



## The Henry Moore Primary School

Dear Parents/Carers,

19<sup>th</sup> November 2025

### Remembrance Day

Last Tuesday, we held a whole school assembly for Remembrance Day. It was wonderful to see members of the guiding, and scouting communities dressed in their uniforms for the occasion. The children demonstrated great respect when we observed a two-minute silence.



### Polite Reminders

- **Winter Clothing**

The weather has definitely turned colder this week. Please ensure that your child has appropriate clothing for playing outside. A warm coat and a hat/gloves, if needed.

- **Breakfast Club and After School Club Booking**

To ensure the safety and proper staffing ratios for your child, it is essential that Breakfast Club and After School Club are pre-booked before the day. In the event of persistent unforeseen work commitments or collection problems, same-day bookings will be charged at a premium rate:

- Breakfast Club £6
- After School Club (up to 4pm) £5
- After School Club (up to 5:15pm) £12
- After School Club (up to 5:45pm) £13

Children not collected from their classroom on time will be sent directly to After School Club and the premium rate will be charged up to 4pm. School finishes at 3:20pm, so please ensure prompt collection to avoid additional charges.

Many thanks.

## • Communication

The school needs to communicate with you for a variety of reasons throughout the week, so please ensure you regularly check both your **email** and **Arbor app** messages.

### Emails

You will receive the following types of information via email:

- Trip, club, or charity letters – these will also be available on the school website, and key dates will be added to the school calendar.
- Letters and flyers about activities in the local area for parents and children.

### In-App Messages (Arbor)

The Arbor app is used for more immediate or personal communication, including:

- Notifications about accidents, bumped heads, or minor medical treatment.
- Weekly reminders regarding account arrears or outstanding trip consents. These reminders will continue to be sent until the issue is acknowledged or resolved.

It is important that you have the **Arbor app installed on your smartphone** and that notifications are enabled so you don't miss important updates.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us maintain effective communication between school and home.

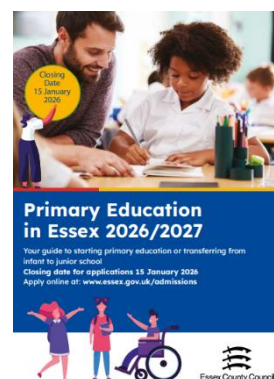
## Primary School Applications

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.



## Opal Update

**We're excited to announce that our OPAL journey is underway!**



From next week, we're introducing a variety of play zones with equipment and activities for children to explore during lunchtimes—if they wish. While resources are available, the magic of OPAL lies in the children's creativity and imagination as they shape their own play.

Some of the exciting options include music, chalks, table tennis, cardboard boxes, and a range of brushes to enhance their lunchtime experience.

Keep an eye on our social media pages over the coming weeks and months to see what the children have been up to.

**Coming soon:** an OPAL section on our school website where you can stay up to date with the latest developments.

We'd love your support! If you have any brushes in good condition, please consider donating them (see the poster for details).

Lissy Nixon  
Deputy Headteacher

### Opal Parent Survey

As part of our Opal project (improving Outdoor Play And Learning), we would value input from parents/carers. Please could parents/carers complete the baseline survey using the link below. It should only take 5 minutes of your time. Many thanks.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1QTou0lepTzQVeQy\\_DU6UUkqB8NBF3LdQotCA\\_rZHS6w/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1QTou0lepTzQVeQy_DU6UUkqB8NBF3LdQotCA_rZHS6w/edit?usp=sharing)

### Mind In West Essex

Are you a Parent/Care Giver looking for effective ways to help your young person navigate anxiety and manage big emotions? The Mental Health Support Team (MHST) works with your child's school and is here to help you if your child is between the ages of 5 to 11. Please see expression of interest form and further information below:

<https://forms.gle/9Mbp6PobYvfuGWmg6>



### SPACE – Supporting Parents and Carers in Essex for all schools

SPACE is a new service in Essex. It provides support for parents and carers of children and young people with SEND (aged 0 to 25). What makes SPACE unique is the team of Peer Educators — parents and carers all with lived experience. How SPACE can support families:

- One-to-One Support: telephone support
- Weekly webinars bring families together to share experiences.
- Attendance at School and Community Events
- Website providing resources and guidance.

For more information visit: [www.parent-send-support.essex.gov.uk](http://www.parent-send-support.essex.gov.uk) Contact: [SPACE@essex.gov.uk](mailto:SPACE@essex.gov.uk)

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OPAL

## DONATIONS NEEDED

We're collecting brushes, brooms, dustpans for lunchtime play.

Please send any unbroken donations into school  
All items will be carefully checked for safety before use!

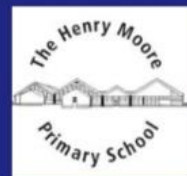
## Calendar Autumn Term 2025

Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>INSET Day – School Closed to Pupils</b>
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Year 4 Christmas Performances 9:15am & 2:00pm Pre-school children/babies are welcome to the morning performance
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Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 2 Christmas Performances 9:15am & 2:00pm Pre-school children/babies are welcome to the morning performance
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 5 Christmas Performance 9:15am & 2pm Pre-school children/babies are welcome to the morning performance
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Yr R Christmas Performances 9:15am & 2pm Pre-school children/babies are welcome to the morning performance
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 1 Christmas Performances 9:15am & 2:00pm Pre-school children/babies are welcome to the morning performance
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Performances at Epping Church. Yr 3 - 5.00pm Yr 6 – 6:30pm Details to follow.
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 Pantomime at Harlow Playhouse KS1 Christmas dinner (KS1 - £1.00 Dress Down Christmas Theme) KS2 bring Packed lunch
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Parties/Discos KS1 3:20 - 4:30pm KS2 4:45 – 6:15pm
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 Pantomime at Harlow Playhouse KS2 Christmas dinner (KS2 - £1.00 Dress Down Christmas Theme) KS1 bring Packed lunch
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	School Closes at <b>1:30pm</b> for Christmas Holidays
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2026	Children return to school

Kind regards

Sarah Cowley  
Head Teacher





# THE HENRY MOORE PRIMARY SCHOOL

**COME AND LOOK AROUND**

**WE HAVE MULTIPLE TOURS THROUGH OCTOBER TO JANUARY - SEE OUR WEBSITE FOR DETAILS:**

<https://www.henrymoore.essex.sch.uk/admissions>



@henrymooreps



**Call us to book a tour!**

# Essex Fire Museum Open Days

2025



Sunday 23rd Of November  
10:30AM To 4:00PM

Fire Station, Hogg Lane, Grays  
RM17 5QS



**Book Now** >



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