

As we approach the Easter break, it's been lovely to reflect on what has been another fantastic term in school. Our pupils have embraced every opportunity with enthusiasm, and it has been wonderful to see so much learning, growth and happiness across all year groups.

One of the standout moments this term was our *HAS Got Talent* show, where pupils from across the school stepped into the spotlight to share their incredible abilities. From singing to dancing to unique hidden talents, the confidence and pride shown by every performer was inspiring. Watching their self-esteem grow as they performed with passion and determination was a real highlight.

We also saw some of our pupils begin their Challenger Troop sessions—a brilliant programme that pushes pupils to work together, overcome challenges and develop resilience. It's been great to see them supporting their peers and tackling tasks they didn't think they could achieve.

Swimming lessons have also been a great success this term. Many pupils have made exceptional progress, and it has been thrilling to hear their excitement as they gain new skills, overcome fears and grow stronger in the water each week.

Red Nose Day brought plenty of laughter and creativity, with pupils dressed up in a wonderful array of outfits. Our older pupils also took part in the Taskmaster Challenge, showing fantastic teamwork, imagination and humour throughout the day.

We were delighted to welcome three external employers into school for a careers talk. Their stories and advice truly inspired our pupils and gave them a glimpse into the world of work and future possibilities.

Another proud moment this term has been watching some of our older students take part in skiing lessons. Many showed such natural talent and enthusiasm that a number of pupils are now keen to continue skiing outside of school—a testament to the joy and confidence the sessions have brought them.

World Book Day was, as always, a joyful celebration around the school. Pupils and staff dressed as their favourite characters, sparking conversations, excitement and imagination in every classroom. We continue to champion the importance of reading and are thrilled to see pupils discovering books they truly love.

During World Autism Month, our Hub students undertook a challenging 5K walk—an incredible achievement by all involved. Meanwhile, pupils across the school completed a shorter walk and took part in our vibrant and energetic colour run, which brought huge smiles and a wonderful sense of community.

As we wrap up a busy and joyful term, we would like to wish all our families a wonderful Easter break. We look forward to welcoming our pupils back to school on Monday 20th April for another exciting term of learning and growth.

*Adam*  
Principal



#### British Values

The various activities highlighted in this newsletter are an example of just some of the diverse learning opportunities that are undertaken by our students. Many of these activities take place within the local community as well as at school for real opportunities to explore these values in order to support students to understand the needs of others in a wider context. Helen Allison School teaches students by planning and delivering a broad and balanced curriculum. British values embedded within this curriculum and these values are defined as: Democracy, Rule of law, Individual liberty, Mutual respect, Tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs.

If you have any comments on the Newsletter we would like to hear from you. If you would like to contribute to the next Newsletter, please let Lacie Whitehead have your article.

## Rufus Class

This term Rufus class have been practising attention and listening skills by joining in with various games and activities focused around sounds they might hear within school, at home or in the wider environment.



## Corfe Class

Corfe class have had a fantastic term. They have been learning about plants in Science, which has involved them planting seeds, watch them grow and making observations. We have also been exploring People Who Help Us, which has involved some dressing up. There have been some lovely trips into the community, including visits to shops, parks and a local soft play centre. It has been lovely to see the some coming out and the class have enjoyed an increase in Outdoor Learning and time on the secondary playground.



## Warwick Class

This term Warwick class have been working cross-curricularly, which means their topic of 'Kings and Queens' has been brought into many different areas of their learning, In English, the children have been reading a book called 'Prince Cinders' which is based on the fairy tale 'Cinderella'. In History they have been learning what it means to be a King or Queen and also about Kings and Queens from the past and the present. In their art topic of multi-media, they went to the park to find different materials that they could use to make a crown.



## Rochester Class

This term, we have been learning about life cycle of birds and reptiles. In Art we have been printing with variety of materials. In cooking, we have been learning to use the oven and hob safely. Lily Rose has enjoyed "Challenger Troop" this term.



## Scotney Class

Students in Scotney class have been engaging in hands-on activities to explore pure substances. They have explored pure substances and mixtures, dissolving and evaporating process and the particle model. Students enjoyed participating in an experiment to explore which materials created the best filter.

