

Halewood C of E Newsletter

December 2025



Message from Mr Catt

What a fantastic term it has been!

The final week has been truly special. Every single child in our school took to the stage to take part in a nativity, capturing the Christmas story with such joy, confidence and energy. Through singing, dancing and storytelling, the children brought the message of Christmas to life, and it was a real privilege to watch them all shine.

A huge thank you goes to our Friends of the School for everything you have done for our community this half term. From the amazing Bonfire Night, to a fabulous Christmas Fayre, and for your support during our nativities, your time and commitment make a huge difference. Your efforts not only help to raise valuable funds for our children, but also build a strong sense of family and community around our school.

I would also like to say a very special thank you to our incredible staff. They go above and beyond every single day for our children and our school, and their dedication, care and commitment make Halewood such a special place to be. Thank you also for the many kind gifts and warm well wishes that have been shared – they are genuinely appreciated.

We are incredibly proud of everything our children have achieved in their learning this half term and the way they continue to live out our school values each day.

As we celebrate together, we encourage everyone to pause on Christmas Day and reflect on the true meaning of Christmas. It is a time to give thanks and say a prayer to Jesus, the greatest gift ever given.

We would like to wish all our families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in the new term.

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given."

Isaiah 9:6

Best wishes to you all
Mr Catt

Trips and Experiences

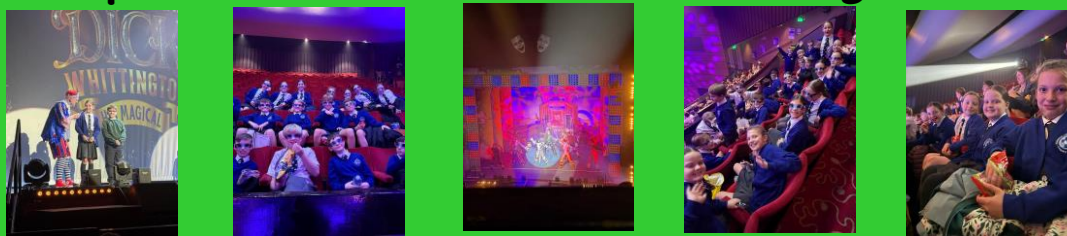
Year 5 experienced a 2 night residential at Robinwood, where they challenged themselves in a number of activities, developing their teamwork skills, resilience and perseverance. We couldn't be prouder of them!



Year 1 visited Imagine That for a day of fun, slime making, snow making and much more !



Year 6 visited the theatre for the pantomime performance of Dick Whittington.



Christmas Fayre

Our Christmas Fayre was lots of fun with Tombola, face painting, Santa's Grotto and more.

From the Christmas Fayre and sales of raffle tickets, sweet cones and reindeer food, you have raised a fantastic £, every penny of which is spent on more fantastic resources for our children.

Congratulations to all of our raffle winners and a huge thank you to everyone who donated prizes, including Stacey Nicholson aesthetics, The Eagle and Child, Maldron Hotels, King Do Restaurant, McDonalds Speke and Hollywood Bowl.

We are so grateful for all of your kindness and support.





Nativities

We are so proud of each and every one of our children for their nativity performances. They sang, danced and performed like the superstars that they all are. Thank you to parents and carers for coming along to support the children and for their fantastic costumes.



Attendance Update

We have sent letters out to parents and carers showing your child's current attendance for this academic year, as well as a letter about attendance monitoring and recording of authorised and unauthorised absences.

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.

% 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 !

Class Attendance

Well done to our Reception class who are our attendance champions this half term with attendance of 98%.

Whole school attendance this half term is 98.2%

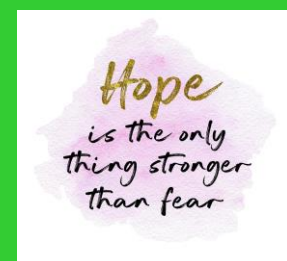
Reception	– 98.2%
Year 1	– 95.5%
Year 2	– 98.1%
Year 3	– 97.5%
Year 4	– 97.3%
Year 5	– 97.3%
Year 6	– 98.1%



Child of Excellence

Well done to the winners of our Child of Excellence Awards for the theme of Hope. These children demonstrate our Christian value by being great role models and encouraging others.

Reception	– Amber & George
Year 1	– Ava & Henry
Year 2	– Bella & Ethan
Year 3	– Freya & Maia
Year 4	– Eva & Jacob
Year 5	– Ellis & Georgie
Year 6	– Lois & Harry



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

5th Jan - School reopens 8.35am

23rd Jan - Headteacher's Coffee Morning
8.50am

30th Jan - Year 6 collective worship

4th Feb - EYFS Maths Parent Workshop

6th Feb - Number Day

6th Feb - FOS Quiz night @ Hollies Hall

10th Feb - Safer Internet Parent Event

12th Feb - Come and see our Progress

Afternoon 3.15pm

13th Feb - Child Of Excellence 9.15am

13th Feb - School closes 3pm for half term

Wishing you all a
wonderful, peaceful and happy
Christmas.



[John 3:16:](#)

"For God so loved the world that he gave his
one and only Son