



Principal's update

Thursday 1st October is School Census Day. The information collected helps determine the funding and resources available to support our pupils, so it is important that our records are accurate. Please let the school office know if your child's details have changed or if you think they may be eligible for free school meals.

We are also holding a **Census Day raffle**, with one winner in every class. Each child who attends school on Census day will receive one entry, plus an extra entry if they have a school lunch. Prizes include special vouchers and Monty Points which your child is able spend at our Monty Shop..

There will be a special lunch menu of **Boston chicken wrap** or **Margarita pitta pizza**, followed by **chocolate cake and chocolate custard**. Classes with 100% attendance on Census Day will receive two bouncy balls instead of one for their Attendance Jar.

We look forward to seeing everyone in school on Thursday!

Mrs Nel
Principal

Well done, 6B Sequoia! 🎉

Our first class this academic year to achieve **100% attendance for a whole week**. To celebrate this wonderful achievement, you can have a non-uniform day on **Friday 2 October**!

Fantastic effort, everyone!



Dates for your diary

School Photo Day

19th October 2026

Half Term

26th October - 30th October

Inset Day / Parent's Appts

2nd November 2026

Parents Meeting

2nd November (2pm - 8pm)

Booking details coming soon

Fireworks Display

9th November 2026

Tickets available soon!

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:

6B Sequoia - 100%

🥈 2nd place:

6 Redwood - 99.33%

🥉 3rd place:

2 Redwood - 98.67%

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





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CENSUS DAY IS HERE!

THURSDAY 1ST OCTOBER!

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SCHOOL CENSUS DAY RAFFLE!

One Lucky WINNER in EVERY CLASS!

PRIZES:
Fantastic Prizes Include:

School Vouchers!

Monty Points!

HOW TO ENTER:

1 ENTRY per child for ATTENDING SCHOOL!

ATTENDANCE ENTRY

EXTRA ENTRY for eating a SCHOOL LUNCH!

LUNCH ENTRY

SPECIAL ATTENDANCE BONUS:
ALL CLASSES with 100% ATTENDANCE on Census Day receive 2 BOUNCY BALLS for their Attendance Jar! (instead of 1)

SPECIAL LUNCH MENU!
(Thursday 1st October):

Boston Chicken Wrap

Margarita Pitta Pizza

Chocolate Cake and Chocolate Custard!

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Timely Pickups Matter: Understanding the Impact of Late School Collections on Children

When the end-of-day bell rings at 3:25, children race to grab their coats and bags, eager to find their parents. But for a child sitting alone outside the school office after the playground clears, just a few extra minutes can feel overwhelming.

While a delay might seem like a minor frustration to a busy parent, it feels much longer to a young child. Seeing classmates leave can quickly cause anxiety, leading them to worry that they have been forgotten or done something wrong. When late pickups happen repeatedly, this broken routine can trigger morning separation anxiety and make children feel self-conscious.

Late pickups also directly impact school staff. Receptionists and teachers often need to delay their own work, meetings, or personal commitments to supervise remaining children and track down emergency contacts.

To support your child and the school:

- **Be on time;** know what time your child needs picking up and arrange for someone else to come if you are delayed.
- **Stay reachable:** Keep your contact details up to date and answer the phone when school calls.
- **Call if you are delayed:** A quick call lets staff reassure your child that you are on your way, protecting their peace of mind and allowing staff to plan accordingly.
- **Acknowledge the delay:** A brief, sincere apology to both your child and the school staff goes a long way in rebuilding trust, showing respect for everyone's time, and reassuring your child.
- **Greet them warmly:** End the day with reassurance and warmth to help maintain their trust and sense of security.





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**£5 per person
Under 2s free**

Fireworks Display

**9th November 2026 – doors open
at 4.30pm
Fireworks at 5.30pm**



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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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Ordinary People living Extraordinary Lives

Rather than focusing solely on famous world leaders or household names, our students are exploring the lives of ordinary people who showed extraordinary courage, creativity, or determination to make a difference.

