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Montem Newsletter

13th November 2026
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Principal's Update

Montem was filled with smiles, colour, and positivity today as pupils and staff came together to celebrate World Kindness Day and BBC Children in Need.

Seeing the school filled with spots, bright colours, and Pudsey ears brought a brilliant energy to the classrooms.

Thank you so much for your incredible generosity and continued support - whether through donating money, helping with outfits, or encouraging your children to take part. Today was a wonderful reminder of what a caring and compassionate community Montem is.

I hope you all have a lovely, restful weekend.

Mrs Nel
Principal

BBC Children in Need

What to do if your child is absent:

If your child is too ill to attend, please notify the school office by **8:30 am** on the first day of absence and each subsequent day, providing a clear reason.

Phone: **01753 528050 (Select Option 1)**
or
Email: **maattendance@theparkfederation.org**

Dates for your diary

26th November - Pantomime (Tickets available to purchase on ParentPay)

30th November - 11th December Autumn Term Assessment

14th December - Sparkle & Shine Performance YR - Y2 @ 2pm

15th December - Sparkle & Shine Performance Y3 - Y6 @ 2pm

16th December - Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Lunch

18th December - End of Term 2pm finish for children

Attendance

The class with the best attendance this week is:

🥇 **1st place: 100%**
Nursery Redwood AM

🥈 **2nd place: 99.6%**
3 Sequoia

🥉 **3rd place: 99.3%**
2 Cedar

Attendance Matters
Every student. Every day.

Spreading Smiles for Children in Need and World Kindness Day!

Montem was filled with smiles, colour and positivity as pupils and staff came together to celebrate **Children in Need and World Kindness Day**.

Everyone was invited to wear something that would make someone smile, and it was wonderful to see so many cheerful outfits and thoughtful touches brightening up our school!

During a special assembly, Mr Khalid spoke to the children about the importance of Children in Need and how the charity supports children and young people across the UK who may be facing difficult challenges. He reminded us that every child deserves to feel happy, safe, supported and valued, and that even the smallest acts of kindness can make a big difference.

It was a lovely reminder that **kindness costs nothing but can mean everything to someone else**.







Firework Spectacular!

What a fantastic evening we had on Monday as our school community came together for a spectacular fireworks display!

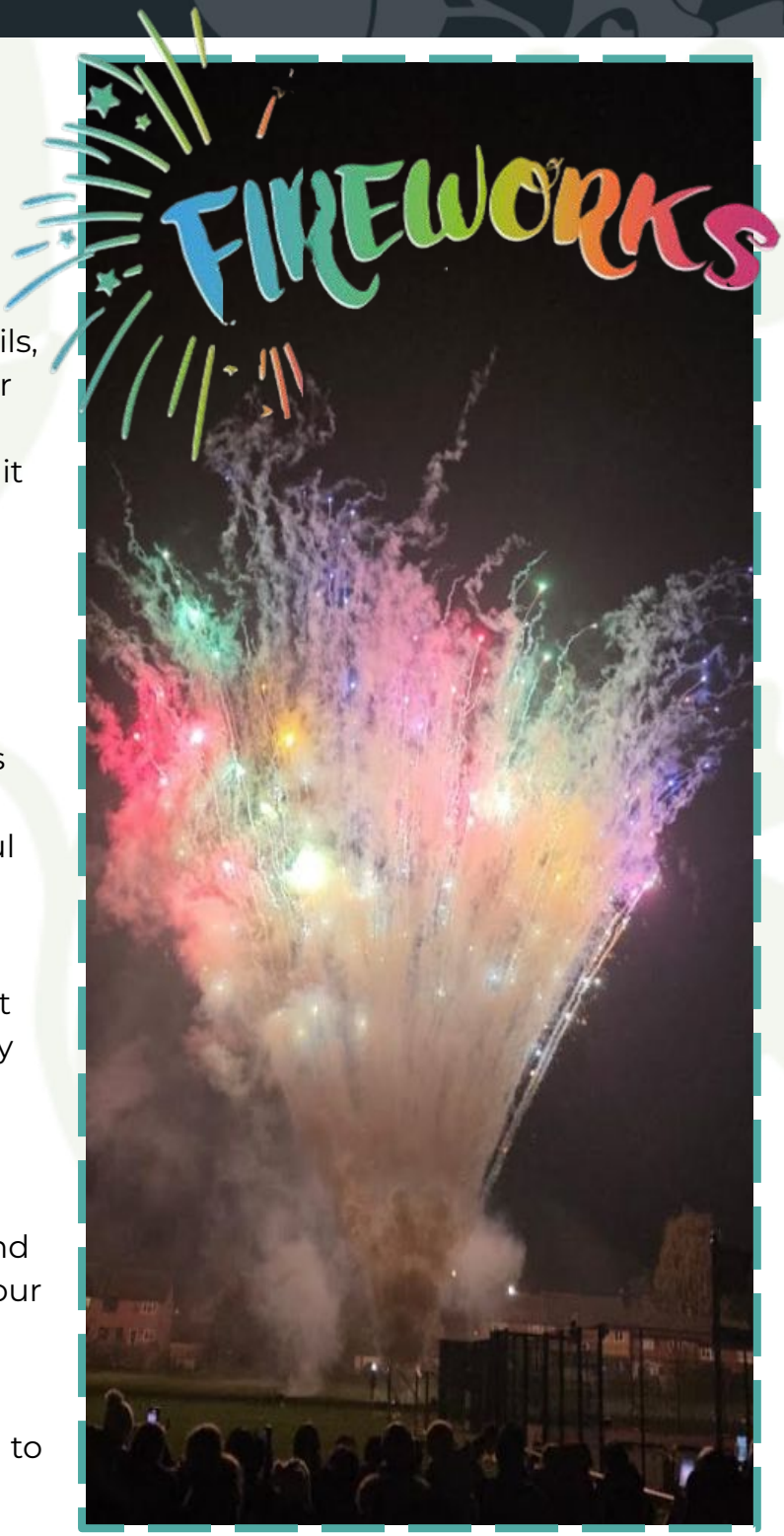
It was wonderful to see so many pupils, parents, carers and staff joining us for an evening filled with excitement, laughter and a dazzling display that lit up the night sky.

