

Halewood C of E Newsletter

March 2026



Message from Mr Catt

This half term, our school community has been centred around the value of thankfulness. It has been a real joy to see this lived out across the school each day. We have been incredibly proud of the manners, respect and genuine gratitude shown by our children – in classrooms, around school and within our wider community. Through our collective worship and class learning, we have explored the Easter story and reflected deeply on what it means to be thankful. The children have engaged thoughtfully, showing maturity and understanding as they made links between faith, gratitude and their own lives.

It has also been a very busy and exciting half term, filled with memorable experiences: Year 5 and 6 had the fantastic opportunity to visit the M&S Bank Arena to watch the British Gymnastics Championships. It was truly inspiring, and we are certain we have some future athletes in our school.

Year 2 and Year 5 performed beautifully alongside a live orchestra at the cathedral – a very special and unforgettable experience.

Year 3 visited a working rural farm as part of their Opening Worlds topic, bringing their learning to life in a meaningful and engaging way.

We have also enjoyed some wonderful class performances, including Year 1's collective worship and the uplifting Year 3 and 4 Big Sing worship.

A huge thank you to all families who joined us for our Easter Praise Party. It was a fantastic celebration filled with joy, reflection and togetherness. We are excited to continue building these family worship opportunities as an important part of life at Halewood C of E.

Congratulations to all of our Children of Excellence this half term. You truly embody the values of our school and make us proud every day.

Finally, as a school community, we want to say a heartfelt thank you to Mrs Catt, who leaves us today to begin a new chapter. We are incredibly grateful for everything she has given to Halewood C of E. Her care, dedication and leadership have helped shape our school into the nurturing place it is today – a place where every child can flourish and thrive.

We wish her every success in the future, and she will always remain a valued part of the Halewood C of E family.

Wishing all of our families a peaceful and joyful Easter break.

World Book Day 2026



We had lots of fun on World Book Day – the children and staff all looked fantastic. We had a lovely time with parents and carers at our reading event in the afternoon. Thank you for your continued support.



Cathedral Big Sing event

Congratulations to Year 2 and 5 children who attended the cathedral praise event at the Anglican Cathedral! They had the opportunity to perform with a live concert orchestra and sang beautifully! Well done to all involved!

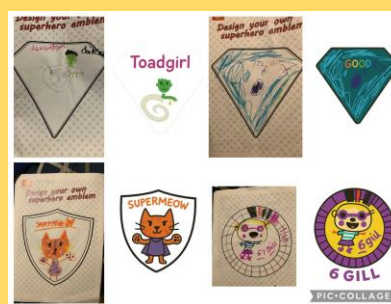




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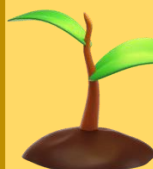
We have had a fantastic response to our Halewood University clubs with children taking part in one of our many clubs on offer, including Unsolved Mysteries, Puzzle Masters, Cosy Craft, Yoga and Fitness, Graphic Design and Art.



Gardening with Mr Coleman



It's that time of year again ! The children have started morning gardening with Mr Coleman and have been preparing the beds and planting seeds.





Trips and Experiences



Year 3 Lancashire Farm

Year 3 had a wonderful day out at Lancashire Farm Education Centre! The children loved meeting the animals and learning all about life on a working farm. It was such a fantastic learning opportunity, with lots of laughter, precious memories made and some very muddy wellies!



Year 5 and 6 Gymnastics



Year 5 and 6 were treated to a visit to watch the British Gymnastics Championships in Liverpool.

This was a fantastic opportunity for the children to experience a national sporting event and see elite athletes in action.



As we say Goodbye

Today, Mrs Catt leaves us for pastures new. She has dedicated so much to the school, pupils and families and will be greatly missed. We can't thank her enough for all she has done for Halewood C of E and we wish her lots of luck and happiness in her next adventure.

GOOD LUCK



Pizza Praise Party



Thank you to everyone who came to join us in our first Praise Party. It was a joy to welcome you all.

There was a real show of togetherness and community and we look forward to more events like this !



Nursery Applications



Do you have a child due to start Nursery this September? Or do you know a family who does?

Our Nursery application deadline is 30th April for our September cohort.

At Halewood C of E, our Nursery is a nurturing, joyful and inspiring place to begin school life. We focus on building confidence, communication, curiosity and a real love of learning from the very start.

Applications must be handed into the school office along with:

- A copy of your child's full birth certificate
- A recent utility bill showing your address

Winter PE Kit

We are excited to announce that here will soon be a new winter PE kits available to purchase from Liverpool Schoolwear.

