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The Park Federation Academy Trust

Montem Newsletter

23rd October 2026
Edition 18

Principal's Update

As this half term draws to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to celebrate the incredible efforts of our pupils. The children have shown great commitment to their learning, and we are wonderfully proud of their hard work and progress.

As the days grow colder and the evenings get darker, please take extra care when travelling to and from school.

We will continue to enjoy outdoor learning and play throughout the season, so please ensure your child comes to school dressed for the weather. Remember to clearly label coats and winter accessories including gloves! This helps us reunite lost items with their owners.

We look forward to welcoming you to enjoy our very special Firework Spectacular on November 9th. Please don't forget to purchase your tickets so you can join in this wonderful occasion!



Wishing you all a lovely half term!

Mrs Nel
Principal

Dates for your diary

Half Term
26th October - 30th October

Inset Day & Parent's Meeting
2nd November

Parents Meeting
2nd November (2pm - 8pm)

Anti-Bullying Assemblies
5th and 6th November

Fireworks Display
9th November
(Ticket now available on ParentPay)

End of Term
Friday 18th December - school finishes at 2pm.

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

Well done, 4 Cedar!

A whole week of **100% attendance** is a fantastic achievement! To celebrate, our winning class can enjoy a **non-uniform day** on **Friday 6th November.**.

Well done, everyone -
what an amazing effort!



Attendance

The class with the best attendance this week is:

🥇 1st place:
4 Cedar 100%!

🥈 2nd place:
4 Oak 98.3%

🥉 3rd place:
3 Cedar 97.9%

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

Late Collections

We would like to remind you that persistent late collections from school or after school clubs can incur a fine.

When we identify a persistent trend of late collections we will issue you with a warning letter, and if the late collections persist we will issue you a fine.

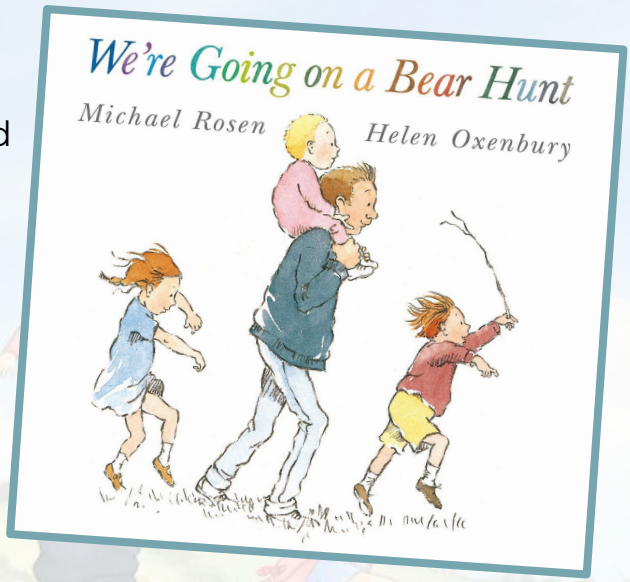
Please see below for the relevant information:

£5 charge for collection up to 30 minutes late.
£10 charge for collection over 30 minutes and up to an hour late.

We will always endeavour to work with you if you are having problems with pick up times and would appreciate some support, so do tell us if this is the case.

Late collections have a significant impact on children, their levels of self confidence and anxiety, and they always remain our top priority.

