Halewood C of E Newsletter – October 2026

Message from Mr Catt

What a wonderful first half term we have had at Halewood! It has been a fantastic start to the new school year, and I am incredibly proud of everything our children and staff have achieved together. As we approach our half-term break, I wanted to share just a few of our highlights.

Our Christian Value – Friendship

Our Christian value this half term has been Friendship, and it has been lovely to see this value shining through in so many ways across school. We have witnessed countless examples of children showing kindness, looking out for one another and being wonderful friends.

We have also heard so many fantastic examples of children using their 'honey words' – words that encourage, build others up and make people feel loved and valued. These small acts of kindness make such a big difference and really capture what makes Halewood such a special family.

A huge congratulations to all our Children of Excellence this half term. We are so proud of you all and the wonderful examples you set for others!

An Amazing Start to Attendance!

We are absolutely delighted that our whole-school attendance currently stands at an incredible 98.7%!

This is a brilliant achievement and reflects the fantastic commitment of our families, children and staff. We know that when children are in school every day, they have the best possible opportunities to learn, grow and flourish.

Thank you to all our families for your continued support. What a fantastic start to the year – let's keep it going!

Enrichment and Extracurricular Clubs

One of the things we have been particularly excited about this half term has been our fantastic range of extracurricular clubs and enrichment opportunities.

It has been wonderful to see so many children enjoying new experiences, developing their talents, making friendships and discovering new interests.

We have also been delighted to receive such positive feedback from both parents and children about our clubs. Providing opportunities beyond the classroom is something we are passionate about, and we look forward to continuing to develop our enrichment offer throughout the year.

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Halewood Play to Learn – Coming Soon!
We are incredibly excited about the next stage of our journey with Halewood Play to Learn!
We have some really exciting plans to transform playtimes across our school, creating even more opportunities for children to be creative, imaginative, active and adventurous.
We believe play is such an important part of childhood, helping children to develop friendships, independence, resilience and confidence.
Watch this space! We cannot wait to share more with you as our playtimes begin to transform over the coming months!

Growing Our Worship Community
It has also been wonderful to see our new Worship Community children's leadership group beginning to work together and share their ideas.
Our children have already started planning as we prepare to introduce our weekly Worship Community worship in the future. We are really excited about creating further opportunities for children to take an active role in leading worship, sharing their faith, reflecting together and helping to shape the spiritual life of our school.
It is another lovely example of how we are empowering our children to have a voice and make a difference within our school family.

Our Firework Display – We Can't Wait!
We are really looking forward to our upcoming school firework display!
Last year's event was absolutely amazing, bringing our whole school community together for such a wonderful evening. We are hoping to make this year's display even bigger and better!
A huge thank you to our incredible Friends of the School, who work so hard behind the scenes to organise events like this. We are so grateful for everything they do to support our children and bring our school community together.
We cannot wait to see everyone there!

Have a Wonderful Half Term!
Finally, I would like to say a huge thank you to our wonderful children, dedicated staff and supportive families for making this such a positive start to the school year.
At Halewood, we often talk about being a family, and this half term has been another wonderful reminder of just how special our school community is.
I hope you all have a wonderful, restful half term, with plenty of opportunities to spend quality time together, make memories and enjoy a well-deserved break.
We look forward to welcoming everyone back for another exciting half term!
Mr Catt

Class Dojo

If you would like to speak to your child's teacher, please use one of the following ways to get in touch:

* Speak to them at the end of the school day at pick-up time.
* Contact the school office to arrange an appointment.
* Email halewood@ldst.org.uk and your message will be passed on to the appropriate member of staff.

We kindly ask that ClassDojo is not used to contact individual members of staff.

We recognise that Dojo can feel like a quick and convenient way to get in touch; however, staff are currently receiving a high number of messages, including messages sent outside of school hours. **To help us protect staff wellbeing and ensure that communication is managed consistently, staff will not respond to messages sent through Dojo.**

Please use the communication channels above and we will always do our best to respond to you as soon as we reasonably can.

Thank you, as always, for your understanding and support.

