



Principal's update

At Montem, we know that reading is at the heart of learning. One of the most valuable things you can do at home is read regularly with your child. Just a few minutes each day can make a real difference to their confidence, vocabulary, imagination and enjoyment of books.

Reading together is about much more than practising words. Talk about the story, ask questions, discuss new vocabulary and encourage your child to share their thoughts and predictions. Even as children become confident independent readers, they still benefit enormously from reading with and being read to by an adult.

By working together, home and school can help every child develop not only the skills to become a successful reader, but a love of reading that will last a lifetime.

Thank you for continuing to make reading a special part of your child's day.

Mrs Nel
Principal

"Reading is a
passport to
countless
adventures."

- Mary Pope Osborne



Dates for your diary

Early Reading Workshop

22nd September 2026

School Photo Day

19th October 2026

Fireworks Display

9th November 2026

Tickets available soon!

Half Term

26th October - 30th October

Inset Day / Parent's Appts

2nd November 2026

Parents Meeting

2nd November (2pm - 8pm)

End of Term

Friday 18th December 2026

**Additional inset days have
been set as 2nd November, 4th
January and 28th May.**

Attendance

The class with the best attendance
this week is:

🏆 1st place:

4 Sequoia - 99.67%

🥈 2nd place:

2 Redwood - 99.33%

🥉 3rd place:

4 Cedar - 99.33%

**Classes with 100% attendance
will have a non-uniform day**





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READ @ THREE

At Montem, we are passionate about developing a lifelong love of reading. Our books are carefully selected to provide children with a broad, diverse and exciting range of high-quality texts that introduce them to different authors, cultures, experiences and perspectives.

Through our timetabled 'Read @ 3' sessions, children have dedicated time to enjoy and explore these texts with their teacher, building their confidence and encouraging them to engage with increasingly rich and challenging books.

Above all, we want every child at Montem to experience the joy of reading and discover books that excite, inspire and stay with them long after the final page.



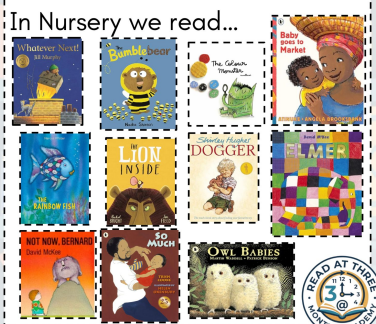
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NURSERY

READ @ THREE

In Nursery we read...

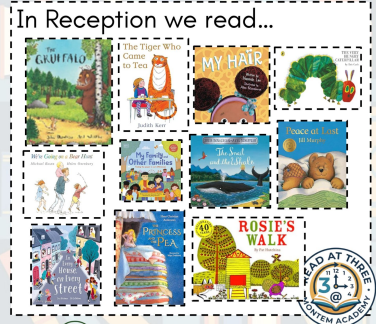


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RECEPTION

READ @ THREE

In Reception we read...



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YEAR 1

READ @ THREE

In Year 1 we read...



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YEAR 2

READ @ THREE

In Year 2 we read...



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YEAR 3

READ @ THREE

In Year 3 we read...



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YEAR 4

READ @ THREE

In Year 4 we read...



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YEAR 6B

READ @ THREE

In Year 6B we read...



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YEAR 6

READ @ THREE

In Year 6 we read...



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Late Pick Up Reminders

Sports Clubs

Please remember you need to collect your child from the Jane Hassan playground at 4.30pm **promptly**.

This is the playground near the pedestrian entrance on Chalvey Grove.



Late Pick Ups

Please remember to collect your children from class or clubs **on time**. There is no provision for them after these times.

You will be issued with fines if you are persistently late.



