

Halewood C of E Newsletter

October 2024



Message from Mr Catt

What a brilliant half term we have all had! We are incredibly proud of our children and the wonderful way they have embraced our half term value of *friendship*. This value has truly shone throughout the school as children spread their "honey words," using kindness and positivity in every corner of our community. We have also enjoyed learning about inspiring examples of friendship from the Bible, including this beautiful reminder:

"A friend loves at all times." – Proverbs 17:17

In addition to this, we've had so many achievements across school that we are extremely proud of. Our sports teams have excelled this term, particularly our girls and boys football teams. Our cross-country team also did amazingly well in the recent race. A special congratulations to Issy in Year 6, who came in *first place*, and Erin in Year 4, who achieved an impressive *14th place*, racing against Year 6 children! Well done to everyone who took part!

We are also incredibly proud of our **No Outsiders team**, who organised a fantastic Black History Month competition and led learning across the school. All of the ideas came from our pupil leaders, including the design of the certificates and the concept for the competition. Thank you for all the amazing entries!

Exciting news—new spaces are being developed around the school, and we can't wait to open them! Our new **school library** is nearly ready and will be launched early next term—watch this space! Our new '**Heart Space**'—a central area for prayer and worship—has been designed and fitted, and will open after half term. Our **nurture room** is now fully up and running, providing a supportive space for small group sessions.

We are so grateful for the wonderful partnership we share with you. The collaboration between home and school is truly special, and we could not be more thankful for your support.

Finally, we are excited to share our new **school vision statement**:
At Halewood Church of England Primary School, we are a family. Together, we work to fulfil our Christian vision.

Our Vision **Proverbs 22:6**

"Train up a child in the way they should go, and when they are old they shall not depart from it."

Guided by our Christian values, we empower every child to grow academically, emotionally, and spiritually. Inspired by Jesus's example, we encourage our children and staff to be defined not by success or failure, but by the positive impact they have on others. Through exemplary teaching and fostering a life-long love of learning, we equip our children with the confidence and resilience to face life's challenges and make a meaningful difference in a diverse and ever-changing world.

We hope you all have a restful and enjoyable half term break.
Mr. Catt

Parking

We have had an increased number of complaints about dangerous parking outside school at drop off and pickup times. Please could we ask again that you do not park on the zig zag lines, on corners, or blocking pavements or resident's driveways. This is for the safety of all of our school and wider community.



School email address

Please note that the school email address has changed.

Any communication should now be sent to Halewood@ldst.org.uk

Thank you

Harvest Festival

This half term we celebrated Harvest with a special service in Church. The children shared what harvest is all about and helped us to think about those less fortunate than ourselves. Thank you for your kind donations to Knowsley Food Bank.



Football and Cross Country

Well done to all children who took part in football and cross country events this half ter. We are so proud of each and every one of you. Huge thank you to our staff for their support in organising these!





Zoe's Place Fundraiser

On the last day of this half term, children were invited to wear something yellow to support a fundraiser for Zoe's Place to try to save its closure after more than 30 years of providing care for babies and children with life-limiting conditions, complex illnesses or profound disabilities.

Thank you for your amazing support – we raised a fantastic £518.00 so far.

You can continue to donate using the following link

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/halewoodce>



Ukraine Shoebox Appeal

As a school seeking to make a difference to our global community, we have chosen to support children in Ukraine this Christmas. We have been paired up with a school in Chernihiv, in Northern Ukraine and will be sending collected items over to the children there. The school is called Chernihiv Collegium No. 11. Mr Tunstall's Dad, Eddie, will be driving over on November 14th. Eddie regularly delivers aid to Ukraine and has been doing so since the conflict broke out. This will be his ninth trip over.

As we have done in the past, we are aiming to fill shoeboxes with items that can provide some hope to children in an ever-toughening situation.

A letter has been sent home with the details of how you can help.

We will be collecting shoeboxes and other items over the next month and sorting them in school. They will be being picked up on Monday 11th November before being taken to Ukraine on the 14th. Therefore, we would ask that all donations and shoeboxes be in school by Friday 8th November at the very latest. If you feel able, we would love to partner with you in this and be hope givers in those places that need it most.



Attendance – what do the percentages mean?

We aim to encourage and assist all pupils to achieve excellent levels of attendance and punctuality. Therefore, our target for all pupils is to achieve at least 97% attendance over the course of a school year, with no unauthorised absences.

This table shows how many hours of learning are missed in line with your child's attendance percentage and number of days missed in a full academic year.

% attendance	Days off school	Number of hours missed learning
100%	0	0
97%	6	30
96%	8	40
94%	12	60
92%	16	80
90%	19	95
80%	38	190

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 !**

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. Unreported absences 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

- 4 Nov 2024 – School opens 8.35am
6 Nov 2024 – KS1 parents reading afternoon 2.15pm
7 Nov 2024 – individual photo day
w/c 11 Nov 2024 – Assessment week
11 Nov 2024 – Opening worlds parent meetings
2.30pm and 4pm
15 Nov 2024 – Children in Need
18 Nov 2024 – 20 Nov 2024 – Year 5 Robinwood
20 Nov 2024 – Year 1 Imagine That trip
21 Nov 2024 – Reception & Y6 heights & weights
27 & 28 Nov 2024 – PPRD 3.10 - 6pm
2 Dec 2024 – Bauble Service
4 Dec 2024 – Year 2 visit to Bridge Chapel
12 Dec 2024 – Christmas Jumper and Dinner Day
12 Dec 2024 – Christmas Fayre
13 Dec 2024 – Christingle Service
17 Dec 2024 – EYFS nativity (am). Y1-3 nativity (pm)
18 Dec 2024 – Y1-3 nativity (am). Y4-6 nativity (pm)
19 Dec 2024 – Y4-6 nativity (am). EYFS nativity (pm)
20 Dec 2024 – Child of Excellence 9.15am
20 Dec 2024 – School closes 2pm

News from home

We love to hear what you've been up to at home.

Keep us posted on twitter
[@halewoodcofe](https://twitter.com/halewoodcofe)

Wishing you all a
wonderful half term