Children do not have to wear this if they prefer our current shorts and t shirt PE kit (they can their school jumper if they wish), but all pupils will be expected to wear one or the other as PE kits form part of our school uniform.



Halewood C of E Outdoor P E 2026



Halewood C of E FULL zip top

- Durable, hard wearing fabric
- Full zip with two zip pockets
- Contrast panels across
- Reflective detail on reverse
- Fabric weight 260g shoulders

Sizes: 18/20" | 22/24" | 26/28" |
30/32" | 32/34" | 34/36" |
Adult 38/40" |

Price: £15.00 Adult £18.00 (inc VAT)



Matching track pants

- Material – 100% tech-poly
- Two zip pockets
- Elasticated leg cuff
- Reflective detail on reverse
- Fabric weight 260g

Sizes: 16/18" | 18/20" | 22/24" |
24/26" | 26/28" | 28/30" |
Adult 30" |

Price: £12.50 Adult £18.00 (inc VAT)

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Forest School

It has been another exciting half term in Forest School !

This half term, the children have been looking at spotting signs of Spring, looking for flowers, wildlife and checking what is happening in the pond!



They have built shelters and have shown some great teamwork and imagination.



They have climbed trees, painted their faces with mud and toasted marshmallows in the rain.



Nothing stops them in Forest School !

Parking

A polite reminder to all parents and carers to please ensure you park legally and considerately when dropping off or collecting your children from school.

A number of cars are consistently parked illegally outside school resulting in the pavement being blocked for pedestrians walking to school. Recently, this meant that one parent had to step into the road to get around a parked car and was nearly hit by a passing vehicle.

The safety of our children and families must always come first. Please help us keep everyone safe by:

Parking legally and away from corners or crossing points

Do not block driveways of local residents

Avoiding parking on pavements or blocking them for pedestrians

Leaving enough space for prams, wheelchairs and children to pass safely

Allowing extra time so parking can be done safely

Thank you for your support in helping us keep the area around school safe for everyone.



Easter Goody Bag Attendance Reward

We ran an attendance incentive for every pupil who had 100% attendance this half term. Every pupil with 100% attendance was entered into a draw, and here is our delighted winner!



Doughnut Party Winners !

Well done to Year 2 who are our attendance champions this half term with an amazing 99.3% They were treated to a doughnut party on the last day of term!



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.

We will keep you updated on your child's attendance and may ask to meet with you if your child's attendance becomes or is a concern.

Letters will be sent out at the end of next half term with an update on your child's attendance.



Attendance Update

Whole school attendance this half term is 97.7%



Year 1 – 97.3%
Year 2 – 99.3%
Year 3 – 97.5%
Year 4 – 97.9%
Year 5 – 96.9%
Year 6 – 97.5%



Attendance – Did You Know ???

Our school attendance target for every pupil is a minimum of 97%.

Pupils should be in class no later than 8.50am to order lunches and be marked as present on the register.

Pupils arriving between 8.50am and 9.20am will be registered as late.

Pupils arriving after 9.20am will have their morning sessions registered as an unauthorised absence.

Unauthorised absences may result in Education Penalty Notices.

It is the decision of the headteacher whether an absence is authorised.

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

Absence for medical appointments will be authorised where a letter or appointment card is provided. Your child will still be classed as absent from school but it will be recorded as a medical absence.

An absence note should be completed upon your child's return to school – these can be found on our website and can be completed and emailed to the school office, or there are paper copies at the school office.



Child of Excellence



Well done to the winners of our Child of Excellence Awards for the theme of Thankfulness. These children demonstrate our Christian value by showing what it means to be thankful and using super manners. They are amazing role models and we are so proud of them.

Reception – Everly & River
Year 1 – Evangeline & Christian



Year 2 – Theo & Evelyn
Year 3 – Noella & Calla
Year 4 – Rian & Darcy
Year 5 – Mason & Erin
Year 6 – Tilly & William



PPRD

Thank you to parents and carers for your attendance at PPRD. It was a pleasure to share what your children have been up to and the progress they have made. It really does make a difference when we work in partnership !



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.

WE CANNOT ACCEPT EMAILS AS A REPORT OF AN ABSENCE AND WILL FOLLOW UP WITH A CALL IF AN EMAIL IS RECEIVED.

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

Monday 13 April 2026 – school reopens 8.35am

16 – 17 April – Year 3 residential to Catalyst Museum

Thursday 7 May 2026 – Class photo morning

W.C 11.05.2026 – SATS week

Friday 15 May – Headteacher coffee morning
8.50am

Year 5 class collective worship 2.30pm

Friday 22 May 2026 – school closes at 3.10pm for half term

Wishing you all a wonderful Easter.