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New Communication App

We are moving to the **Juniper Education Parent App** as our main platform for school communication. **ClassDojo will no longer be used.**

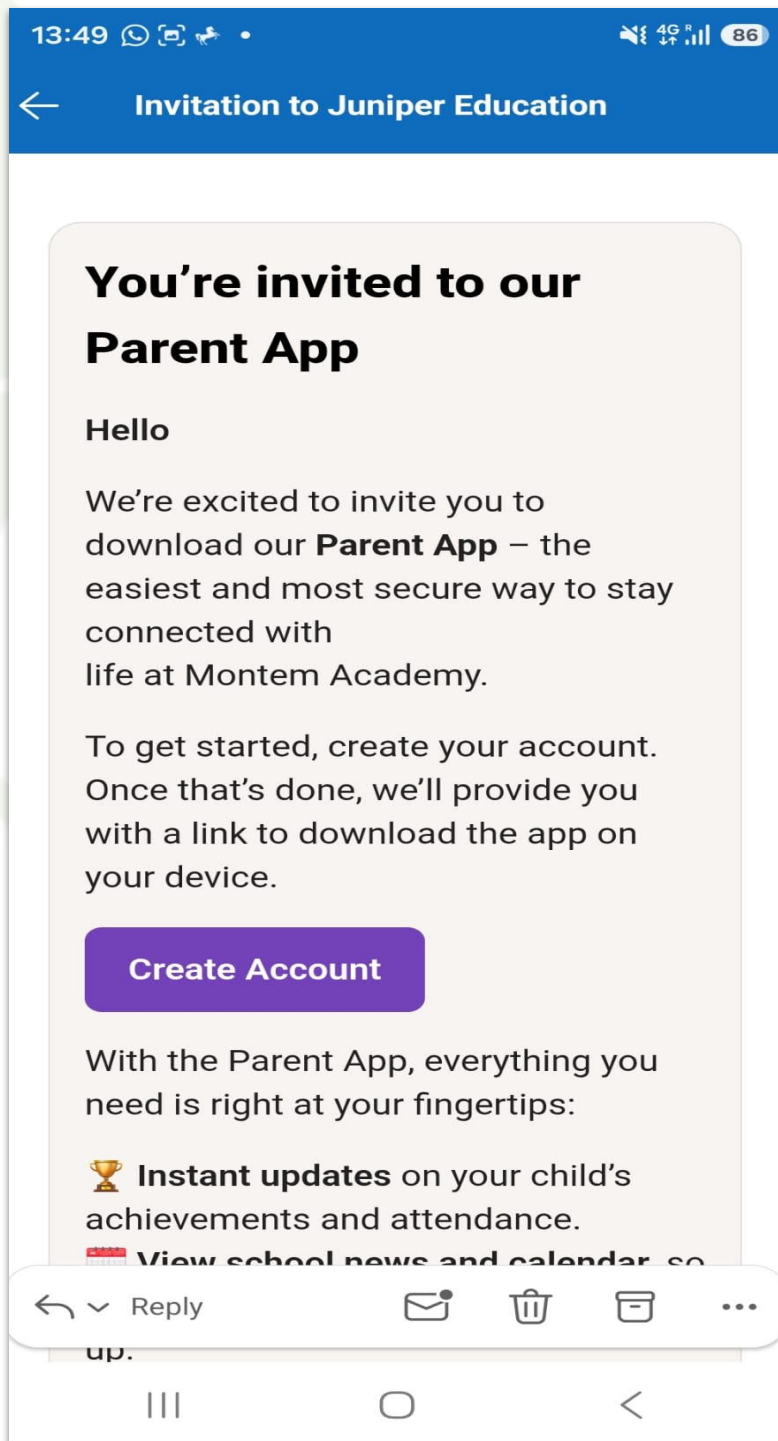
Please sign up as soon as possible so you do not miss important updates and information about your child. You should have already received an email invitation with instructions on how to register.

Here is a screenshot of the email to look out for. Please check your **junk or spam folder** if you cannot find it.

If you need support setting up the app, please speak to our **Digital Lead, Mr Clottey**, who will be happy to help.

Contacting Your Child's Teacher

You will be able to contact your child's class teacher using a dedicated **class email address**, which will be shared with families shortly.



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Arts Award

Montem Academy's blog is now live on the Arts Award website.

We are extremely proud of the art provision in school, but particularly of that available to our visually impaired, or hearing impaired children.

Art is tactile, it is emotional, and it is a universal language.

Please take the time to check out our post here:

[Touching the imagination: Discovering the Arts without sight or sound.](#)



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A Wonderful First Week in Nursery!

This week in Nursery, our pupils have been exploring the story **"Going to School"** and drawing fun comparisons between their own first full week and the characters' experiences. While everyone is still settling into new routines, getting to know their teachers and friends, and learning school expectations, the children have shown tremendous enthusiasm and a fantastic attitude toward learning! Our 'Star Words' this week are classroom and rules, which we will be referencing regularly during carpet sessions and daily activities.



