

## The Henry Moore Primary School

Dear Parents/Carers,

13<sup>th</sup> January 2026

We hope you all enjoyed a happy, restful Christmas holiday filled with special moments with family and friends. It was wonderful to welcome the children back to school last week, and we were delighted to see so many smiling faces ready for a new term.

As we begin the New Year, we are looking forward to an exciting term ahead, full of learning opportunities, new challenges, and achievements to celebrate. The children have already settled back into their routines beautifully and are showing great enthusiasm in their classrooms.

### Values Education

As a school we teach 'Values Education' and believe it to be a strong and powerful influence on our ethos, climate and all-round standards. A different value is promoted each month. This month's value is...Excellence.



### Hockey Qualifiers

The sporting calendar started again last week, where we took four hockey teams to Passmores to compete in the cross-town hockey qualifiers. The children braved the cold and rainy conditions to battle against the many other schools that took part. Well done children, you all played brilliantly. We will now cheer on two of our teams who managed to top their group stage tables and go on to compete in the finals. An excellent start to the year!



Keep the donations coming!  
Thank you!

 **WANTED** 

Old pots, pans, utensils, microwaves, kettles, toasters, colinders 

 Sandpit toys

Wellies and waterproof trousers (all sizes for ages 4-11) 

Having a clear out before/over Christmas?  
The children would also love small world toys e.g:

Please send all donations into school

## Worried About Your Child's Learning or Development?



Scan the QR code to access our SEND Support Padlet – a helpful guide from our SEN Team with advice, available support, and who to speak to in school.



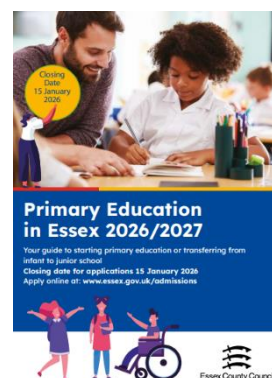
### Last Reminder...Primary School Applications

The primary school (Reception) admission round is now open for parents/carers of children to apply for a Reception school place for the academic year that starts in September 2026.

The statutory national closing date for applications is **15 January 2026**.

Even if you already have a sibling at the school, you need to apply if you have a child due to start Reception next September.

The website [www.essex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions) also has a copy of the Primary Education in Essex 2026-27 booklet and the Schools Admissions Policies Directories contain details of all admission policies.



Kind regards

Sarah Cowley  
Head Teacher

### Spring Term Calendar 2025

Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	Parent First Aid Course run by ACL – details to follow
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	School closes for Half Term – normal finish times
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	Half Term
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Children return to school
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	Open Classroom for Year R – Year 6 3:30-5:00pm
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day Book character dress down £1 Book Sale
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Parent Consultations for Year R – Year 6 (Details to follow)
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Red Nose Day Dress down day £1 Tuck Shop 30p - Donations of cakes/biscuits please
TBC	Friends of Henry Moore Mother's Day Stall
TBC	Easter Bonnet Parade (Details to follow)
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






# 4 Questions

Every Parent Should Ask **DAILY** if Your Child is Online



1. How was your ONLINE WORLD today? 
2. Did you see anything online that you didn't like? 
3. Did anyone send you something that made you UNCOMFORTABLE? 
4. Did you send anything to anyone that you shouldn't have? 

## WHY THESE QUESTIONS MATTER :

-  **LET'S TALK** Normalise Talking About Online Life
-  Build Trust & Openness
-  Prevent Problems BEFORE They Escalate 