By studying real individuals from diverse backgrounds - people who faced everyday challenges just like us - students learn that anyone, regardless of where they start, has the potential to shape the world.

Ask your child this week about the person their class is studying and you might just discover a new favourite historical figure yourself!

A change
is brought about because

ORDINARY people do
EXTRAORDINARY things
- Barack Obama

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Year 1 — Robin Emmons: An inspiring changemaker who quit her corporate job to dig up her own backyard and turn it into a community garden. Through her charity *Sow Much Good*, she brought fresh, healthy fruits and vegetables directly to neighborhoods that lacked local grocery stores, teaching us how small, caring acts close to home can nourish an entire community.



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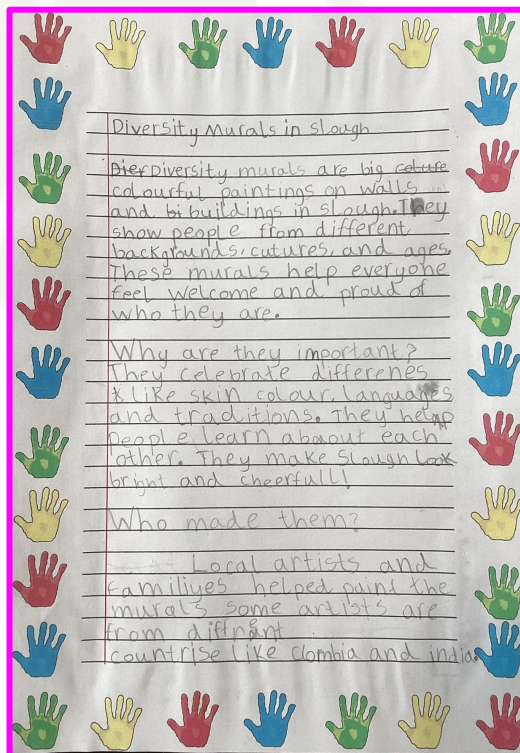


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Year 2 — The Slough Mural Artists: Creative local visionaries who turned ordinary brick walls into vibrant, public works of art. By painting large-scale stories of Slough's heritage and diverse community across the town, these artists showed us how creativity can brighten everyday spaces, bring people together, and turn a local neighbourhood into an open-air gallery for everyone to enjoy.