Year 1: We're Going on a Bear Hunt



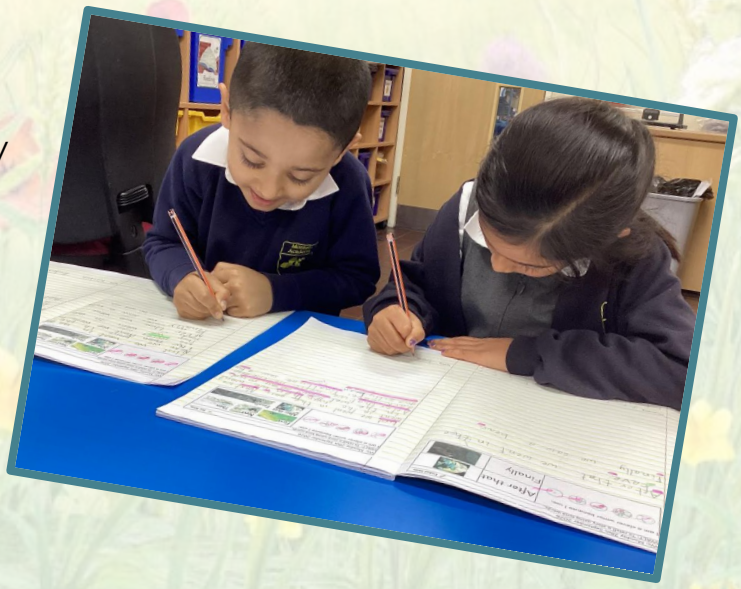
Our Year 1 children have been working hard to retell and write the much-loved story We're Going on a Bear Hunt. They have been developing their understanding of the story sequence and learning how to organise their ideas in the correct order.

The children have been practising using important time words, including first, next, then, after that and finally, to help make their retelling clear and easy to follow.

It has been wonderful to see the children trying their very best with their letter formation, handwriting and sentence writing as they begin to develop their confidence as young writers. They are learning to listen carefully to sounds, record their ideas and take pride in their written work.

We are so proud of the effort and enthusiasm they have shown as they journey through the early stages of their writing journey!

Watch the author perform the story here:
We're going on a bear hunt!

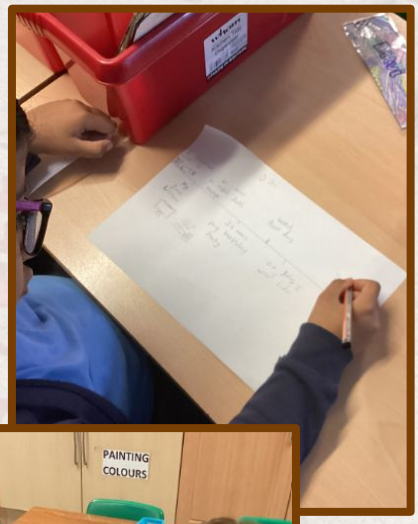


Swishy Swashy!
Splash Splosh!
Squelch Squerch!

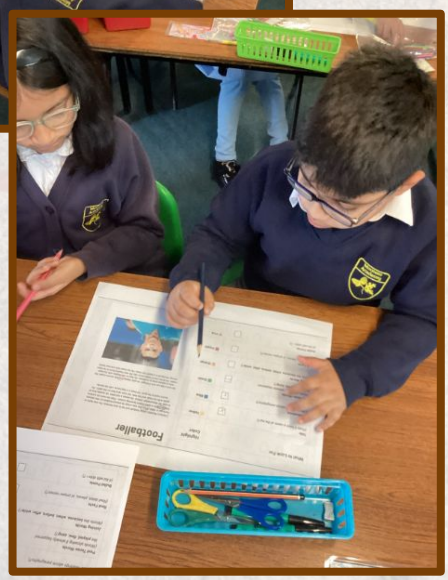
Year 3:

In Year 3, our pupils have been writing letters from the perspective of a child living in the Stone Age. After carefully planning and drafting their ideas, they are now putting the finishing touches to their final published pieces. We are incredibly proud of the care they are taking with their presentation and the effort and enthusiasm they are bringing to their writing.









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Could your child be eligible for Free School Meals?



With the start of the new school year, we want to make sure every child at our school gets the best possible start to their day. Following recent changes to government guidelines, all families receiving Universal Credit now qualify for Free School Meals, regardless of your household income.

Even if you have checked before and did not qualify because of your earnings, we strongly encourage you to recheck your eligibility today.

Why you should apply:

- **Save money:** A free, healthy school lunch can save your family over £400 a year per child.
- **Nutritional Food:** Your child will receive a hot, nutritious meal every day to help them stay focused and energised.
- **Additional Support:** If your child is eligible for Pupil Premium funding, we can provide financial help with purchasing school uniform and contributing to funding school trips.
- **Extra school funding:** For many families, an approved application also unlocks extra funding (Pupil Premium) for Montem. This money goes directly toward extra teaching staff, after-school clubs, and learning resources that benefit your child.
- **Uniform & Trip Support:** eligible pupils will be able to receive financial assistance towards purchasing school uniforms and funding school trips.

