

*First with the latest messages from Houlton, Rugby*

# *It's a Legolution!*

**Children from Houlton have been busy creating a Lego masterpiece during the school holidays and have now put their final piece in place!**



*Houlton's family and friends create a Lego masterpiece*

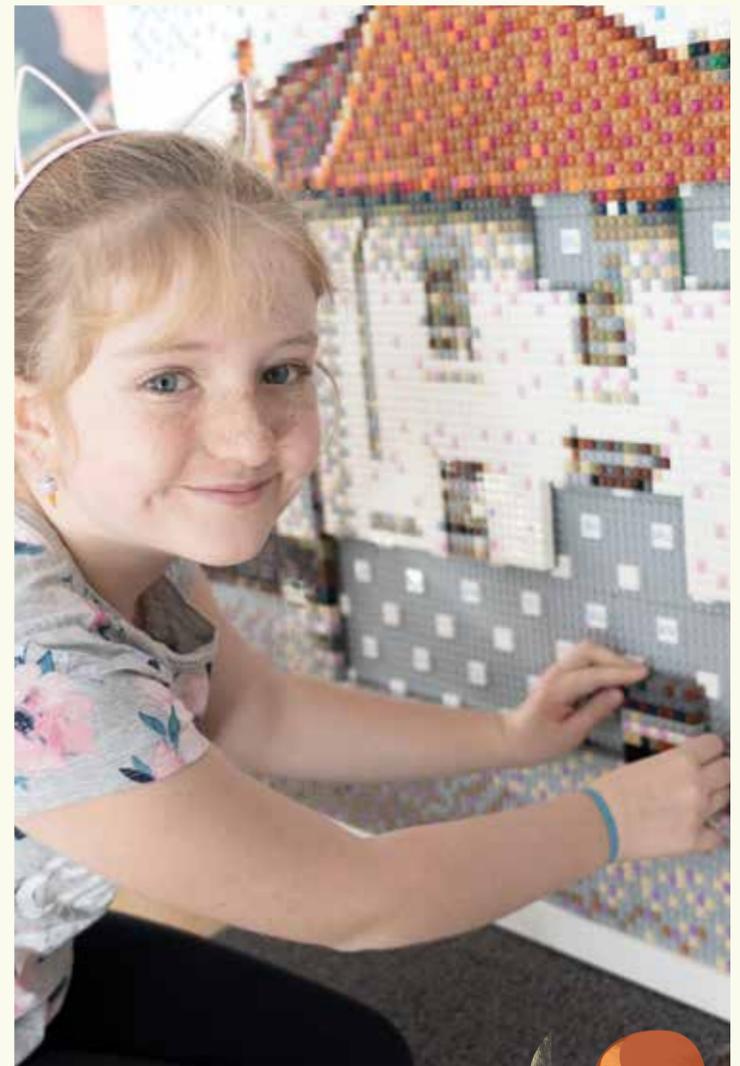
Their creation shows an image of the first row of homes that were built at Houlton and has been a labour of love for the children and some of the parents! Each child worked on their individual part of the mosaic and then pieced them all together at an event in The Barn at Houlton during October half term.

Galina Bardarska from Urban&Civic, who ran the event with the children said; "There was a mix of pride and relief when the last brick was put in place. It has been a real

team effort to get it completed and the result is amazing".

Ella, one of the Houlton children involved in the fantastic Lego creation, said "It was a really fun experience and a great chance to meet new friends. I'm very happy to have been a part of this lovely event in our new community."

The masterpiece will be available to view in the Visitor Centre at Houlton in the new year.



*Ella Rose*

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# Latest Houlton News



St Gabriel's first ever pupils

## St Gabriel's Official Opening

The 18th October saw the grand opening of the St Gabriel's Church of England Academy in the very heart of Houlton. The opening was led during a service of blessing and dedication by the Right Reverend Dr Christopher Cocksworth.

The school welcomed its first pupils in September and now has around 80 across all year groups. St Gabriel's will continue to grow as the new community of Houlton grows and more families move in.

The school's official opening event saw all those involved in the creation of the school come together to celebrate its bright future, including representatives from the Diocese of Coventry, developers Urban&Civic, MP Mark Pawsey, the Mayor of Rugby, and parents & pupils.

A plaque commemorating the day is now proudly displayed at the entrance to the school.

## The Armistice Festival Art Exhibition

In association with our first primary school St. Gabriel's Academy and The Wheels on Debussy, Houlton has been supporting this year's Armistice Festival, a local creative initiative. As part of the festival, Houlton have been hosting an exhibition at popular community venue, The Barn.

