The Henry Moore Primary School

Dear Parents/Carers, 21st October 2026

As we come to the end of another busy and successful half term, I would like to thank our children, staff and families for all their hard work and support. There has been much to celebrate and we look forward to another exciting half term, with plenty of learning opportunities and special moments ahead! Wishing you all a happy and restful half-term break.

Sports Update

An amazing achievement for our footballers who qualified to make the Harlow Finals' Tournament. At the Finals, not only did they win their group stage, they went on to triumph in the Winner's Group. Congratulations to the team who will now be representing Harlow at the Essex Football Finals in November. Best of luck!

Charity

Thank you so much for your kind donations for our Year 6 Charity Fun Day. We managed to raise an incredible amount for a wonderful charity.

Bring in Your Wellies!

Please remember that children who would like to play in the mud kitchen or camp areas need to bring a pair of wellies to school. They can change into them during lunchtimes. Wellies can either be left at school or taken home each day, whichever is most convenient for you. Thank you for your support!

DONATIONS NEEDED – anything children can use to build with in our new zone: large loose parts: crates, large plant pots (plastic), cable reels, plastic laundry baskets, plastic piping.

Baby News - Congratulations! 💕

We are delighted to share the wonderful news that Mrs King has welcomed a beautiful baby girl! We send our warmest congratulations to the proud parents and wish them lots of love, happiness and precious moments as they begin this exciting new chapter as a family.

Secondary School Applications

A final reminder that applications for an Essex secondary school place for next academic (September 2027) are still open. The window for application closes on the 31st of October 2026. It can be accessed using the following link: www.essex.gov.uk/admissions.

Poppies

Poppies will be on sale in school when we return to school after half term.

Arbor

A reminder that you can update your child's details via the Arbor app, such as change of address or contact number. Once these have been accepted by the admin team your child's profile will be automatically updated.

You can also report your child's absence directly through the Arbor app.
To do this:

- Tap the **three lines** in the bottom left-hand corner of the app.
- Select **Attendance** from the menu.
- Record your child's absence for the relevant day, providing as much detail as possible about the reason for the absence.

Once submitted, the absence will be reviewed and authorised by the school administration team and your child's attendance record will be updated accordingly.
Please note that the school may still contact you if further information is required or if insufficient details have been provided.
In line with our usual attendance procedures, if your child is absent for **three consecutive days**, you will receive an in-app message requesting evidence of a medical appointment or prescribed medication.

Please note that for all planned absences such as scheduled medical procedures, etc, a leave of absence form must be submitted in the usual way.

ACL – Courses

Dates for your diaries.

Follow on from the success of the courses run last year, we are pleased to continue to be working with ACL and will be offering the following courses this term. Come and join Lauren, the course leader, for a relaxed, informative and confidential session. Just sign in at the Main Reception on the day you wish to attend.

Course	Date
Managing Behaviour	Tuesday 10th Nov 9:30am – 11:30am
Positive Parenting	Tuesday 24th Nov 9:30am – 11:30am

Autumn Term Calendar 2026

Tuesday 20th October- Wednesday 21st October	Parent Consultations
Thursday 22nd October	Halloween Discos KS1 3:20 – 4:30pm KS2 4:45 – 6:15pm
Friday 23rd October	School closes for half term holiday Normal finish times
Monday 26th – Friday 30th Oct	School closed for half term
Monday 2nd November	Children return to school
Friday 6th November	Times Table/Number Bond Challenge
Friday 13th November	Children In Need

