

Message from Mr Catt

What a wonderful first half term we have enjoyed together at Halewood! There has been so much to celebrate and take pride in across our school community.

Our Forest School provision has been a standout highlight. Year 1 completed their first full block and children right across school have taken part — embracing outdoor learning, problem-solving and time in nature.

This half term we have been exploring the value of **Friendship**. Children have reflected on how we can be a friend to everyone, drawing inspiration from Bible stories and living out kindness, trust and encouragement in everyday moments. Our Harvest Service was a truly special occasion and your generous donations are already supporting families in our community — thank you.

A special mention to our Year 6 pupils, who have begun their final year with maturity, enthusiasm and a strong work ethic. They have also been wonderful buddies to our Reception children — a shining example of leadership and care.

We are thrilled with how well **Fudge**, our school dog, has settled in. She has already brought joy, comfort and calm across school, and the children have absolutely loved spending time with her.

Our Christian vision continues to shape daily life at Halewood. Children are using their **Heart Journals** each week to reflect on worship and the choices they make, and this year every child will also take part in a small-group Heart Journal coaching session to support their spiritual growth and wellbeing.

I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to our incredible staff team. Their dedication, kindness and commitment to our children shines every single day — they consistently go above and beyond and I am deeply grateful for all they do.

We now look forward to the excitement and joy of the Christmas season and all the special moments it brings. Thank you once again for your partnership, encouragement and support — it makes all the difference.

Wishing you and your families a restful and happy half-term break. We can't wait to welcome everyone back for another fantastic term ahead!

Mr Catt



Welcome Fudge !

This year, we have a new addition to our Halewood C of E family – say hello to Fudge!

Fudge has settled in well and spent time with lots of our children.

She is doing amazing with her training and has achieved her first certificate !

Well done Fudge – we are super proud of you !





Fireworks !

Join us for a fun night hosted by Friends of the School on Wednesday 5th November.

If you wish to purchase a ticket, please send cash in a named envelope to school.

Sporting Success

It's been a busy and exciting half term for sport at Halewood C of E! Both our boys' and girls' football teams have competed brilliantly in the Knowsley competitions and have done us proud – with the boys currently sitting joint top of the league!

We also had a fantastic turnout at the Knowsley Cross Country event, with some outstanding performances all round. A special mention goes to our girls' team, who finished 3rd overall in Knowsley, and to Keira (Year 6) who came 7th, and George (Year 4) who achieved an incredible 32nd place competing against Year 6 pupils!

Our Year 6 boys also represented the school in a rugby competition, showing great teamwork and enthusiasm throughout.

There's lots more sport to come next half term – so watch this space!





Our school allotment

Gardening with Mr Coleman is back !!!

Every pupil in our school has had the opportunity to go gardening with Mr Coleman already and will do so again in Spring.

They will be planting, weeding and watering whilst learning about all things nature !!



Year 6 and Reception Buddies

We held a special assembly for our new Reception children who were officially welcomed into our Halewood C of E family by their Year 6 buddies.

The Year 6 buddies help the children to settle in and lead by example, showing them how to live out Christian values.

We are so proud of you all – you have made an amazing start and we can't wait to watch you grow !



School lunches

From September, school lunches will be charged at £2.50 for pupils in Years 3 to 6. There will be a new school menu after half term – please see our website for more details.

Forest School

Our Forest school sessions have started up again and children have loved learning in and exploring the great outdoors whilst building confidence, self esteem and resilience.



What is Forest School?

Child-Centred Learning

Forest School is a long-term, learner led process that uses nature to foster growth. Children guide their learning through exploration and play.



Outdoor, All-Year Approach

Sessions take place in natural environments across all seasons, helping children build resilience and appreciate changing landscapes.



Supported Risk-Taking

Children are encouraged to assess risk and push boundaries safely, developing confidence and independence.



Attendance Update

Your child's attendance is continually monitored and attendance is recorded as per our policy.

Please note that close of registration is 9.10am and children arriving after this time will be marked with a 'U' code – arrived after registration has closed and the session as an unauthorised absence.

If your child is absent, please contact us by telephone no later than 9.10am. If we do not receive a call by this time, absences will be marked as unauthorised.

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.

Attendance Matters



Every Day Counts....

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 half term with attendance of 98%.

Whole school attendance to date is 96.7%

Reception – 96.2%

Year 1 – 97.3%

Year 2 – 98%

Year 3 – 95.9%

Year 4 – 96.6%

Year 5 – 97.6%

Year 6 – 95.6%



Child of Excellence

Well done to the winners of our Child of Excellence Awards for the theme of Friendship. These children demonstrate our Christian value by looking out for others and being a reliable and trustworthy friend.

Reception – Amber and Autumn

Year 1 – Alexis and Timmy

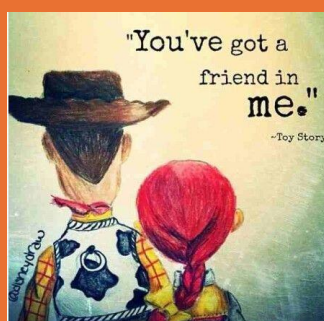
Year 2 – Lily and Vinnie

Year 3 – Charlie and Lily

Year 4 – Evan and Mia

Year 5 – Annie and Charlie

Year 6 – Katie and Mason





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 9.10am 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

Monday 3rd November – School reopens 8.35am

Tuesday 4th November – Key Stage1 Parents
reading afternoon 2.15pm

Wednesday 5th November – FOS Bonfire night
display

Thursday 6th November – Individual school photos

Friday 14th November – Children in Need

Monday 17th – Wednesday 19th November – Year 5
Robinwood residential trip

Wednesday 26th November – PPRD 3.15 – 6pm

Thursday 27th November – PPRD 3.15 – 6pm

Friday 28th November – Own clothes day

Monday 1st December – Bauble service

Friday 5th December – Headteacher Coffee Morning

Tuesday 9th December – Inclusion Coffee Afternoon

Thursday 11th December – Christmas Jumper Day
and Christmas Lunch

Thursday 11th December – Christmas Fayre

Friday 12th December – Christingle Service

Tuesday 16th December – EYFS Nativity 9.30am
Year 1-3 Nativity 1.30pm

Wednesday 17th December – Year 1-3 Nativity
9.30am

Year 4-6 Nativity 1.30pm

Wednesday 17th December – Carols by Candlelight
5pm

Thursday 18th December – Year 4-6 Nativity
9.30am

EYFS Nativity 1.30pm

Friday 19th December – school closes 2pm

Wishing you all a wonderful half
term !

