

## The Henry Moore Primary School



Dear Parents/Carers,

26<sup>th</sup> March 2026

It has been a short but incredibly busy half term, packed with lots of learning and a wide range of activities across the school. It has been great to see the children showing focus and enthusiasm in their lessons, making the most of opportunities to develop their skills and knowledge.

It has also been lovely to see the first signs of spring and enjoy some brighter weather, which has certainly lifted everyone's spirits. As always, the pupils have represented the school brilliantly and have worked extremely hard throughout the term.

They thoroughly deserve a well-earned and relaxing break (as do the staff), and we hope everyone enjoys some time to rest and recharge ready for the term ahead.

### Head Teacher Commendations

I am delighted to be presenting more Head Teacher Commendations this term. Well done to these children who have earned 10 Merits.

Well done to:

Ralphie C  
Ryan M  
Harry S  
Willow H  
Harvey L  
Naomi A  
Tawana N  
Teddy W  
Uchenna A  
Andreea G  
Tommy H  
Fadil O  
Hudson S  
Sara G  
Robyn M  
Rafferty T

Violet G  
Nazenin K  
Freddy B  
Jessica DM  
Darcie M  
Nahla P  
Emily B  
Georgie A  
Harrison L  
Raine S  
George T  
Frankie F  
Remy F



## Rugby

It has been a rugby-mad few weeks at school, with many children from Years 3–6 proudly representing us in competitions against a range of local schools. We were fortunate to make use of the fantastic facilities at Harlow Rugby Club, which provided a brilliant setting for all the events.



Our Year 3 and 4 teams thoroughly enjoyed taking part in the annual rugby festival, gaining valuable experience and showing great enthusiasm throughout. Meanwhile, our Year 5 and 6 pupils competed in both the qualifying rounds and, impressively, all of our teams progressed through to the finals the following week.

Across all year groups, the children were complimented on their very high standard of play as well as their excellent attitude - something we are incredibly proud of.

We are especially delighted to share that one of our teams went on to win the final and will now represent Harlow in the county finals. A fantastic achievement—well done to everyone involved!

## OPAL Update

We're excited to share the continued progress of our OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) lunchtimes! Many of you will have already seen the fantastic developments on our Facebook and Instagram pages. If you haven't yet, we warmly encourage you to follow us—or visit the [OPAL - Outdoor Play and Learning | The Henry Moore Primary School](#) section of our school website—to enjoy the latest photos, updates and reading material.



Since November, we've gradually been opening up a variety of new OPAL zones, giving children even more opportunities to explore, play, create, and collaborate. From imaginative play spaces to active zones, each area is designed to promote creativity, wellbeing, and positive social interactions.

Here's what some of our children and staff have been saying:

**What the children say**

- Opal gives me freedom and I play more with the dressing up instead of playing football. Alfie, yr 3.
- I love to play with toys I don't play with at home and use my imagination. Yusuf, yr 4.
- Makes us try new things. Austin, yr 3
- I like challenging myself to create things. Tim, yr 6.
- Really fun, given us lots of things to do. Bella, yr 5
- Less drama, more variety, chance to express myself. Nieve, yr 6.
- Used to just run around, now we use lots of equipment. Henry, yr 6.
- I love the boxes and dressing up uses my imagination. Max, yr 3
- Way more fun, I love the costumes. Shein, yr 5
- Noone's getting bored or sitting out, there's lots to play with. Willow, yr 3.
- It's lots of fun. I love spinning in the red wheels. On the stage I can be who I want. Emily, yr 4.
- Play with different people now and different activities. Emily, yr 5.
- I like the different sections of the playground so doing different things. Jeremiah, yr 4

## OPAL Bingo - Donations Wanted!

OPAL Bingo has been brilliant so far. Thank you for the donations so far... it is getting very competitive between the classes! Please continue to send any items into school—every contribution helps make the play even better for the children. Thank you!