How to apply?

To check your eligibility and submit your application, please visit our local council portal online [https://www.slough.gov.uk/xfp/form/244)](https://www.slough.gov.uk/xfp/form/244) or contact the school office directly for a paper form. If you need any help with your application, please do not hesitate to reach out to our school office team. We are here to help. Mrs Babar
Welfare Assistant



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Parents' Meetings

With the start of new academic year, we are pleased to see that children have now settled well into their classes and routines - and this is a good time to invite parents to discuss children's progress and answer any questions.

We have arranged parents evening for **Monday 2nd November**, which is an inset day. **Appointments will start at 2.00pm** and must be **booked via your class teacher**. If you have more than one child here at Montem, please leave enough time between appointments in case of any delays.

If you need more than the allocated 10 minutes with your child's teacher, a separate appointment can be arranged with them, as it will be important to keep on schedule - the last appointment is at 7.50pm.

Hopefully this gives you plenty of choice for your appointment.

We prefer if you don't bring your children to the appointment if possible, but if you do have to bring them, please note that the playgrounds will be out of bounds.





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Messaging your Child's Class Teacher

As we move from **ClassDojo to the Juniper App**, we have introduced a new way for parents and carers to communicate directly with their child's class teacher.

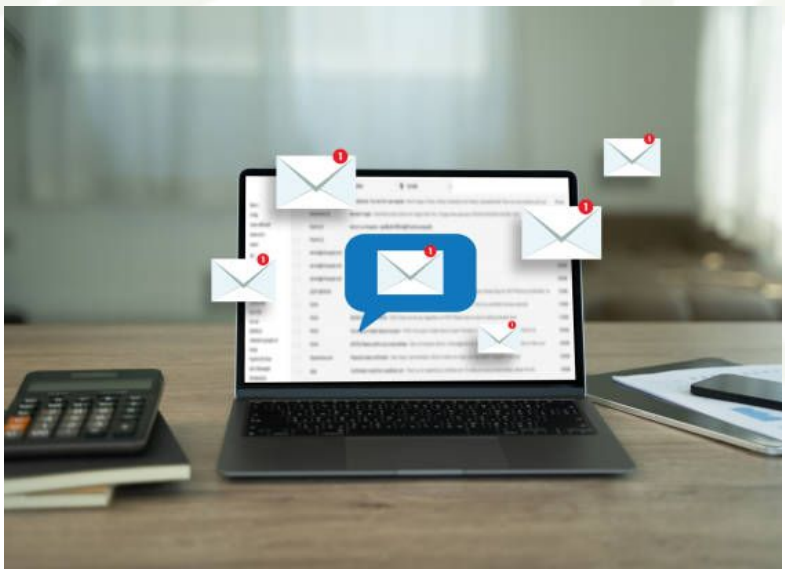
As the Juniper App does not provide a direct messaging facility between parents and class teachers, we have created **class email accounts**, which will be monitored by the class teachers. These can be used for non-urgent questions, information or messages relating to your child.

Teachers will aim to review and respond to messages **within 48 hours during school hours**.

For urgent matters, including **changes to end-of-day collection arrangements, absence or safeguarding concerns**, please contact the school office directly:

📧 **maoffice@theparkfederation.org**
📞 **01753 528050**

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we make the transition from ClassDojo to the Juniper App. We appreciate your support as we become familiar with our new communication systems.



