



The Henry Moore Primary School

Dear Parents/Carers,

22nd October 2025

As we approach the end of a busy and rewarding half term, it has been a pleasure to see the children engaging so positively with their learning.

This half term has been filled with memorable moments and achievements and we are proud of everything the children have accomplished. Looking ahead, we are excited about the opportunities planned for next half term and can't wait to welcome the children back refreshed, recharged and ready to learn.

Dodgeball

Well done to all the children who have represented the school in the dodgeball teams over the last couple of weeks. One of our Year 5/6 teams competed in the dodgeball finals and overall came 2nd out of 47 teams – amazing!

Superstars Festival

Two teams were chosen to participate in this cross-town festival, where they had the opportunity to take part in a series of activities including: boccia, hockey, football, bench ball, gym, basketball and golf. Well done, you represented the school brilliantly!

Fair Trade



Congratulations to Evie in year 4 who won the Fair Trade competition this week! Well done to everyone who took part in promoting Fair Trade during Fair Trade Fortnight. It was great to see so many of you buying Fair Trade products! We look forward to another exciting event in the future.

Secondary School Applications

Applications for an Essex secondary school place for next academic opened on the 12th September 2025. The window for application closes on the 31st of October 2025. It can be accessed using the following link:

www.essex.gov.uk/admissions.

Polite Reminders

- **Scooters and Bikes:**
To help prevent accidents and ensure a safe environment for all, please encourage your child to dismount from scooters or bikes before reaching the school gates. Riding up to the gates can pose a risk to others.
- **Messages for Staff:**
To support a calm and safe start to the school day, please avoid passing messages to staff at the gate. Staff are focused on welcoming and supervising the children. If you need to share any information, kindly contact the school office.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

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.



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.

Calendar Autumn Term 2025

Tuesday 21 st October- Wednesday 22 nd October	Parent Consultations Details to follow
Thursday 23 rd October	Halloween Discos KS1 3:20 – 4:30pm KS2 4:45 – 6:15pm
Friday 24 th October	School closes for half term holiday Normal finish times
Monday 27 th – Friday 31 st October	School closed for half term
Monday 3 rd November	Children return to school
Friday 7 th November	Times Table/Number Bond Challenge
Friday 14 th November	Children In Need Dress down day – voluntary contribution £1 30p for the Tuck Shop Donations of shop bought cakes/biscuits please
Friday 28 th November	INSET Day – School Closed to Pupils
Tuesday 2 nd 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 th December	Year 2 Christmas Performances 9:15am & 2:00pm Pre-school children/babies are welcome to the morning performance
Friday 5 th December	Year 5 Christmas Performance 9:15am & 2pm Pre-school children/babies are welcome to the morning performance
Tuesday 9 th December	Yr R Christmas Performances 9:15am & 2pm Pre-school children/babies are welcome to the morning performance
Wednesday 10 th December	Year 1 Christmas Performances 9:15am & 2:00pm Pre-school children/babies are welcome to the morning performance
Thursday 11 th December	Christmas Performances at Epping Church. Yr 3 - 5.00pm Yr 6 – 6:30pm Details to follow.
Wednesday 17 th December	KS2 Pantomime at Harlow Playhouse KS1 Christmas dinner (KS1 - £1.00 Dress Down Christmas Theme) KS2 bring Packed lunch
Wednesday 17 th December	Christmas Parties/Discos KS1 3:20 - 4:30pm KS2 4:45 – 6:15pm
Thursday 18 th December	KS1 Pantomime at Harlow Playhouse

	KS2 Christmas dinner (KS2 - £1.00 Dress Down Christmas Theme) KS1 bring Packed lunch
Friday 19 th December	School Closes at 1:30pm for Christmas Holidays
Monday 5 th January 2026	Children return to school

Half-Term Holiday

A reminder to parents/carers that school closes at the normal times for the half-term holiday. School is closed from Monday 27th October - Friday 31st October. Children return to school on Monday 3rd November.

Wishing you all a wonderful half term!