Get ready to play... OPAL BINGO				
<b>Laundry basket</b> 	<b>Suitcase</b> 	<b>Wooden spoons</b> 	<b>Action figures</b> 	<b>Wellies</b> 
<b>Dress up items</b> 	<b>Cars</b> 	<b>Dinosaurs</b> 	<b>Pans</b> 	<b>Plastic dolls</b> 
<b>Lego</b> 	<b>Old electronics</b> 	<b>Netting</b> 	<b>Plastic tubes</b> 	<b>Astro – Cut offs</b> 
<b>Beach spades</b> 	<b>Buckets</b> 	<b>Trowels</b> 	<b>Baking pans (old)</b> 	<b>Cardboard tubes</b> 
<b>Guttering</b> 	<b>Wooden planks</b> 	<b>Jugs</b> 	<b>Cable Spools</b> 	<b>Ropes</b> 



## Governors Needed

Our Trust (The Harlow Inspirational Learning Trust) is seeking to appoint new governors to the different committees below.

- Local Governing Body
- Trustees
- Members



If you, or someone you know, is interested in supporting our Trust and its schools - Milwards Primary School and Nursery and The Henry Moore Primary School - please let the school office know.

If you would like to know more about the role/s, one of the Head Teachers would be happy to discuss this with you.

Thank you.

## Social Media Accounts

As always, a reminder to keep an eye on our Social Media accounts. Please feel free to share posts and spread all the wonderful things that we get up to far and wide.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100092322830643>

Instagram: <https://instagram.com/henrymooreps?igshid=OGQ5ZDc2ODk2ZA==>

Wishing everyone a wonderful and relaxing break!

Kind regards

Sarah Cowley  
Head Teacher

Spring Term Calendar 2026

Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter Bonnet Parade
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	School closes for Easter Holidays <b>1:30pm finish</b>
Mon 30 <sup>th</sup> March – Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Holidays
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April	Children return to School



**Parenting information and advice during the early years!**

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Families visiting The Harvey Centre this Easter will have the chance to meet the Easter Bunny in person, as the much-loved character hops into the centre on Thursday 2 April.

The Easter Bunny will be appearing at intervals between 12:00pm and 3:30pm, giving children and families plenty of opportunities to say hello and snap a special photo. Visitors are encouraged to bring their cameras for the perfect Easter memory.

The appearance is part of a week of free Easter activities, including an exciting Easter Egg Hunt running from 30 March to 5 April.

During the trail, families are invited to explore the centre in search of six colourful Easter eggs hidden in selected store windows. Each egg reveals a letter, and once all six are found, participants can uncover the hidden word. To get started, visitors can collect a free trail sheet from the Centre Management Office on Level 1, opposite Specsavers.



# EASTER ACTIVITY PROGRAM

MONDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> MARCH - FRIDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

**30th March - 10th April**

11am - 3pm

**Easter Egg Hunt** - Explore the farm whilst looking out for the easter eggs. Write down where they were found to win a prize.  
**£1.50 per child | Ages 3+**

**30th March  
2nd & 5th April**

11.30am - 2.30pm

**Easter Craft Session (Indoors)** - Create your very own easter artwork, that is all yours to take home with you. Choose from two activities, as well as a freely using the colouring in table.  
**£2 per child | Ages 3+**

**31<sup>st</sup> March  
3rd, 6th & 8th April**

2.30pm - 2.45pm

**Meet the Easter Bunny** - The easter Bunny will be making an appearance at Pets' Corner to meet everyone for a photo, you may even be lucky enough to get a small chocolaty treat.  
**Free Activity | All Ages**

**31<sup>st</sup> March  
3rd, 7th & 9th April**

11.30am - 2pm

**Animal Artefacts** - Get hands-on with fascinating items from the animal world. Explore natural textures and patterns, with the opportunity to take a closer look under a microscope to discover amazing hidden details.  
**Free Activity | All ages**

**1st, 4th, 6th, 8th  
& 10th April**

11.30am - 2pm

**World of Eggs** - Explore the amazing variety of eggs from across the world. Discover different sizes, colours and patterns, learn fascinating egg facts, and take on our fun quiz to see if you can work out whose egg is whose.  
**Free Activity | All ages**