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Reception!

Off to a Flying Start!



Our Reception pupils have settled wonderfully into school life and are becoming increasingly confident in their new environment. We have been very busy exploring and learning through a range of exciting activities. The children have been discovering their five senses, making their own playdough, sorting different objects, and expressing their creativity through painting.

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NURSERY & RECEPTION OPEN EVENING



Tuesday 5th October 2026

Tuesday 16th October 2026

Tuesday 2nd December 2026

Tuesday 11th January 2027



A guided tour of the whole school

4.00pm-4.30pm

4.15pm-4.45pm

4.30pm-5.00pm



There will be no parking available on site



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SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

Monday 19th October 2026

Our school photographers will be here at Montem Academy on Monday 19th October.

Children will have their individual school photos taken, and you will be able to order copies online.

Please make sure your children are:

- On time
- In correct, clean, smart school uniform
- Don't have any appointments during the school day





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Our Parenting Offer

Support & assistance for:



Baby Bank



Food Bank



Financial Applications



Admissions Applications



FSM applications



Target Early Help Referrals



SEND support



MHST Referrals



SEBDOS Referrals



Talking Therapies /
Hestia Referrals

Support
Advice
Guidance

Please contact the school office



01753 528 050

or email



maoffice@theparkfederation.org

and ask to speak with

Mrs Devine, Mrs Bishop or Miss Jones

You
are not
alone



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Best Start Family Hub Chalvey Grove



Sep-Dec 2026

Monday

HCRG Development Reviews
Appointment only 8.45am-3pm

Sport in Mind
Mum and Baby (under 12mths)
Movement and Gentle exercise
10-11am More information click here:
[Sport in Mind - Mum & Baby East Berkshire Timetable - July 2026](#)

Cippenham Baptist Church
Bumps to Babies
Elmshott Lane, SL1 5QS
10.15-11.30am All welcome
Expectant parents to 2 years
Slough Best Start Family Hubs
Let's Get Moving
Walkers to Pre-schoolers
Updon Lea Community Centre, SL2 5JW
1.30-2.15pm Term-time only
Starts Monday 14 September.
No need to book, just turn up.

Slough Best Start Family Hubs
Infant Massage Course
14 Sep, 21 Sep, 28 Sep, 5 Oct, 12 Oct
1-2.30pm Costs apply.
For more information email:
family.hubs@slough.gov.uk

Tuesday

Slough Best Start Family Hubs
Cost of Living Drop-in
22 Sep, 27 Oct, 24 Nov 9-11.30am

Slough Best Start Family Hubs
Feeding and Weaning Support Drop-in
9-11.30am 6 Oct, 3 Nov, 1 Dec

Slough Best Start Family Hubs
Parenting Puzzle
9.15-11.15am 3, 10, 17 and 24 Nov, 1 Dec
To book please email family.hubs@slough.gov.uk

Slough Best Start Family Hubs
Play and Learn Crawlers to Walkers
Booking required see below 9.30-11am
Slough SEND Information, Advice and
Support Service - Chat to SENDIASS
8 Sep, 13 Oct, 10 Nov, 8 Dec 9.30am-3pm
To book an appointment email: sendiass@slough.gov.uk

Slough Best Start Family Hubs
Volunteer Information Session
Drop-in 10-11.30am 15 Sep, 17 Nov
Frimley Health Antenatal and
Postnatal Pelvic Health
Appointment only 11.30am-2.30pm

HCRG 0-19 Health Drop-in at Cippenham Nursery
St Andrew's Way, SL1 5NL 1.30-3.30pm
4th Tuesday of the month. No appointment needed

Slough Library Service
Storytime at Cippenham Library
Elmshott Lane, SL1 5RB 2-2.30pm
No booking required

Frimley Health Antenatal Classes
Part 1: 3rd Tuesday of the month 2-4pm
Contact your midwife for more info

Slough Best Start Family Hubs and HCRG
Postnatal Session
Part 2: Baby and You 2-4pm
4th Tuesday of the month. To book email:
hcrg.sloughchildandfamilywellbeing@nhs.net