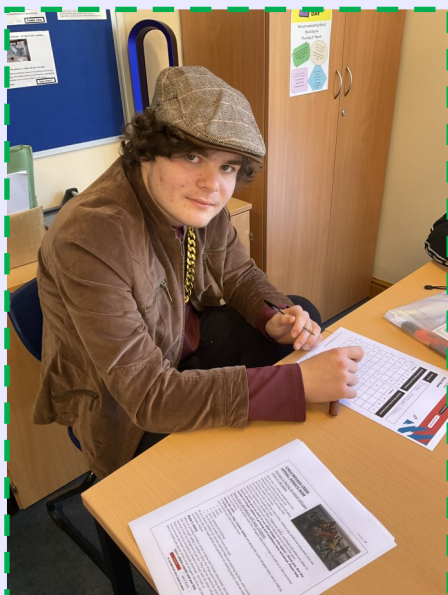


# World Book Day 2026



The students dressed up for World Book Day bringing stories to life in the most joyful way.

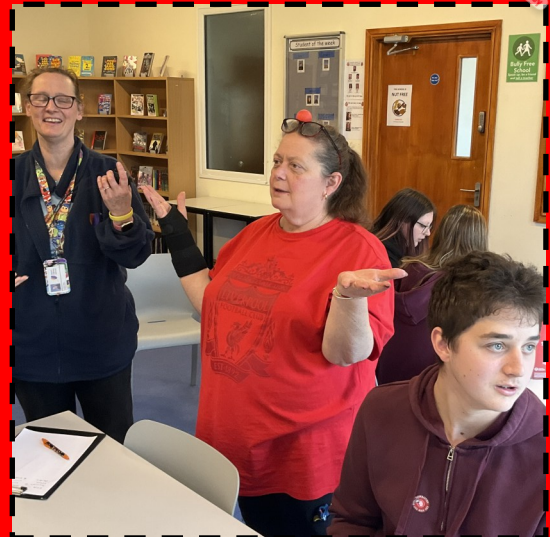
Classrooms fill with tiny wizards, brave explorers, mischievous animals, and fearless heroes as pupils proudly step into the shoes of their favourite characters. The day becomes a celebration of imagination for everyone involved.



# Red Nose Day 2026



This year, students at Helen Allison School got fully involved in Red Nose Day, enjoying a mix of fun challenges and fundraising activities. Their energy and imagination helped spread smiles throughout the school while supporting a cause that matters.



## Enterprise Group



The Friday enterprise group have been busy this term! They have been building the Hub greenhouse, planting spiderling plants, making bird seed sticks for the birds in the garden and making their own bird boxes to sell!