	Dress down day – voluntary contribution £1
Friday 27th November	**INSET Day – School Closed to Pupils**
Tuesday 1st December	Year 2 Christmas Performances 9:15am & 2:00pm Pre-school children/babies are welcome to the morning performance
Tuesday 1st December	Christmas Instrumental Concert
Wednesday 2nd December	Year 4 Christmas Performances 9:15am & 2:00pm Pre-school children/babies are welcome to the morning performance
Friday 4th December	Year 5 Christmas Performance 9:15am & 2pm Pre-school children/babies are welcome to the morning performance
Tuesday 8th December	Yr R Christmas Performances 9:15am (RH) /10am (RDo) / 10:45am (RDe) Pre-school children/babies are welcome
Wednesday 9th December	Year 1 Christmas Performances 9:15am & 2:00pm Pre-school children/babies are welcome to the morning performance
Thursday 10th December	Christmas Performances at Epping Church. Yr 3 - 5.00pm Yr 6 – 6:30pm Details to follow.
Tuesday 15th December	KS2 Pantomime at Harlow Playhouse KS1 Christmas dinner (KS1 - £1.00 Dress Down Christmas Theme) KS2 bring Packed lunch
Wednesday 16th December	KS1 Pantomime at Harlow Playhouse KS2 Christmas dinner (KS2 - £1.00 Dress Down Christmas Theme) KS1 bring Packed lunch
Friday 18th December	School Closes at **1:30pm** for Christmas Holidays
Monday 4th January 2027	Children return to school

Half-Term Holiday

A reminder to parents/carers that school closes at the normal times on Friday for the half-term holiday.
School is closed from Monday 26th October - Friday 30th October. Children return to school on Monday 2nd November.

Wishing you all a wonderful week!

Kind regards

Sarah Cowley
Head Teacher

Extra- Curricular Opportunities 2026-2027

Alongside various sports club run by school stuff, the following extra-curricular opportunities will be available from September 2026:

	During the school day	After school
Monday		Spanish Club Years 3-6 beatriz_roman@hotmail.com
Tuesday	Individual Music Lessons with Essex Music Service Learn-It! - Essex Music Service click on 'book' and follow the instructions	Spanish Club Years 3-6 beatriz_roman@hotmail.com
	Rock Steady Music School – EYFS to Year 6 www.rocksteadymusicschool.com	Art Club Years 1 – 6 www.myafterschoolartclub.com/henry-moore-art-project
Wednesday	Rock Steady Music School – EYFS to Year 6 www.rocksteadymusicschool.com	Yrs 1&2 Coding club- Mini Digital Art & Animation
		Premier Education KS1 Football www.premier-education.com
Thursday		Yrs 3&4 Coding club- Vibe coding
		Kings and Queens Chess Club Yrs 2-6 www.kingsandqueenschessclub.co.uk
		Little Bricks Party Co Brick Club 5years and older www.littlebrickpartyco.com

Milwards Primary School & Nursery

HARLOW Inspirational Learning Trust HILT

The Henry Moore Primary School

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

School governor opportunities

Harlow Inspirational Learning Trust (HILT)

Across Milwards Primary School & Nursery and The Henry Moore Primary School

Help shape our schools' future and give every child the opportunity to thrive.

What does the role involve?

- Attend meetings and read papers in advance.
- Support and challenge school leaders constructively.
- Help monitor school improvement and pupils' outcomes.
- Take part in training and agreed school visits.
- Work as a team and respect confidentiality.

Bring your skills, experience and a a commitment to children's futures.
You do not need to work in education.

We are particularly interested in hearing from someone with a medical background.

Interested? Let's talk.

Contact either school office for an informal conversation:

Milwards:
admin@milwards.essex.sch.uk

Henry Moore:
admin@henrymoore.essex.sch.uk

Expressing an interest does not guarantee appointment.
All appointments are subject to the Trust's selection process and appropriate checks.

Essex Fire Museum

Halloween Open Day

2026

25th and 27th of October

10:30AM To 4:00PM

Fire Station, Hogg Lane, Grays
RM17 5QS

Book Now

Free Entry

Museum@essex-fire.gov.uk

Little BRICK Party Co.
Big imaginations. Little bricks. Brilliant parties.
HALLOWEEN BRICKCAMP
BUILD CREATE PLAY MAKE FRIENDS
WEDNESDAY 28TH OCTOBER 2026
10AM - 1PM
AGES 5 - 12 YEARS
Stewards Academy, Parnall Road, Harlow, CM18 7NQ
WHAT'S INCLUDED?
LEGO building activities
Halloween themed challenges
Creative free play
Games and team builds
All materials provided
Goodie bags
Certificates
£15 PER CHILD
£10 SIBLING DISCOUNT