Wednesday

NHS Getting Help Team
Invitation only 9am-5pm

Trinity Tots
106 Windsor Road, SL1 2JA
Baby and Toddler Group - £2 per family
10.15-11.45am Term-time only

Slough Library Service
Storytime at The Curve
William Street, SL1 1XY 10.30-11am
Followed by Duplo time 11-11.30am
No booking required

Slough CLASS Adult Learning
Various locations and times.
Please see our Facebook page or visit
www.slough.gov.uk/adult-learning

Best Start Family Hub
Chalvey Grove
Chalvey Grove, SL1 2TE
(Chalvey)

Tel: 01753 574387
family.hubs@slough.gov.uk

Thursday

HCRG Development Reviews
Appointment only 8.45am-3pm

Slough Best Start Family Hubs
Play and Learn Terrific Two's
9.30-11am Invitation only
5 Nov, 12 Nov, 19 Nov, 26 Nov

Slough Best Start Family Hubs
2-year-old Funding Information Session
Invite only 9.30-11am 3 Dec

NHS Breastfeeding support
Appointment only 9.30am-1.30pm

Slough Library Service
Storytime at Cippenham Library
11-11.30am Elmshott Lane, SL1 5RB
No booking required

Homestart
29 Church Street, SL1 1PL
Baby and Me 11am-12.30pm
To book call 01753 572958

Frimley Health
Perinatal Mental Health Support
Invitation only 1-2.30pm

Friday

NHS Getting Help Team
Invitation only 9am-1pm

Slough Best Start Family Hubs
Play and Learn Crawlers to Preschoolers
Booking required see below 9.30-11am
No session 6 Nov

HCRG 0 to 19 Health Drop-in
9.30-11.30am 3rd Friday of the month

Slough Best Start Family Hubs
First Aid for Parents
(of non mobile babies) 1-3pm 6 Nov
To book email family.hubs@slough.gov.uk

Slough Best Start Family Hubs
Play and Learn Bumps to Crawlers
1.30-2.30pm Booking required see below

HCRG HENRY workshops
3rd Friday of the month
For more information email
Hcrg.sloughchildandfamilywellbeing@nhs.net

For further
information
about Family
Hub services
click here



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HENRY Autumn Timetable

Health, Exercise, Nutrition for the Really Young



Slough Child and Family Wellbeing

Venue	Date	Workshop	Description
Best Start Family Hub Chalvey Grove, SL1 2TE	18/09/2026 12.00-14.00	Introducing Solids (4-8 months)	Make mealtimes a joy! Introducing solid food alongside milk from 6 months.
Best Start Family Hub Penn Road, SL2 1PG	01/10/2026 11.00 – 13.00	Eating Well for Less (0-12 years)	Healthy Eating doesn't have to be expensive! Tips for simple and healthy low-cost meals.
Best Start Family Hub Romsey Close, SL3 8PE	14/10/2026 11.00-13.00	Let's Get Active (0-5 years)	Discover the benefits of activity for your child! Fun ways to get the whole family up and moving.
Best Start Family Hub Chalvey Grove, SL1 2TE	16/10/2026 12.00-14.00	Eating Well for Less (0-12 years)	Healthy Eating doesn't have to be expensive! Tips for simple and healthy low-cost meals.
Best Start Family Hub Romsey Close, SL3 8PE	11/11/2026 11.00-13.00	Eating Well for Less (0-12 years)	Healthy Eating doesn't have to be expensive! Tips for simple and healthy low-cost meals.
Best Start Family Hub Chalvey Grove, SL1 2TE	20/11/2026 12.00-14.00	Let's Get Active (0-5 years)	Discover the benefits of activity for your child! Fun ways to get the whole family up and moving.
Best Start Family Hub Penn Road, SL2 1PG	03/12/2026 11.00-13.00	Let's Get Active (0-5 years)	Discover the benefits of activity for your child! Fun ways to get the whole family up and moving.
Best Start Family Hub Romsey Close, SL3 8PE	09/12/2026 11.00-13.00	Introducing Solids (4 - 8 months)	Make mealtimes a joy! Introducing solid food alongside milk from 6 months.

