



As we reach the end of another remarkable year at Halewood C of E, I want to take this opportunity to reflect on what has been a joyful and successful year for our school community.

Guided by our Christian vision — to empower every child to grow academically, emotionally and spiritually, and to make a positive impact on others — we have continued to thrive together as a school family. Our values of Friendship, Hope, Forgiveness, Thankfulness, Responsibility and Perseverance remain at the heart of all that we do.

There is so much to celebrate:

Our Whole School Trip to Walton Hall Gardens was a tremendous success, bringing together children, staff, and families in a shared experience that captured the very best of Halewood's spirit. The laughter, learning, and sense of community on display will live long in the memory.

We are proud to be the top school for attendance, not only within our Trust but across Knowsley and even nationally.

Attendance is now an outstanding 97.6%, reflecting the dedication of our children, families, and staff.

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This year has brought so many wonderful new opportunities and improvements:

A beautiful new school library inspiring a love of reading and discovery

A new nurture room and sensory room supporting wellbeing, SEND provision and inclusion

Class Dojo communication tools strengthening our partnership with families.

The introduction of our 'STAR Learner' approach embedding high expectations, positive behaviours and respect

Enhanced curriculum opportunities through Opening Worlds (History & Geography), HEP Science, Ready Steady Write, Reading Plus and a bespoke PSHE programme

Halewood University continues to thrive, with over 85% of children graduating this year after completing modules designed to broaden their horizons and develop life skills.

Extra-curricular achievements have been plentiful — from our children singing at the Cathedral and climbing Snowdon, to taking part in courageous advocacy, fundraising for charities, and representing our school in sports and music.

We have created calm, inspiring spaces throughout our school — from our Heart Space, to our calm corridors, reflective music and visual reminders of our Christian ethos — ensuring every child feels welcomed, loved, and supported to flourish.



Looking Ahead – We have so much to look forward to!

Next year promises to be just as exciting, with plenty of opportunities to enrich our children's experiences:


All Year 5 and 6 children will have their own clarinet to take home as part of our expanding music provision, with weekly lessons in school to develop their musical talents.

We are developing a new school polytunnel, with the vision that every child will grow their own produce and have the opportunity to cook with it — linking sustainability with wellbeing, science and life skills.

All children from Year 1 to 6 will take part in our Forest School curriculum, giving every child regular opportunities to explore, learn and thrive outdoors in nature.

Our new school dog will join us in September, bringing joy and wellbeing benefits across the school.

We will continue to offer a rich variety of exciting trips and visits, helping our children build memories and broaden their horizons.





Fond Farewells

As we look ahead, we also take a moment to say thank you and farewell to some much-loved members of our team:


Mrs Jones leaves us to take up a new post at St John Fisher. She will be greatly missed by children, families and staff alike, and we thank her for all she has contributed to Halewood.


Pauline, one of our dedicated cleaners, is retiring after serving our school community with care and commitment for over 20 years. She will be very much missed and leaves with our heartfelt thanks and best wishes.

Miss Baker will soon begin her maternity leave, and we wish her all the very best for this exciting new chapter ahead.

Mrs Scott will be stepping back to enjoy her retirement. She has been incredible this year, giving such dedicated support to our Nursery children with warmth, patience and kindness. We know how much she will be missed by staff, children and families alike. I am sure she won't be a stranger — and we look forward to seeing her back from time to time!

To all our staff — thank you for your hard work, passion and dedication this year. You make a difference every single day





Wishing our Year 6 all the very best

As we prepare to say goodbye to our wonderful Year 6 pupils, we do so with a mixture of pride and emotion. They have grown into kind, confident and capable young people who are ready to take the next step on their journey. They leave Halewood C of E carrying with them all they have learned about friendship, hope, and making a positive difference to others.

We will miss them dearly, but we know they go with our love, our prayers, and our very best wishes for the exciting adventures ahead.

Rooted in our vision

Thank you to our children, staff, governors, and parents for another incredible year. Together, we live out our vision:

"Train up a child in the way they should go, and when they are old, they will not depart from it." (Proverbs 22:6)

Everything we do — from the opportunities we create, to the values we model, to the encouragement we give — is about preparing our children not just for the next stage of education, but for life in all its fullness, rooted in our Christian values.

Wishing you all a joyful, restful, and well-deserved summer break.