**1st, 4th, 7th  
& 9th April**

12.30pm

**Keeper Talk & Feed** - Join our Keepers whilst they share amazing facts about our animals with the chance to feed the animals during the talk (Only a limited number of feeds can be sold).  
**Talk Free | Feed £1.50 | All ages**



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## Essex Outdoors - Harlow Centre

### Harlow Holiday Activity Day

**Our action-packed activity day experiences run at our Harlow Centre during the school holidays and are the ideal way for young people aged 8-16 to try exciting new experiences in the outdoors!** Working in groups of around 10 young people, your child will have the opportunity to take part in up to four fun and challenging activities each day, including Archery, Climbing, High Ropes, Stand Up Paddleboards and many more! Constant supervision during the day by our professional instructors will give parents peace of mind and ensure kids have a memorable day! All technical equipment is provided - participants just need to bring comfortable (and waterproof!) clothing, a full change of clothing and footwear as well as a towel packed lunch and a drink. £40 per child for the whole day.

Book 4 days, get a 5th day free. To book this offer please call the centre on 01279 620270.

Please note morning drop-off and registration is between 09.00 - 9.30, Afternoon pickup is from 16.30 - 17:00

**See website to book.**

## The holidays are fast-approaching

Are you *looking* for something for your child to do during this time?

Why not sign them up to one of our Bikeability Courses.

- Chelmsford
- Harlow
- Witham
- Colchester
- Uttlesford



Please see below the link to book Easter holiday courses:  
<https://essex.cycleready.co.uk/publicbooking>

JOIN US FOR OUR

Book  
now

# Easter Afternoon Tea

Easter Bonnet Competition, Live music from Thomas Huttlestone, great company, fun, friendship, dancing, and delicious food.

## Date & time:

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March, 1.30-4.00pm

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March, 1.30-4.00pm

## Venue:

24<sup>th</sup> The GPCA, Harlow CM18 6YJ

26<sup>th</sup> Rugby Club, Harlow CM20 3FD

## Suggested Donation:

£6 per session, booking essential



**For more information or to book:**

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## EGGCITING NEWS!!

Join us for:

**Alice in Wonderland Easter Adventure** at  
**Parndon Wood Nature Reserve** on  
**Easter Saturday, April 4th**  
**12-1pm** for relaxed hour  
**1-4pm** for all other entries



### **Down the Rabbit Hole - An Easter Adventure in Wonderland!**

Curiouser and curiouser... something very strange has happened in Wonderland this Easter!

The **White Rabbit** has been put in charge of the Easter eggs, but finding them will require a little imagination and a lot of curiosity. To solve the mystery, you must journey through Wonderland and meet some of its most peculiar residents. Along the way you may encounter **Alice, the Mad Hatter, the Queen of Hearts, the Cheshire Cat** and other curious characters, each guarding a most important clue. Listen carefully. Each character you meet will give you a special clue to help you on your adventure - but beware! You may need to help that character out with a problem of their own to get the clue!

Once you have gathered all the clues, present your findings to the White Rabbit and if you've been clever enough, you will be rewarded with your own Easter egg!

**Meet the curious characters of Wonderland**

**Collect clues from each character**

**Take part in creative crafts and activities**

**Present your findings to the White Rabbit to claim your Easter egg**

So polish your curiosity, bring your imagination, and don't be late for this very important date!

*Please note: last entry at 3pm, event ends at 4pm. When Booking, Zeffy the ticket company ask if you would like to donate a % to them. For this, you can choose "other and put in 0%. Ticket links are in comments*

**General Ticket link:** <https://www.zeffy.com/en-GB/ticketing/alice-in-wonderland-easter-adventure>

**Relaxed hour link:** <https://www.zeffy.com/en-GB/ticketing/alice-in-wonderland-easter-adventure-relaxed>

**Every registration to this event will bring us closer to achieving our mission. Together, we can create a brighter, more compassionate world for all. Thank your support**