Slough Child and Family Wellbeing [Home - Slough Child and Family - Child Health Services](#)

Refer a family here: [HENRY workshop registration](#) – [Fill in form](#)

Slough Best Start family Hubs [Slough Information and Services Guide](#) | [Slough Best Start Family Hubs](#)

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Slough's Best Start Family Hubs

Infant feeding and weaning drop-in sessions



Drop-in to see the Family Hub Team for support and advice about breastfeeding, weaning, and providing a healthy diet for your family.

No need to book!

- **Best Start Family Hub Chalvey Grove**

Montem Academy Primary School Grounds, Chalvey Grove, Slough SL1 2TE
9.30–11.30am, Tues 6 Oct, 3 Nov, 1 Dec.

- **Best Start Family Hub Penn Road**

Penn Road, Slough SL2 1PG
9.30–11.30am, Wed 23 Sep, 21 Oct, 18 Nov, 16 Dec.

- **Best Start Family Hub Romsey Close**

Marish Primary School, Romsey Close, Langley, Slough SL3 8PE
9.30–11.30am, Mon 14 Sep, 12 Oct, 9 Nov, 14 Dec.



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Slough's Best Start Family Hubs Cost of living support drop-in sessions



Drop-in to see the Family Hub Outreach Team for free, independent advice and guidance, to ensure your family are accessing all the financial support you are entitled to, and how to make the best use of other services available.

No need to book!

- **Best Start Family Hub Chalvey Grove**

Montem Academy Primary School Grounds, Chalvey Grove, Slough SL1 2TE
9–11.30am, Tues 22 Sept, 27 Oct, 24 Nov.

- **Best Start Family Hub Penn Road**

Penn Road, Slough SL2 1PG
2–4pm, Thurs 24 Sep, 22 Oct, 26 Nov.

- **Best Start Family Hub Romsey Close**

Marish Primary School, Romsey Close, Langley, Slough SL3 8PE
1–3pm, Fri 11 Sep, 9 Oct, 13 Nov.



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Happy
Healthy
Brighter
Futures

360 Vision
FITNESS NUTRITION WELLNESS

Play
Learn
Make Friends
Build Confidence
Have Fun!

WRAPAROUND CARE

AFTER SCHOOL CARE

A SAFE, NURTURING SPACE FOR YOUR CHILD
TO LEARN, PLAY AND THRIVE!

FUN
ACTIVITIES

SUPPORTIVE
STAFF

MAKE
FRIENDS

BRIGHTER
FUTURES

**STARTING FROM
MONDAY 2ND NOVEMBER**

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6

**DON'T PANIC IF YOU SEE
"SOLD OUT"!**

- If you see "Sold Out", please continue to join the waiting list for the days you require.
- All waiting-list registrations will be transferred over at the beginning of October.
- You will then be contacted directly by our founder, Jemma Davies, who will confirm the payment route and bookings to begin from **Monday 2nd November**.

HELP WITH THE COST?

You may be eligible for support with childcare costs.

**Childcare
Choices**

www.childcarechoices.gov.uk

**PLAY
LEARN
GROW**

Stronger
Children
Brighter
Tomorrows

If you have any questions or would like further information, please do not hesitate to contact **Mrs Bishop** via the main school office, **01753 528 050**, she will be more than happy to help!

We can't wait
to welcome you!

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PARENT ONLINE SAFETY

What are the ABC of ONLINE SAFETY: Scan for more information



Activate



Activate parental controls

Use the controls and tools available from broadband providers, online platforms and apps to install safe search settings, block inappropriate content and prevent contact from strangers.

FIND A STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE



Balance



Balance screen time

Agree a good balance for your children's screen time, taking education and leisure content into account. Encourage active screen time over passive and consider setting limits for the total hours spent online each day.

LEARN ABOUT BALANCE



Check



Check and chat

Check which apps your children use and the relevant age limits for each platform. And talk regularly about online safety and what they might come across so you can work together to manage any risks and keep online experiences positive.

GET ADVICE BY AGE





Online Safety

Safe



Stay **safe** online by not sharing your personal information.



Meet



Do not **meet** anyone who you have only become friends with online.



Accept



Do not **accept** messages and friend requests from people you do not know.



Reliable



Not everything online is **reliable**. People online are strangers and you can't always trust everything they say.



Tell



Tell an adult you trust if anything happens online that you do not like.