## Curly's Farm



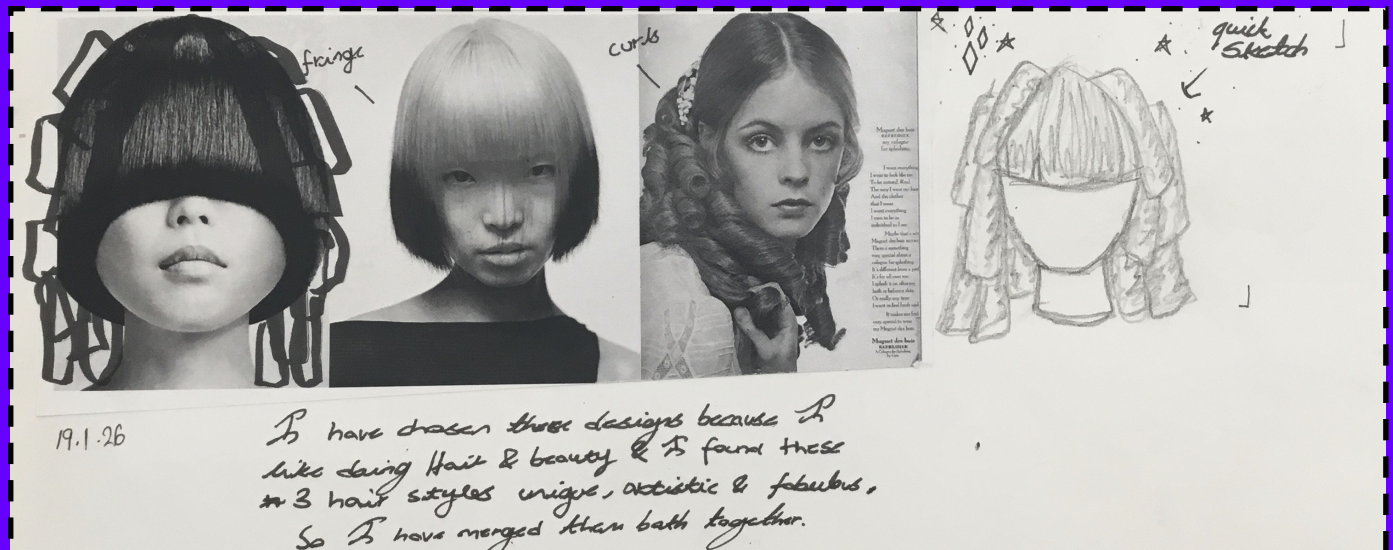
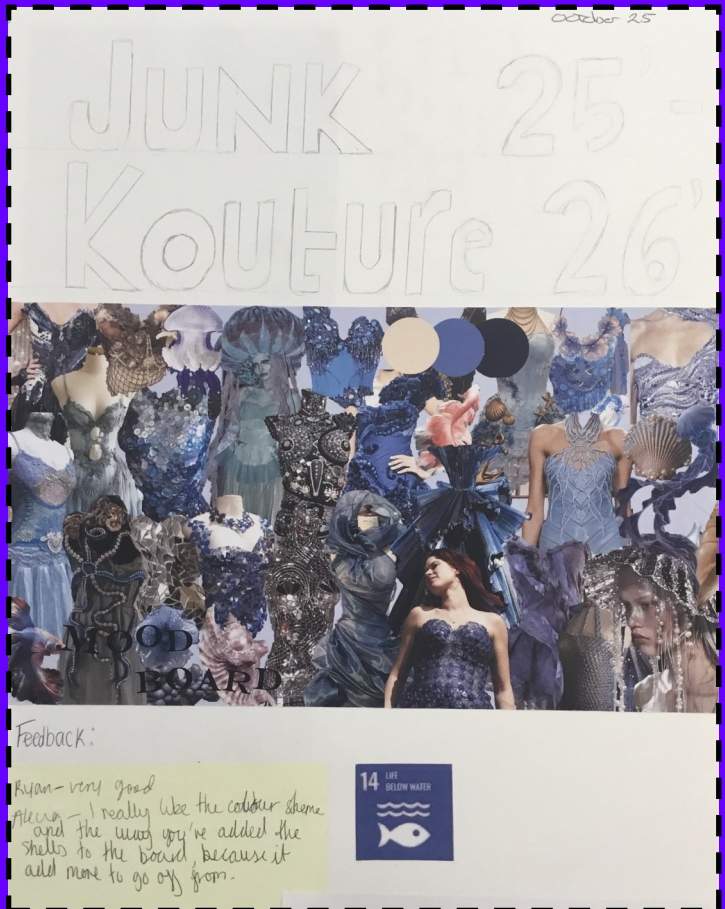
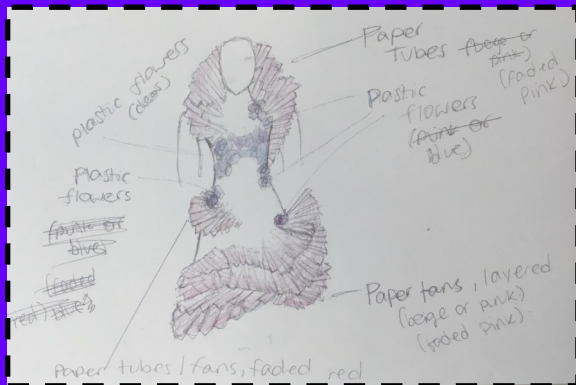
This term at Curly's farm, students have been cutting up vegetables for the animals as a treat. They have helped with looking after the goats and one week old piglets as well and helping to maintain the farm.