Events like these are so important in bringing our school community together, creating special memories and strengthening the connections between our families and staff. It was lovely to see everyone enjoying the evening and sharing in the wonderful atmosphere.

A huge thank you to everyone who attended and helped make the event such a success. We are also incredibly grateful to everyone who worked behind the scenes to organise and support the evening.

It was a truly memorable occasion and a fantastic reminder of what makes our school community so special.

Thank you once again for your continued support – we look forward to many more wonderful events together!!



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Reception: The Squirrels Who Squabbled

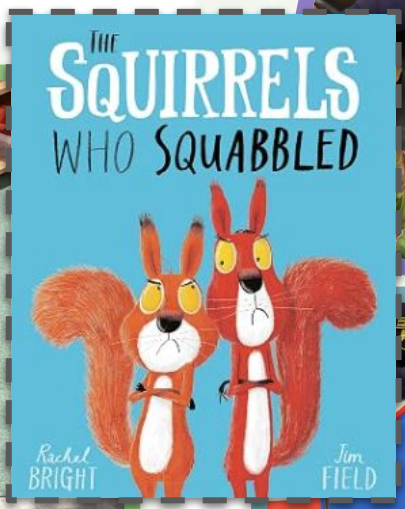
This week in Reception, we have been diving into the story **The Squirrels Who Squabbled** during our Big Book and Independent Learning sessions. The children loved strengthening their hand dexterity by using tweezers to forage for acorns hidden in shredded paper!

Taking inspiration from the story, our weekly challenge was to build cosy squirrel nests using natural autumn treasures like leaves, sticks, and pinecones. Some children even crafted their own squirrels and took them outdoors to tuck into the trees and gather food for the winter!











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The Park Federation Trust Spelling Bee Event



A huge congratulations to our Year 4 super spellers, **Mohid, Arham and Zoraiz**, who proudly represented Montem Academy at **The Park Federation Spelling Bee 2026!**

Competing against 24 other pupils from across the Federation, our children faced a series of increasingly challenging spelling rounds. Our talented trio showed fantastic confidence, determination and resilience throughout.



Being selected as one of Montem's three finalists was a fantastic achievement in itself, and we are incredibly proud of how brilliantly they represented our academy.

A special thank you to their families for joining us at the Spelling Bee and cheering the children on. Your encouragement and support made the occasion even more special.



Well done, boys! You have made your families and the entire Montem community very proud!

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CPR, Defibrillator and Choking awareness workshop 💚

Thank you to those of you that joined us for our CPR, Defibrillator and Choking awareness workshop with the Ambulance Service.