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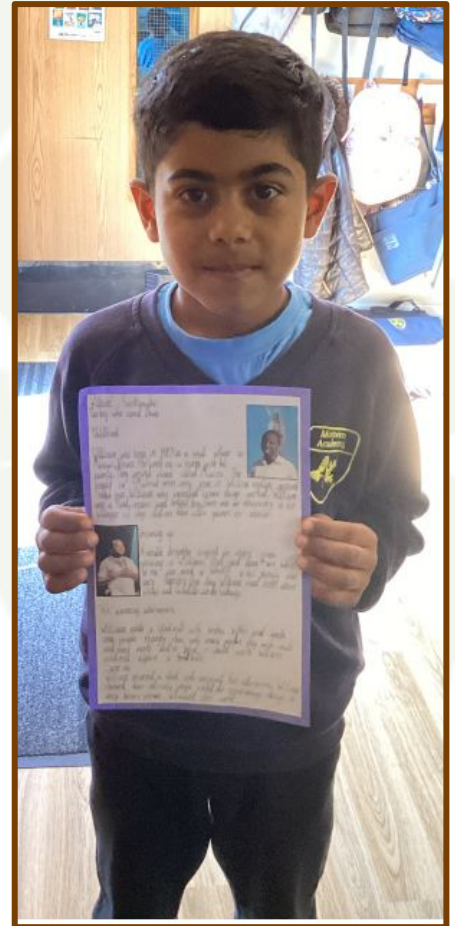
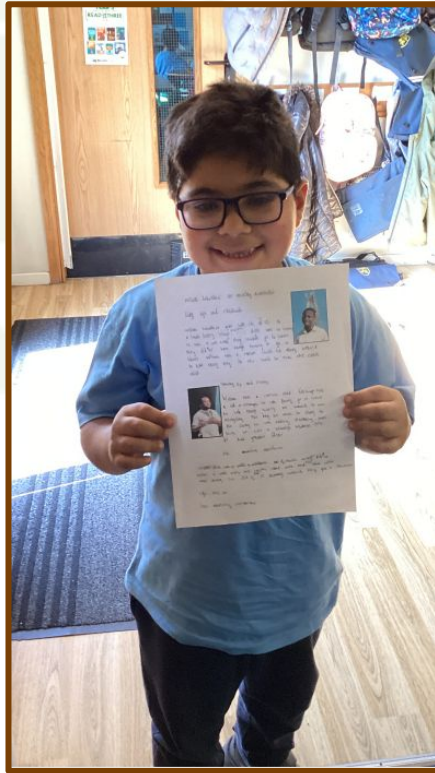
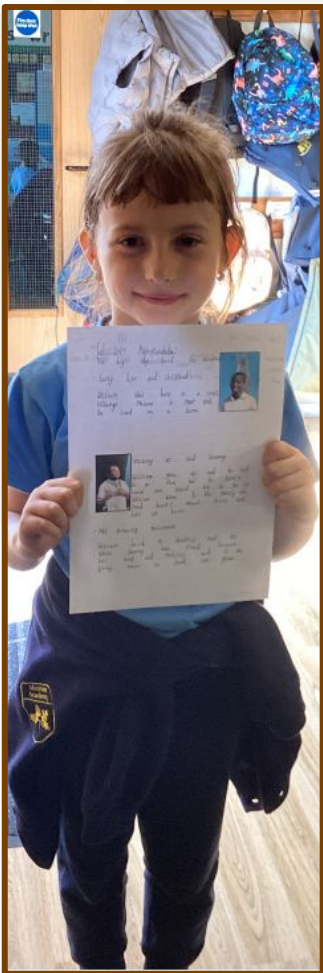


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Year 3 — William Kamkwamba: A determined young inventor from Malawi who built a working wind turbine from scrap copper wire, bicycle parts, and tractor fans when he was just 14 years old. Driven by curiosity and a library book, William brought electricity and running water to his village during a severe drought - proving that imagination, resourcefulness, and perseverance can solve big challenges.



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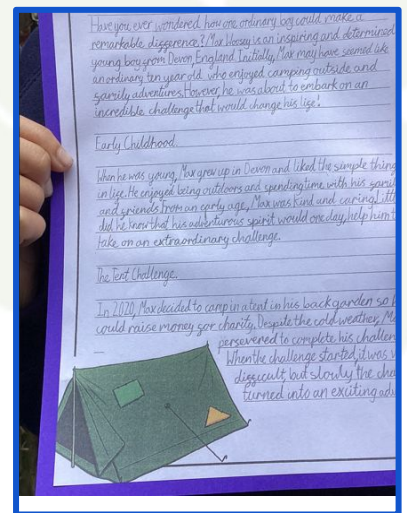
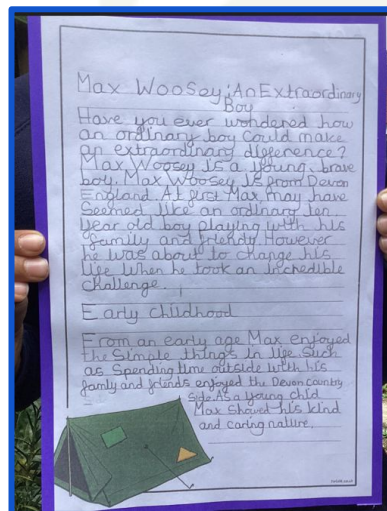
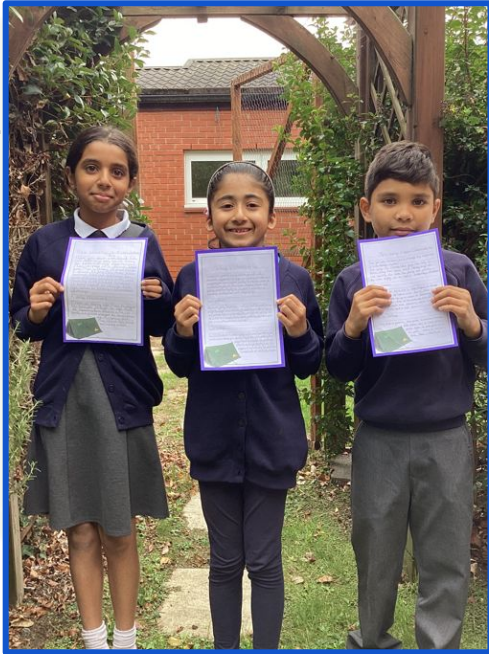


