 07593564800

School numbers: Henley: 01473 355351 or 01473 831556

Helmingham: 01473 355452 Or 01473 890267

Please see below the **staff email addresses** so that you can contact your child's class teachers directly in the first instance if you have anything to share or discuss. They will not respond to emails between 6pm and 8am (to protect their personal time) but will aim to get back to you as soon as possible.

Mrs Cross (Hedgehogs):

s.cross@consortiumtrust.org.uk

Miss Cornell (Hedgehogs):

c.cornell@consortiumtrust.org.uk

Mrs Richardson (Foxes):

a.richardson@consortiumtrust.org.uk

Mr Hempenstall (Assistant Head Teacher/ Barracudas)

c.hempenstall@consortiumtrust.org.uk

Miss Bramhill (Jellyfish/ Class 1):

b.bramhill@consortiumtrust.org.uk

Miss Way (Seahorses/ Class 2):

e.way@consortiumtrust.org.uk

Mrs Townshend (Assistant Head Teacher/ Dolphins):

c.townshend@consortiumtrust.org.uk

Mrs Jary (Dolphins/ Class 3):

a.jary@consortiumtrust.org.uk

Mrs Jo Lawrence (SENCO):

j.lawrence@consortiumtrust.org.uk

Ms Amanda Sherman- Escape! Club:

Escapeclub.henley@consortiumtrust.org.uk

then please let us know so that these can be celebrated in school too.

Parent Locality Committee members



We are seeking nominations for parent members on our Locality Committee. As a Trust we hugely

appreciate the time our volunteers give to supporting our Academies and work hard to ensure our Locality Committee members feel valued and supported.

The Trust Board of Consortium Trust is accountable, in law, for all major decisions concerning their academies. The Trust has three tiers of governance consisting of Members, a Board of Trustees and Locality Committees.

The Locality Committee (LC) is made up of elected parents and Trust Board appointed members. The current constitution is 6 members: -

- 2 elected parents
- 4 community members appointed by the Board of Trustees.

The Locality Committee's meet 3 times a year, one per term and members are asked to undertake termly training and connection meetings. Meetings are held in person at the school (one of the schools if your LC is part of a hub)

The Locality Committee works within the delegated responsibilities as set out in the Scheme of Delegation.

Once per term, Locality Committee members are invited to attend the Community Engagement Committee meeting, which is Chaired by a Trustee and attended by a member of the Executive team. This is a termly opportunity for LC members to meet directly with Senior leaders and Trustees, and all LC members are encouraged to attend. These meetings are carried out virtually.

Connection meetings are encouraged as this is your chance to visit the school and meet with staff and pupils. Topics for connection meetings are discussed and agreed within the LC meetings.

As Governance Manager, I am very aware that the term 'Governor' can be daunting and that is why within our Trust we have 'Locality Committee' members and a streamlined approach to governance with a high level of support offered to upskill and enable our LC members to feel empowered to carry out their functions.

If you wish to apply for the role then a nomination form will need to be completed and submitted to the school office. If the number of nominations exceed the number of vacancies, an election will need to be held. In addition to this you will be required to undertake an Enhanced DBS check. Please contact the school office if you wish to nominate yourself for this role.

Please get in touch should you have any further questions.

Yours sincerely

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