Kind regards

Sarah Cowley
Head Teacher



Essex Fire Museum Halloween Open Day

2025



26th and 28th Of October
10:30AM To 4:00PM

Fire Station, Hogg Lane, Grays
RM17 5QS



Book Now
Free Entry



Museum@essex-fire.gov.uk

HOLIDAY COURSES

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and Learn to ride courses.**

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essex.cycleready.co.uk/publicbooking

There is a £15 non-refundable booking fee



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

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



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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

SNAP STREAK

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SNAPCHAT

AGE RESTRICTION
13+

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

With over 900 million active monthly users and billions of 'Snaps' sent each month, Snapchat is a popular messaging app among children and young people. It allows users to share fun, spontaneous pictures and videos with friends and family while using playful filters. One of Snapchat's unique features is that pictures, videos and messages are only viewable for a short period of time.

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Snapchat's use of artificial intelligence (AI) includes features like the 'My AI' chatbot and AI-powered filters, offering interactive experiences that can be fun but also pose risks. These tools may share unfiltered or inaccurate responses, promote unrealistic beauty standards, and collect personal data. Advanced filters and deepfake-style lenses can distort reality, potentially leading to manipulation, impersonation, or inappropriate content.

SCREEN ADDICTION

Snapchat boosts user engagement and daily use with features like streaks (daily Snapchat exchanges between you and a friend). When a streak's been going for a few days, users will see a 🥰 emoji. The number alongside it shows the number of days, but if users miss a day and break the streak, the only way to restore it is to pay. This encourages daily use habits, and frequent notifications can keep users returning to the app even more often.

SEXTORTION

Because Snapchat's disappearing messages feature may foster a sense of safety, users may become targets of sextortion. For example, a predator may pressure someone into sending nude images, then somehow capture those images to threaten and intimidate the victim. This might involve claiming they will share the images with friends or family unless money is paid.

SNAPCHAT+

Snapchat+ is the platform's premium subscription service, offering early access to new and exclusive features. In June 2025, Snapchat introduced a new tier called Lens+, giving subscribers access to hundreds of lenses and AR experiences for playing, creating, and sharing Snaps. These paid features may encourage young users to spend money to access exclusive content, increasing the risk of overspending or feeling pressured to make in-app purchases.

ACCESSIBILITY

Snapchat is now accessible from a web browser, meaning children can use it on a laptop or tablet without downloading the app. This can make activity harder to monitor, reduce the effectiveness of parental controls, and increase the risk of unsupervised communication or exposure to inappropriate content.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Some content on Snapchat isn't suitable for children. The hashtags used to group content are determined by the poster, so even an innocent search term could still yield age-inappropriate results. The app's disappearing messages feature also makes it easy for young people to share explicit images on impulse – so sexting continues to be a risk associated with Snapchat.

Advice for Parents & Educators

ACCESS THE SNAPCHAT FAMILY SAFETY HUB

Created with guidance from Common Sense Media, Snapchat has developed a Family Safety Hub that explains how the app works and how to use its in-app protections for teens. It's recommended that you review this guidance before allowing a child to download Snapchat. Remember, the app is only intended for children aged 13 and over.

ENCOURAGE OPEN DISCUSSIONS

Snapchat's risks can be easier to handle if you nurture an open dialogue. Talk about scams and blackmail before letting children sign up. If they're lured into a scam, encourage them to tell you immediately. Talk openly and non-judgementally about sexting, emphasising its inherent risks. Furthermore, explain how popular 'challenges' on the platform can have harmful consequences.

BLOCK AND REPORT

If a stranger connects with a child on Snapchat and makes them feel uncomfortable by pressuring them to send or receive unwanted or inappropriate images, the child can tap the three dots on that person's profile to report or block them. There are options to state why they're reporting that user, with a tailored reporting section under the 'Nudity and Sexual Content' category. In this category, there's the option to report somebody for threatening to leak sexually explicit images, or 'nudes'.

USE PRIVACY SETTINGS TOGETHER

Sit down with the children in your care and explore Snapchat's privacy settings as a shared activity. You can help them adjust who can contact them, view their stories, or see their location on Snap Map. It's a good opportunity to explain why some settings are safer than others, reinforcing their understanding of online boundaries. Encourage them to regularly review these settings, especially after app updates or changes in their friendship groups.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian Government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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