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Year 4 — Max Woosey: A compassionate boy known as "The Boy in the Tent" who spent over three years sleeping outside in a backyard tent through all seasons. Starting at just 10 years old, Max braved the elements to raise over £750,000 for his local hospice in memory of a neighbor—showing how deep empathy and stubborn commitment can turn a single sleeping bag into a huge force for good.



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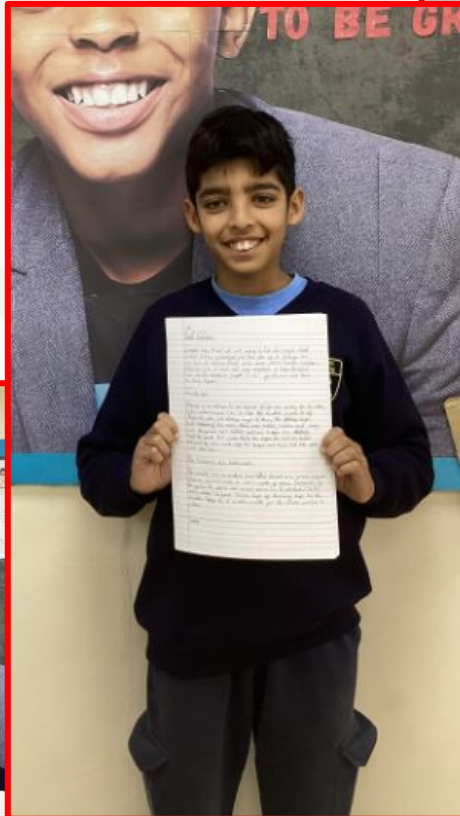
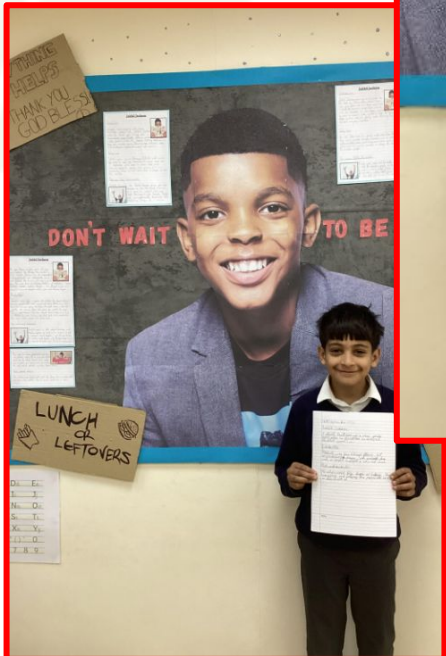


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Year 5 — Jahkil Jackson: A dynamic young changemaker who started *Project I Am* at just 8 years old to support unhoused individuals. By organizing and distributing thousands of "Blessing Bags" filled with essential toiletries and warm items, Jahkil has shown us how empathy, youth leadership, and focused community action can restore dignity and offer hands-on support to those experiencing homelessness.



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Year 6 — Ibtihaj Muhammad: A groundbreaking American Olympic fencer who made history as the first Muslim woman wearing a hijab to represent the United States at the Olympic Games, winning a bronze medal in 2016. Beyond her athletic success, Ibtihaj has used her platform to break down barriers, champion diversity in sports, and launch an inclusive clothing line - demonstrating how staying true to yourself can pave the way for generations to follow.