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Class Emails



- **Nursery:** nurseryma@theparkfederation.org
- **Reception Cedar:** rcedarma@theparkfederation.org
- **Reception Sequoia:** rsequoiama@theparkfederation.org
- **Reception Oak:** roakma@theparkfederation.org
- **Reception Redwood:** rredwoodma@theparkfederation.org
- **Year 1 Cedar:** 1cedarma@theparkfederation.org
- **Year 1 Sequoia:** 1sequoiama@theparkfederation.org
- **Year 1 Oak:** 1oakma@theparkfederation.org
- **Year 1 Redwood:** 1redwoodma@theparkfederation.org
- **Year 2 Cedar:** 2cedarma@theparkfederation.org
- **Year 2 Sequoia:** 2sequoiama@theparkfederation.org
- **Year 2 Oak:** 2oakma@theparkfederation.org
- **Year 2 Redwood:** 2redwoodma@theparkfederation.org
- **Year 3 Cedar:** 3cedarma@theparkfederation.org
- **Year 3 Sequoia:** 3sequoiama@theparkfederation.org
- **Year 3 Oak:** 3oakma@theparkfederation.org
- **Year 3 Redwood:** 3redwoodma@theparkfederation.org
- **Year 4 Cedar:** 4cedarma@theparkfederation.org
- **Year 4 Sequoia:** 4sequoiama@theparkfederation.org
- **Year 4 Redwood:** 4redwoodma@theparkfederation.org
- **Year 4 Oak:** 4oakma@theparkfederation.org
- **Year 6B Cedar:** 6bcedarma@theparkfederation.org
- **Year 6B Sequoia:** 6bsequoiama@theparkfederation.org
- **Year 6B Oak:** 6boakma@theparkfederation.org
- **Year 6B Redwood:** 6bredwoodma@theparkfederation.org
- **Year 6 Cedar:** 6cedarma@theparkfederation.org
- **Year 6 Sequoia:** 6sequoiama@theparkfederation.org
- **Year 6 Oak:** 6oakma@theparkfederation.org
- **Year 6 Redwood:** 6redwoodma@theparkfederation.org
- **Miss Steenkamp Art:** artma@theparkfederation.org
- **Mr Milstead/Mr Walters PE:** pema@theparkfederation.org
- **Mrs Southwick Music:** musicma@theparkfederation.org
- **Miss Bishop/Miss Jones Family Support:** familysupportma@theparkfederation.org

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New Communication App

Juniper Education Parent App is our main platform for sharing information with you. **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.

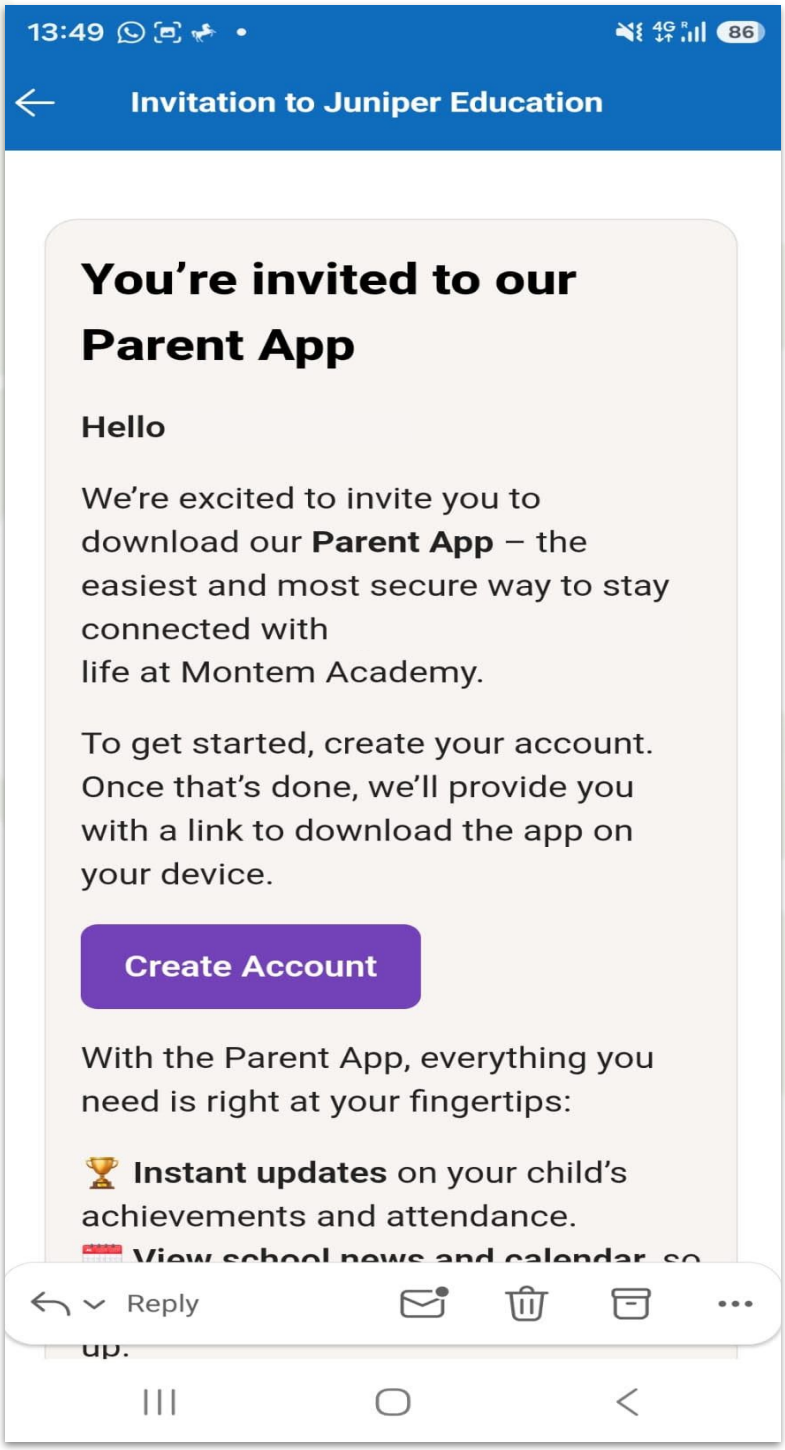
Here is a screenshot of the email to look out for. Please check your **junk or spam folder** if you cannot find it.