With every blessing,

Mr Catt



Trips and Experiences

There have been a number of trips this half term. Year 2 visited Martin Mere, Year 5 and 6 reached the top of Snowdon, Year 6 took Alton Towers by storm and the whole school went to Walton Hall Gardens on our first ever 'Whole School Trip'

Thank you for your support in giving our children these experiences.



Good Luck Year 6

As we say goodbye to our Year 6 children, we wish them luck and happiness on their next adventure to High school. They have worked so hard and have made us so proud. Their Year 6 performance was outstanding!
Go spread your wings class of 2025!



Summer Fayre



The sun shone bright for our summer fayre! We would like to thank parents, children, staff and all of our visitors. A special thank you to Friends of the School for their hard work and dedication. They raised a fantastic £2341.00.



Halewood University

Parents and carers joined us for our Halewood University Graduation ceremonies this half term.

Children took part in clubs, created some fantastic projects and helped out in many ways through their community efforts.

Congratulations to everyone involved !



School lunches

From September, school lunches will be charged at £2.50 for pupils in Years 3 to 6.

Forest School

We are pleased to share that every child will have the opportunity to take part in Forest School next academic year as part of our commitment to outdoor, hands-on learning and wellbeing. Each class will enjoy a six-week block of weekly Forest School sessions, taking place in our on-site woodland area. Dates for your child's class will be shared in advance of their start.





Attendance Update

Your child's attendance is shown on their report, and we will continually monitor and record attendance as per our policy.

If your child's attendance falls below 92%, any further absences will be recorded as unauthorised unless medical evidence is provided.







Unauthorised absences may result in a Penalty Notice.

If you have any concerns about your child's attendance, please speak to us and we can work together.





Tips for Great School Attendance

- Help children understand that good school attendance is a parent and pupil responsibility. Talk to them about the importance of good school attendance in terms of achievement and success.

- Good practice creates good habits and has the best impact on the children as they move onto secondary school and employment in later life.

- Take holidays outside of term time. Lessons missed on days off school cannot always be caught up.

- Have a routine for being ready for school – PE kits and bags ready the night before and plenty of time in the morning to have a calm routine without rushing around.

- Report all absences for every day of your child's absence by 9am.

- If your child does not want to go to school, try to find out why and work with the school to address any concerns. We want the children to be happy here !

- Be honest with us for the reason for your child's absence. If you are on holiday, please be honest and complete the relevant paperwork. The children tell us exactly where they have been !

Class Attendance

Well done to Year 2 who are our attendance champions this year with attendance of 98%.

Whole school attendance this academic year is 97.5%

Year 1 – 97.6%

Year 2 – 98%

Year 3 – 96.9%

Year 4 – 97.2%

Year 5 – 97.8%

Year 6 – 97.8%



Child of Excellence

Well done to the winners of our Child of Excellence Awards for the theme of Perseverance. These children demonstrate our Christian value by keeping going and working hard when things are challenging.

Reception – Eli and Everly

Year 1 – Sophie and Alayah

Year 2 – Freya and Joe

Year 3 – Noah and Tim

Year 4 – Madison and Noel

Year 5 – William and Thea

Year 6 – Freya and Mollie



Absence and Appointments



If your child is going to be absent from school, please contact the school office between 8.30 and 9.00am. Calls must be made to us each day and an absence note brought in with the pupil on their return. Absences not reported by 9.20am will be logged as unauthorised as will absences without a follow up note.

WE CANNOT ACCEPT EMAILS AS A REPORT OF AN ABSENCE AND WILL FOLLOW UP WITH A CALL OR HOME VISIT.

Please note that appointment cards or letters will be required for any time taken out of school for medical appointments. We are only able to note this as an authorised absence if we have a letter or card.

Unauthorised absences may result in Education Penalty Notices.



Office Hours



Just a reminder that the school office hours are
8.30am – 4pm.

Thank you

Diary Dates

Tuesday 2nd September – School opens 8.35am

Thursday 11th September – Meet the Team 4pm

Wednesday 17th September – Reception parent meeting 4pm

Friday 19th September – Welcome to C of E Service for Reception 2.15pm

Friday 3rd October – Harvest festival 1.30pm

Thursday 9th October – Year 6 SATS meeting 4.30pm

Friday 10th October – Year 4 Collective Worship 2.30pm

Thursday 16th October – KS2 parents reading afternoon 2.15pm

Friday 17th October – Headteachers coffee morning 8.50am

W/c 20 October 2025 – Year 5 Bikeability

Friday 24th October – Child of Excellence 9.15am

Friday 24th October – school closes 3pm for half term



Wishing you all a wonderful summer.