It was fantastic to see so many of you engaging, learning and practising these potentially life-saving skills.
Your participation and enthusiasm made the session so special!

We hope to deliver more of these valuable workshops in the future, continuing to support and empower our families with important life-saving knowledge.

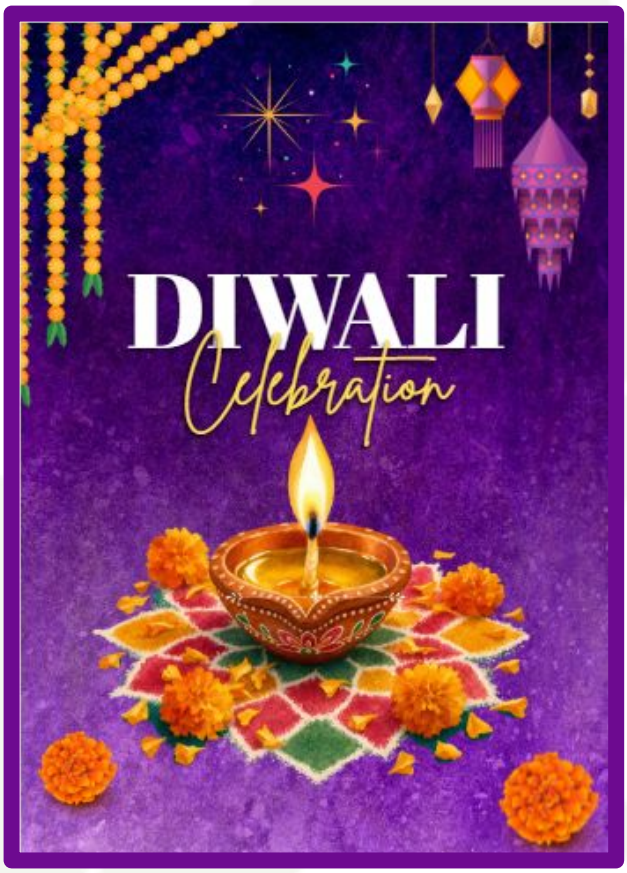






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Celebrating Diwali - Festival of Light

It was wonderful to see the sharing smiles of the parents and Carers that attended our Diwali Celebration Workshop.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who attended and helped make the session so special, enjoying activities and coming together as part of our Montem community.

They also got to take home a little gift as a special keepsake to use to celebrate the Festival of Light. ✨





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.

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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about WHATSAPP

AGE RESTRICTION 13+ In the UK

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

WhatsApp is a free messaging app owned by Meta, that allows users to send messages, share multimedia, make calls, and participate in group chats. In September 2026, WhatsApp announced new optional parental controls for teenagers, including privacy settings, group notifications, and restrictions on AI content, which parents and educators should be aware of.

GROUP CHAT PRESSURES

Group chats help young people stay connected, but they can also leave them feeling excluded or overwhelmed. Negative comments can escalate quickly, and frequent notifications can create a sense of needing to be constantly available. WhatsApp's new parental controls notify parents when teenagers join or leave groups, or when a group grows significantly in size.

HARMFUL CONTENT ON CHANNELS

WhatsApp Channels allow users to receive updates from public figures, organisations, and content creators; however, some Channels may expose young people to misinformation, harmful ideologies, or age-inappropriate material. New optional parental controls allow adults to restrict which Channels teenagers access, including limiting them to approved Channels.

SCAMS TARGETING YOUNG USERS

Scammers may use WhatsApp to trick young people into sharing personal information, sending money, or sharing security codes. They may impersonate friends or family members, using convincing stories about emergencies or urgent requests for help. New parental controls can help manage who contacts teenagers; however, they cannot prevent all scams or fraudulent messages.

UNWANTED CONTACT AND LOCATION SHARING

WhatsApp allows users to share their live location, profile information, and Status updates. Without appropriate privacy settings, this information could expose young people to unwanted attention or reveal their whereabouts. New parental controls enable adults to manage certain privacy settings, including who can view account details and add teenagers to groups.

DISAPPEARING AND HIDDEN MESSAGES

WhatsApp features such as disappearing messages and Chat Lock can make conversations harder for adults to identify. Although these tools are designed to protect privacy, they may also make it harder for adults to recognise inappropriate exchanges or harmful behaviour. WhatsApp's new parental controls do not give adults access to teenagers' private messages or calls.

