

Halewood C of E Newsletter

May 2026



As we come to the end of another fantastic half term, I would like to thank all of our children, staff and families for their continued support and encouragement. It has been another busy and exciting few weeks at Halewood C of E.

This half term, our school value has been Responsibility. Across the school, children have been learning about what it means to be responsible within our classrooms, around school, in our local community and across the wider world. We have spent time reflecting on how our actions, words and choices can positively impact others.

As part of this, classes have been exploring the important idea of courageous advocacy — understanding how God calls us to be courageous, to stand up for what is right and to use our voices to support those who may not have one. Each class has begun exploring a courageous advocacy project linked to causes and issues they care about. We also encourage our children to show courage beyond school — whether that is writing to local councillors about issues in the community, promoting fairness, or speaking up when something does not seem right.

A huge well done must go to our wonderful Year 6 pupils, who completed their SATs assessments this half term. We were incredibly proud of the calm, mature and resilient way they approached the week. Their attitude and determination truly reflected the values of our school.

Our children have also enjoyed some fantastic enrichment opportunities this half term:

Year 1 visited Chester Zoo as part of their Science learning and were an absolute credit to the school.

Year 4 enjoyed a visit to Eureka Science Museum where they explored and investigated through hands-on learning.

Earlier in the half term, our Year 3 children experienced their very first residential visit at the, including a night at the museum! They represented our school brilliantly and created memories they will never forget.

We have also recently launched our new “Be Inspired” display in school. We are looking for former pupils of Halewood C of E who may be willing to share their stories, achievements and journeys with our children. We want our pupils to see the many different paths they can take in life and to understand the lasting impact of their time at our school.

At Halewood C of E, we are passionate about helping children become the very best versions of themselves. Our vision statement from Proverbs 22:6 continues to drive all that we do:

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

Looking ahead, next half term promises to be incredibly exciting and very busy! Please keep the date free for our Whole School Family Day Out on Wednesday 8th July. Further details and a permission letter will be sent out during the first week back after half term.

We hope you all have a wonderful and restful half term break. Enjoy the time together as a family — the sunshine is on its way!

Mr Catt

Half term Gallery

Just a few pictures of what we have been up to this half term



Well done Year 6 !

We are so proud of our Year 6 pupils who worked incredibly hard during SATS week. They were treated to a trip to McDonalds to celebrate. Next half term, they will be getting ready to wow us with their end of year play. We can't wait !



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DONE!** ★





Ice Cream Party !



Well done to Year 2 who were our attendance winners again this half term and enjoyed an ice cream party ! They were our doughnut party winners last half term and are the class to beat for the next half term prize !



Theme Park Tickets Winner !

Congratulations to the winner of our Theme Park tickets for 100% attendance this half term !

Have a fun time !



Year 3 Night at the Museum

Year 3 had a sleepover in the Observatory of the Catalyst Museum. After taking part in science workshops, they enjoyed tea, games and a sleepover.



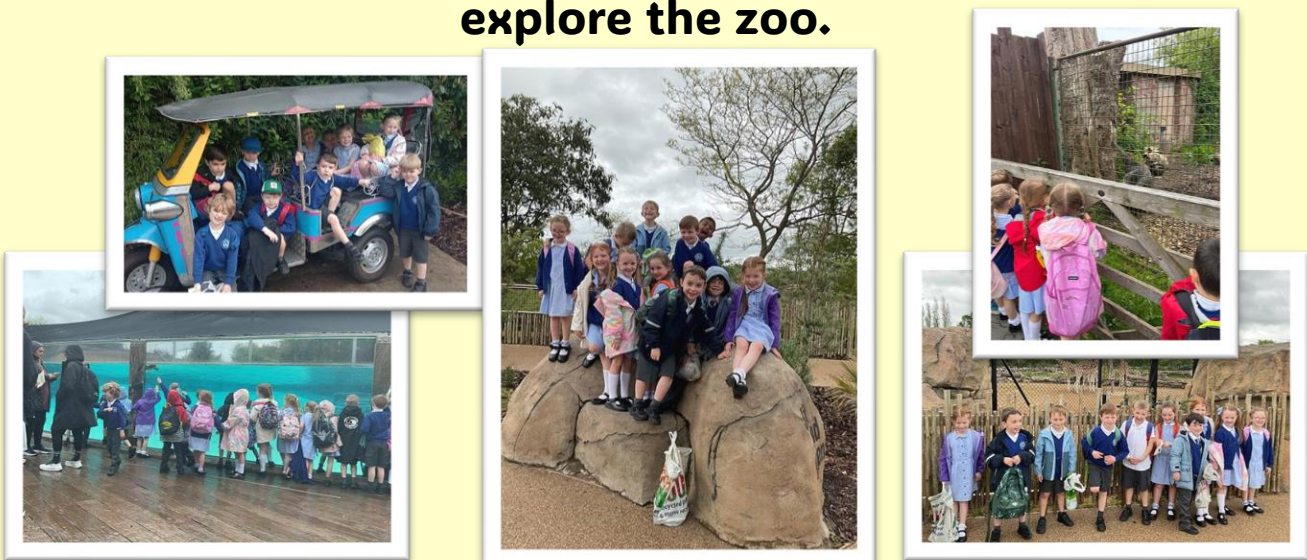
Year 4 Eureka Science Museum

Year 4 had a fabulous day exploring Eureka Science Museum learning about how things work in our homes and lots of facts about nature !



Year 1 Chester Zoo

Year 1 had a fun packed day at Chester Zoo. The children were so excited to meet the animals and explore the zoo.



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 !**

Class Attendance

Well done to Year 2 who are our attendance champions this half term with attendance of 98.9%

Whole school attendance this half term was 98%

Reception – 97.5%

Year 1 – 98.4%

Year 2 – 98.9%

Year 3 – 97.5%

Year 4 – 96.5%

Year 5 – 96.7%

Year 6 – 98.6%

Child of Excellence

Well done to the winners of our Child of Excellence Awards for the theme of Responsibility. These children demonstrate our Christian value by being super role models for other pupils in our school.

Reception – Grace & Leo

Year 1 – Eve & Sonny

Year 2 – Lottie & Isobel

Year 3 – Dolcie & Joseph

Year 4 – George & George

Year 5 – Oliver & Harry

Year 6 – Libby & Emily

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**



Diary Dates

8th June 2026 – School reopens 8.35am

9th June 2026 – Inclusion Coffee Afternoon 2.15pm

18th June 2026 – Summer Fayre 3.30pm

19th June 2026 – Year 2 class collective worship
2.30pm

25th June 2026 – Key Stage 2 Sports Day 1.15pm

1st July 2026 – Reception / Key Stage 1 Sports Day
1.15pm

6th July 2026 – Bump morning

8th July 2026 – Whole School Day Out

9th July 2026 – Come see our progress afternoon
3.15pm

14th July 2026 – Year 6 performance 4.30pm

15th July 2026 – Year 6 performance 4.30pm

16th July 2026 – Halewood University Graduations
Year 1-3 10.30am
Year 4-6 1.30pm

20th July 2026 – Year 6 leavers service

21st July 2026 – School finishes 2pm

Wishing you all a
wonderful half term