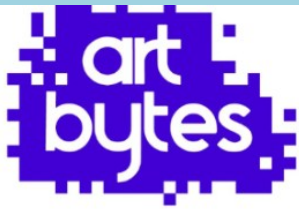
# Art

Each year students participate in a global Fashion competition called Junk Kouture and the students need to chose a SDG (Sustainable Development Goal) for the environment and they then work on a design. All the materials need to be recycled or found objects.

Here are the designs by the students with their mood boards.

## JUNK KOUTURE





# VOTE NOW

FOR YOUR FAVOURITE ARTWORK ONLINE  
FROM FRI 20 MARCH – SUN 19 APRIL 2026

The artwork from each school with the most votes wins a place in the Art Bytes Virtual Gallery. The school with the most votes cast wins the Community Engagement Award.

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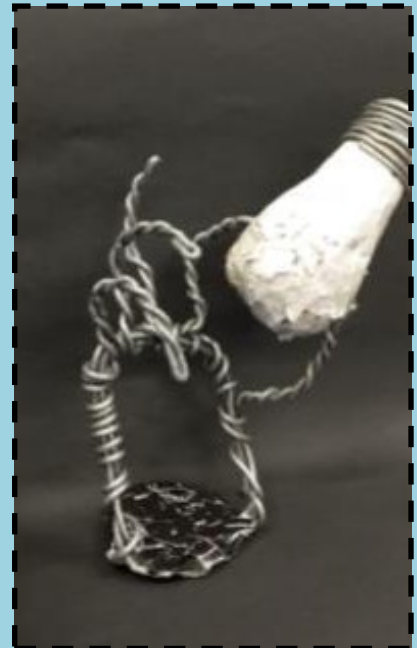
School of the Arts



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Secondary**



**"Jablisko"—Vincent  
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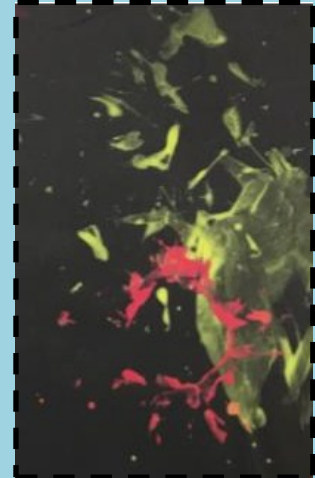
**"Light Bulb Moment"—  
Ryan Drewitt—Secondary**



**"After Giacometti" - Wyatt  
McArthur—Primary**



**"Self Portrait" - Donnie**



**"Animal Footprints" - Charlie  
Tully—Primary**

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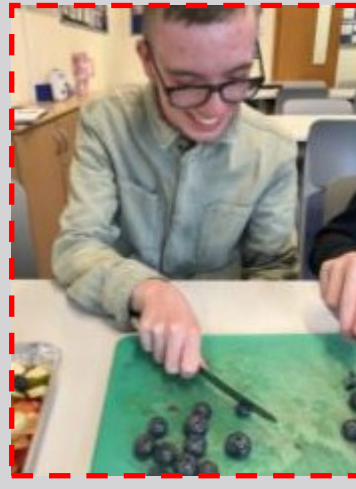
## Group 5

With the weather beginning to show signs of warmth and (very occasional) sunshine this term, Group 5 has taken advantage on this and made Term 4 our term of outdoor ventures and gentle fitness. We've been out to Shorne Country Park and Jeskyns, finding "wizards' staffs" and strolling around, attempting to build positive correlations with, and find benefits of, light exercise.



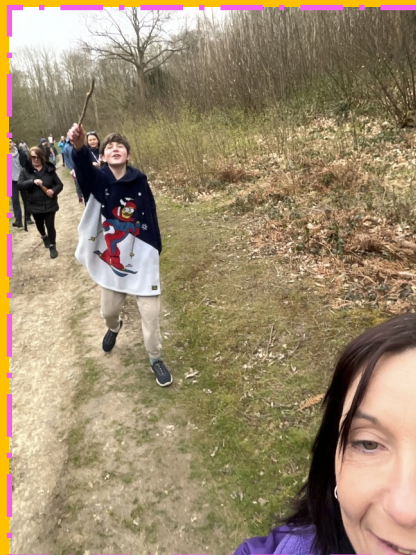
## Group 2

Group 2 had a busy half term students COJO, Wheel of independence and enterprise. Enterprise group would like to thank Lisa and Glen for the bird boxes!