COMMERCIAL AND AI CONTENT

WhatsApp includes advertising in parts of its Updates section and offers Meta AI, an integrated AI assistant. Young people may encounter sponsored content, misleading AI responses, or information which is unsuitable for their age. New parental controls offer a stricter 'Limited Content' setting for Meta AI; however, this cannot guarantee that every response will be accurate or appropriate.

ONLINE

Advice for Parents & Educators

EXPLORE NEW PARENTAL CONTROLS

WhatsApp's new optional parental controls are being rolled out gradually, giving families more ways to manage teenagers' privacy and interactions. Teenagers will need parental approval using a parent-set PIN to relax any protected settings. Keep the conversation open and set up the controls together, remembering that parents can adjust or switch them off at any time.

MANAGE CHANNELS AND AI

Explore the new settings for Channels, Status updates, and Meta AI. Parents can restrict Channels to approved selections or prevent teenagers from viewing them. They can also choose Meta AI's stricter 'Limited Content' option, which restricts certain topics. Remind young people that AI can produce inaccurate information and encourage them to question responses rather than accepting them at face value.

MONITOR GROUP ACTIVITY SAFELY

New parental controls notify adults when teenagers join or leave groups, or when a group grows significantly in size. These alerts can help identify potentially concerning interactions without revealing private messages. Encourage young people to discuss unfamiliar groups, uncomfortable conversations, or pressure from other members and that they can leave, mute, or report if they feel uncomfortable or unsafe.

PRIORITISE TRUST AND COMMUNICATION

Parental controls should support conversations about online safety, not replace them. Explain that WhatsApp's new features do not give adults access to private messages or calls, helping teenagers understand that their privacy remains protected. Reassure young people that they can speak openly about upsetting content, unwanted contact, or pressure from other group members.

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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.

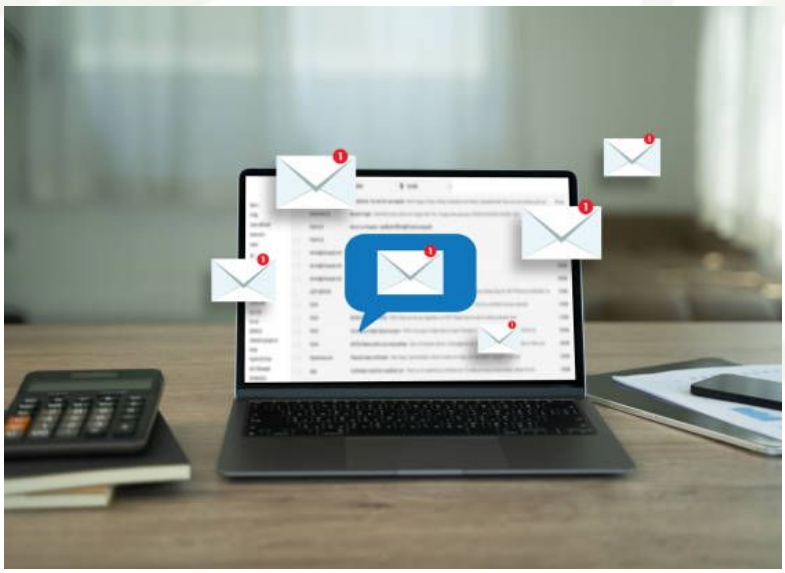
As the Juniper App does not provide a direct messaging facility between parents and class teachers, we have created **class email accounts**, which will be monitored by the class teachers. These can be used for non-urgent questions, information or messages relating to your child.

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.

