Havens Hospices is inviting local schools, youth groups and community projects to join in the ‘ton of fun’ and decorate a baby elephant as part of its Herd In The City art trail. As well as the large elephants marching into the city streets of Southend-on-Sea, Shoeburyness and Leigh-on-Sea in Summer 2023 – there will also be mini-herds of baby elephants. The baby elephants are part of the Herd In The City Learning Programme, and are integral to the success of the art trial. Each one will be designed by a local school, youth group or community project, making them completely unique, with their own personalities and names. They will be displayed together in mini-herds with the large elephants across the city for eight weeks between July and September 2023 before they stomp back to their forever home with their creators.

Lauren Eagle-Allen, Learning Programme Lead at Havens Hospices, says, “This is a unique chance for local schools and community groups to get involved in what promises to be a fantastic art trail. “As well as being an unforgettable event for all of those involved, it will raise thousands of pounds for Havens Hospices, allowing us to provide free, specialist hospice care for local adults, children, and their families.”
The Appleton School was given the opportunity to decorate one of the Elephants that will be part of the ‘Herd in the City’ Art Trail 2023. Students from all year groups were given the opportunity to produce a design that could be painted onto the Elephant sculpture. Two designs were chosen, and these designs were combined to create the final image for the sculpture. The two chosen designs were created by Ella Playfair and Alysa Radescu from Y10.