## Autism Walk 2026

**During World Autism Month, our Hub students took on a demanding 5K walk—an outstanding accomplishment for everyone involved. Across the rest of the school, pupils completed a shorter walk and joined in our vibrant, high energy colour run, filling the day with big smiles and a wonderful sense of togetherness.**



# Challenger Troop 2026

Students have thoroughly enjoyed engaging with the Challenger Troop this term. Activities that the students have partaken in include; obstacle courses, CPR, uniform checks, camouflage training, team building exercises and fire starting. There have been various awards presented to the students throughout the week for displaying perseverance, enthusiasm and a positive attitude. We look forward to seeing what the next few weeks have in store during Term 5!



# Helen Allison's Got Talent 2026

The focus in term 4 was HASGT (Helen Allison School's Got Talent) a highly anticipated and exciting vent that everyone thoroughly enjoyed.

HASGT always attracts a large number of entrants, and this year was no exception with 29 students taking part!

The performance showcased an impressive range of talents, including solo instrumentalists, a band, stand-up comedy, sieging, dancing and content creators who produced their own video animations.

It was wonderful to see the incredible talent on display across the school.

Well done everyone!

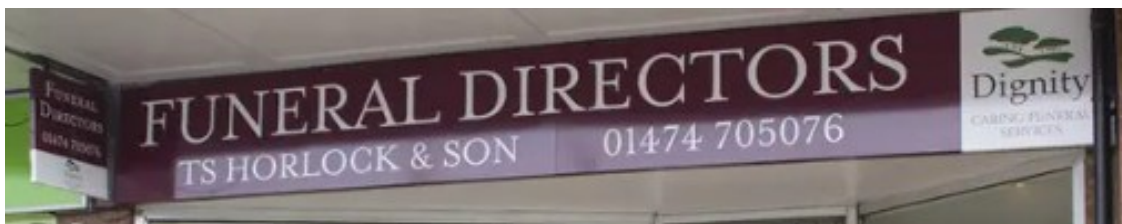


## Goodbye and Goodluck!

**Dawn Rawlins - We wish Dawn all of the best with her new adventure and want to thank her for her amazing work over the last 6 years.**



**Marie-Louise Holmberg –We wish Marie-Louise all the best with her new role and all the luck for the future. Thank you for the last 2 years :)**



**We were most fortunate to receive a gift from T S Horlock & Son Funeral Directors in Longfield, who kindly donated items for our Springboard Classes to support their learning and development.**





## Dates for the diary



20th April 2026—  
Term 5 begins.

4th May 2026  
Bank Holiday

2nd June 2026  
Term 6 Begins

13th May 2026—Great Athletes

8th July 2026—Hub  
Sports Day

19th May 2026—Parents Even-  
ing (School)

20th July 2026—  
Transition Day

22nd May 2026—Last day of  
term.

24th July—Sports Day  
(School)/Family Fun

**Keep an eye on the My Child at School app for additional dates.**



The school have now moved to a new home/school communication portal called MCAS (My Child At School). This portal should be used for all communication to staff. You can also view your child's attendance, update their records and pay pocket or dinner money via this portal.

Please contact Francesca or Lynn if you have any problems with this system as step by step guides can be provided.

**If you have any concerns around your child's computer or internet use please don't hesitate to ask us for help, guidance or support. Contact the school on 01474 814878 and ask to speak to a safeguarding officer.**

## Safeguarding Team

The following staff are our school safeguarding team. If you have a concern or wish to speak to one of them, please call the school and we will put you in touch.



**Luke**  
Lead DSL



**Adam**  
Deputy DSL



**Lisa**  
Deputy DSL



**Ashleigh**  
Behaviour and  
Wellbeing



**Natasha**  
Financial Support