Friends of the School Fireworks

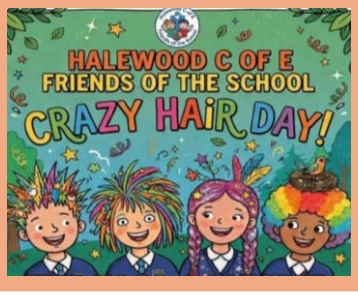
Our fantastic Friends of the School have another Bonfire night event planned this year.



Crazy Hair Day

Huge thank you to Friends of the School for raising money for our Forest School on Crazy Hair Day

The children looked great and there were some brilliant displays !



Year 6 visits

We welcomed Officer Hazel in from Merseyside Police this half term to speak to the Year 6 about e-safety.

Key messages

Social media is not permitted for children under the age of 13. This legislation changes in January next year.

What children post online leaves a digital footprint and can be recovered even if they are deleted.

Cyber bullying and how to deal with it. (Tell an adult, report them online, block them or speak to the police)





We also had a great session led by the North West Air Ambulance, which taught us how to do CPR.
We practised a scenario of calling 999, using a range of emergencies to show how we would make that call.





Coming soon - Play to Learn !

Over the coming months, we are going to be revamping our playtimes and outdoor spaces to give our children even more opportunities to play, explore, create, imagine and work together.

We want our playgrounds to be places where every child can find something they enjoy. Alongside traditional playground games and sport, we want to create more opportunities for imaginative play, construction, creativity, problem-solving, den building, role play and much more.



High-quality play is such an important part of childhood. Through play, children develop friendships, communication, teamwork, confidence, independence, creativity, resilience and problem-solving skills.

We are really excited to see how our playtimes develop!

Thank you so much for your generous donations! They will make an amazing place for our children to explore together !

Welcome to our new Reception children

This half term we officially welcomed our new Reception class into the Halewood C of E family. Each child has been assigned a Year 6 buddy, who they will spend time with throughout the year to help them settle and navigate their first year of school.
Each reception child was given a Bible during a special assembly with their buddies !















Autumn 2 Clubs









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.



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 3 who are our attendance champions this half term with attendance of 98%. They are definitely the class to beat and were treated to a doughnut party !!

Whole school attendance to date is 98.7%

Reception – 98.9%
Year 1 – 98.8%
Year 2 – 98%
Year 3 – 99.1%
Year 4 – 98.6%
Year 5 – 98.6%
Year 6 – 98.8%





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 – Romi and Bobby
Year 1 – Hattie and Cohen
Year 2 – Joseph and Isaac
Year 3 – Thea and Louie
Year 4 – Evie and Joao
Year 5 – Ava and Joshua
Year 6 – Freya and Seb







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 CANNNOT 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

02.11.2026 – School reopens 8.35am
03.11.2026 – KS1 Parents reading event 1.15pm
05.11.2026 – Individual school photos
05.11.2026 - FOS firework display
11.11.2026 – 13.11.2026 – Year 5 PGL trip
13.11.2026 – Children in Need
25.11.2026 & 26.11.2026 – PPRD 3.15 – 6pm
27.11.2026 – Year 4 Eureka Trip
27.11.2026 – Own clothes day
01.12.2026 – Bauble service
01.12.2026 – Year 3 & 4 singing performance
04.12.2026 – Own clothes day
04.12.2026 – Headteacher coffee morning 8.50am
04.12.2026 – Y3 collective worship 2.30pm
08.12.2026 – Inclusion coffee afternoon 2.30pm
10.12.2026 – Christmas Jumper Day
10.12.2026 – Christmas Dinner Day
10.12.2026 – Christmas Fayre 3.30pm
11.12.2026 – Christingle Service 1.30pm
15.12.2026 – EYFS nativity 10am
15.12.2026 – Y1-3 Nativity 1.30pm
16.12.2026 – Y1-3 Nativity 10am
16.12.2026 – Y4-6 Nativity 1.30pm
17.12.2026 – Y4-6 Nativity 10am
17.12.2026 – EYFS Nativity 1.30pm
18.12.2026 – Child of Excellence 9.15am
18.12.2026 – Disco day
18.12.2026 – School closes 2pm

Wishing you all a wonderful half term !