Art pieces created by pupils of St Gabriel's and inspired by renowned artist Paul Nash were on display throughout November, alongside prints from the artist himself. Officially launched on 22nd October by the Mayor of Rugby, the exhibition saw pupils proudly presenting their work to their families and friends.



Ella Rose and Mayor of Rugby

Attending the event was special guest, local Councillor Kathryn Lawrence, who is the RBC Champion for Arts and Tourism, event organiser Fiona Sharpe from the Wheels on Debussy, the Mayor of Rugby who launched the event, and Katie Morris, the artist who worked with pupils of St Gabriel's to create artwork for the exhibition. Galina Bardarska attended on behalf of Urban&Civic.

Plus, pupils had the exciting opportunity to don authentic soldier uniforms and learn more about the history and importance of WW1.



Kathryn Lawrence, Fiona Sharp, Mayor of Rugby, Kate Morris, Galina Bardarska

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Rugby Roundtable Fireworks display

## Out with a Bang in Rugby

Houlton was very proud to sponsor the Rugby Roundtable Fireworks display for the third consecutive year. This year's event attracted over 5,000 guests,

including over 100 Houlton residents who were thrilled by the spectacular display. Tickets to all Houlton residents were provided by Urban&Civic.

## An Unbelievable Halloween

Houlton resident Tina got in the spooky spirit and encouraged the community to get together for some light-hearted Halloween fun. After suggesting and collecting voluntary contributions, Tina took to the shops to pick up decorations to make the evening truly creep-tastic.

Along with the help of Houlton, Tina and the community (including 50 people and 20 homes!) collaborated to adorn The Barn with some spine-chilling



Houlton residents, the Gill family

decorations for the disco, which included delicious hot dogs, pizzas and snacks.

And the evening didn't end there! Residents and families then went trick or treating together, too.

It was a thrill to see so many residents getting involved.



The spook-tacular Barn

## Seven showhomes at Houlton

We don't think there are any other developments around Rugby where you can take your pick from no less than SEVEN showhomes! So if you are looking for a new home or you know someone who is, send them our way.

We have three housebuilders selling homes at Houlton and they all have

showhomes that display their distinctive house types. Visit the Houlton website's Buy a Home section to see all of the housebuilders or search for The Beacons by Morris Homes, Dollman Meadow by Davidsons Homes or Hansford Park by Crest Nicholson.

To find out more visit [houltonrugby.co.uk](http://houltonrugby.co.uk)



Houlton's showhomes are ready to view



## Link Road Update

Many people will have seen the construction of the Houlton link road, which is well underway. It will be built and open by the end of summer next year and will connect Houlton to the Butlers Leap junction on the edge of the town. Disruption may be experienced on Hillmorton Lane (from The Kent) and around Butlers Leap at the junction where there are significant works taking place to the existing highway.



Link Road under construction

## Houlton Community Resident's Association

Houlton residents have formed their own Resident's Association and are meeting regularly to help grow and foster community in this new neighbourhood, as well as discuss issues. They have been up and running for around six months, holding regular events in The Barn and welcoming new families into Houlton. They are also creating a website and planning some festive treats for their neighbours. Look out for more information in future newsletters.

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**It's almost time for Christmas at Houlton and we hope you can join us for the exciting festivities.**

### St Gabriel's First Christmas

Houlton and the friends & family of St Gabriel's Academy warmly invite you to the first annual Christmas Fayre on 1st December between 2pm and 5pm. Join us for an afternoon of fun with shopping, mince pies, mulled wine and face painting. Plus there will be Christmas pottery painting and a special community Christmas crafts workshop, where you can create a handmade gift for a special someone. Santa will also be joining us there to meet the younger guests.

### Houlton Community Living Advent Calendar

Every evening from 1st December until Christmas Eve a resident or community building in Houlton will unveil an advent window. We invite you to join us for each unveiling and to walk around the development where the living advent calendar will come to life. The unveiling of each window will be between 6pm and 6:30pm and maps and directions to the windows will be available by The Visitors Centre at Dollman Farm from 5:50pm each evening, and online.

### A Visit from Santa

Santa will be stopping by Houlton on 11th and 15th December to dine with lucky children from Houlton and the surrounding area. He will be chatting to the excited children and handing out gifts while they eat. For a chance to win your child a place to dine with Santa, please keep a lookout on our social media page.



### Carol Singing at St Gabriel's

Join the community of St Gabriel's school and church on Sunday 23rd December at 4pm where we will sing carols and hear the Christmas story in the square outside the school. A band will join us and we will unveil St Gabriel's Advent Window during the service. Come along and enjoy mulled wine and mince pies!



*Join us at Houlton for some jolly festivities as we count down to Christmas!*



### Winter classes at The Barn

The regular classes are taking place at The Barn. Please visit our social media page for more details. There will be more exciting classes coming next year!

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