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**.






Montem Academy
£5 per person
Under 2s free
Fireworks Display
9th November 2026 - doors open at 4.30pm
Fireworks at 5.30pm

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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Belong • Achieve • Thrive
Join Us During
Inset Day / Parent Consultations!
We will have the honour of welcoming
360 Vision and MHST on site for
any questions or support you may have.
360Vision
FITNESS NUTRITION WELLNESS
MHST
Mental Health Support Team in Schools
NHS
Berkshire Healthcare
NHS Foundation Trust
Find out more about their wrap around care provision, ask questions and learn how they can support your family.
Come and chat to the MHST team about the support they offer in school, get advice and find out how they can help.
They would love to get to know you and would really appreciate you taking a few moments out of your time to say hi, as they are keen to engage and be part of our wonderful community.
Date:
Monday
2nd November
Location:
The Main
Reception Foyer

Our Parenting Offer

Support & assistance for:



- Baby Bank
- Food Bank
- Financial Applications
- Admissions Applications
- FSM applications
- Targeted Early Help
- SEND support
- MHST Referrals
- SEBDOS Referrals
- Talking Therapies / Hestia Referrals
- Weekly Coffee Mornings

Support
Advice
Guidance

Please contact the school office

01753 528 050

or email

familysupportma@theparkfederation.org

and ask to speak with

Mrs Devine, Mrs Bishop or Miss Jones

You are not alone

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Dear Parents/Carers,

SPACES STILL AVAILABLE!

We are excited to share with you that there is a new upcoming launch of Parenting Programmes that will begin within Slough's to help parents and carers develop practical tools and skills to support family life.

The first programme which is named 'Parenting Puzzle' will begin on Tuesday 3rd November 2026 and is a 5 week course.

The sessions cover topics such as positive discipline, encouraging positive behaviour, setting boundaries, child-led play and building stronger relationships.

If you require support with completing the referral form, please feel free to reach out to the Family Support Team, via the Family Support Email and we will be more than happy to help!



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and ask to speak with

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Local Offer

Here for our families

What's On

Support • Activities • Advice • Community

A stronger tomorrow together

What's on

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
Upton 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

Early Years Provision 8am to 6pm all year. Contact the hub for more information.

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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Best Start Family Hubs Slough

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HENRY Autumn Timetable

Slough Child and Family Wellbeing

Health, Exercise, Nutrition for the Really Young

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

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



No need to book!

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.

- **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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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

SLIDESMANIA.COM