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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.**

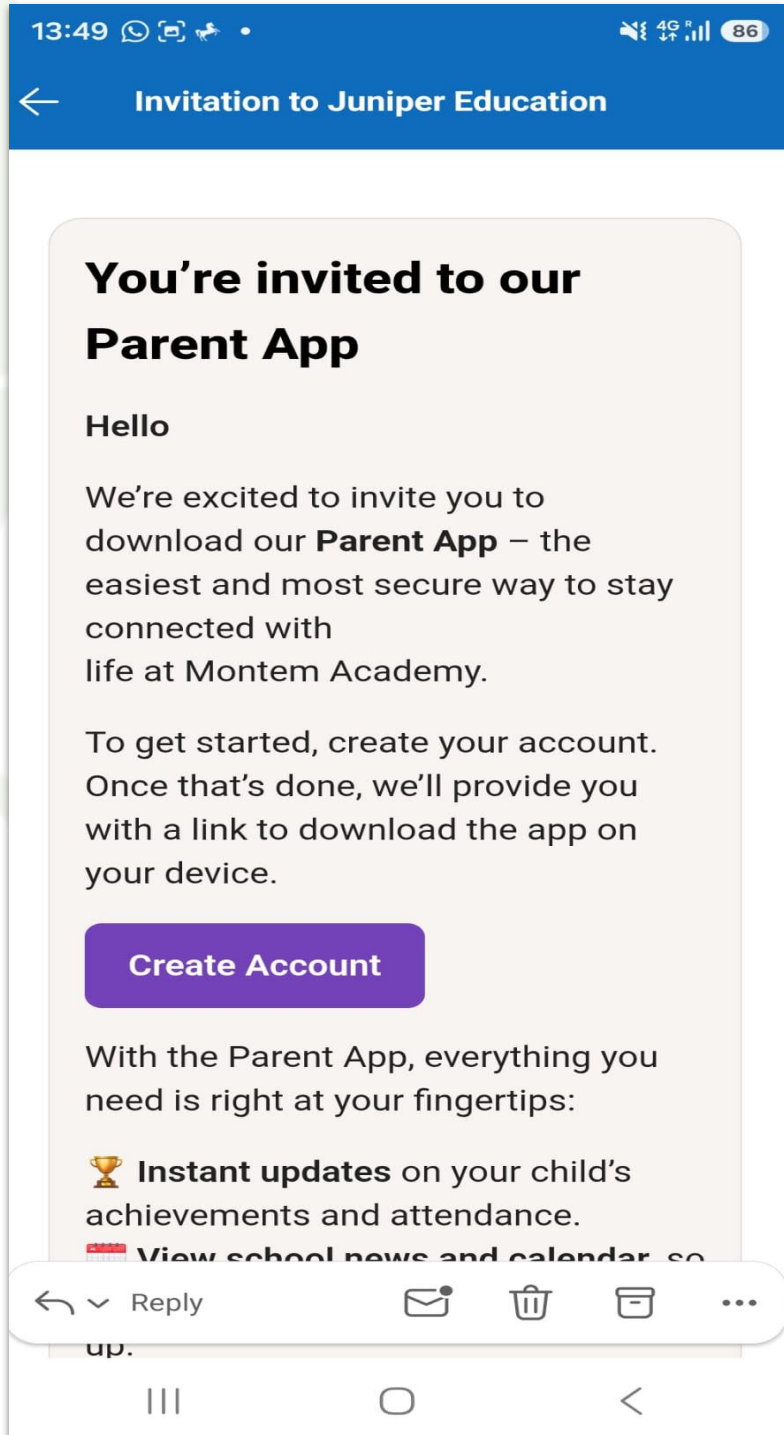
Please sign up as soon as possible so you do not miss important updates and information about your child. You should have already received an email invitation with instructions on how to register.

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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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
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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](#)

HENRY [About us](#) | [HENRY](#)

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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.