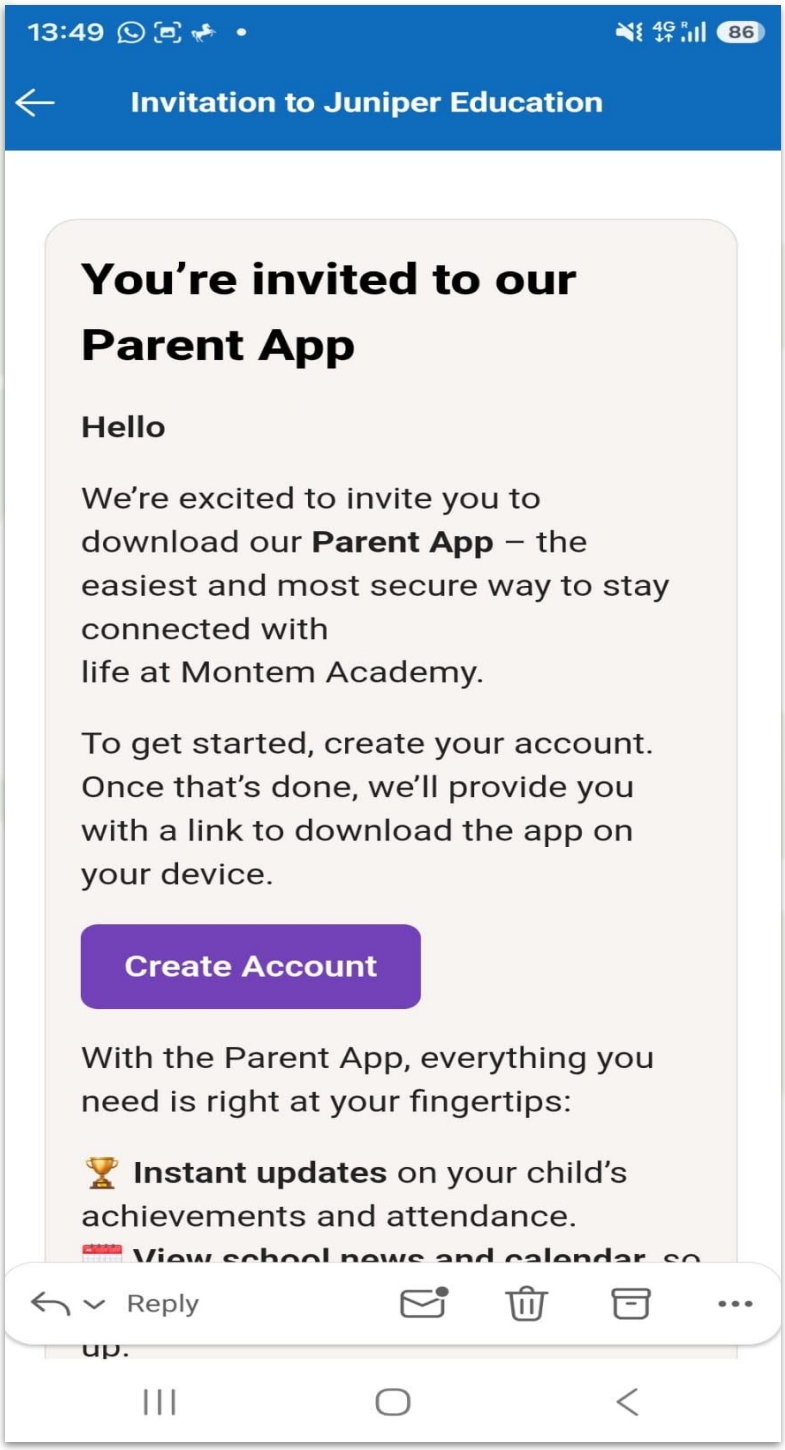
Here is a screenshot of the email to look out for. Please check your **junk or spam folder** if you cannot find it.

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**.





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



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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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
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Slough's Best Start Family Hubs SEND Café



An inclusive and welcoming space for the families of children aged 0-5 with SEND.

Relax, enjoy refreshments and get to know other parents/ carers of children with SEND. Practitioners are on hand to answer your questions and provide any guidance you may need. Toys and activities provided for your children. Tea and coffee provided for you! We look forward to seeing you there.



Best Start Family Hub
Chalvey Grove SL1 2TE
Every Wednesday, 9.30-11am

Please contact family.hubs@slough.gov.uk or call Anne George on 01753 574387 (Mon-Wed) if you have any questions.

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Slough's Best Start Family Hubs SEND Help Hub

Advice and support sessions for parents/carers of children with SEND



Book a 1:1 appointment at our SEND Help Hub and chat to one of our practitioners about your queries or worries.

We can answer your questions about nurseries and schools, local activities, support groups, courses, parenting strategies, financial support and much more. Or just pop in for a chat. **You will always receive a warm welcome.**



Best Start Family Hub
Chalvey Grove SL1 2TE
Every Tuesday afternoon between 1-3pm.

To make an appointment email family.hubs@slough.gov.uk, book in person at the hub, or call Anne George on 01753 574387 (Mon-Wed).

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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