



Halewood C of E Newsletter

March 2024



Message from Mr Catt

I hope this newsletter finds you well and that you are looking forward to a lovely Easter break. I wanted to take this opportunity to update you on some of the exciting things that have been happening at Halewood C of E over the last half term.

Firstly, I would like to commend our children for their incredible display of our school values this half term. We have explored the importance of being grateful to God for all that He does for us each and every day. It has been heartwarming to witness our children embracing this value and demonstrating thankfulness in their daily lives. Through Collective Worship, children have reflected on the Easter story and what it means for us. The children led a wonderful Church service this week, reminding us all of the greatest story ever told and the hope that Easter brings.

I am also extremely proud of our children's leadership groups, who have been making a real difference in our school community. Our JLT (Junior Leadership Team) has been spearheading exciting changes, including the design of our new library. Our No Outsiders team and Eco Warriors have also been actively contributing to our school's development. Additionally, our Christian ethos team has been leading collective worship, nurturing our Christian values in all aspects of school life.

Speaking of the library, we have embarked on an exciting project to transform a space in our school into a brand new library. Our children will be collaborating with an external design company to create a library that can be enjoyed by the entire school community. Keep an eye out for updates on this exciting venture!

I am delighted to share some recent achievements worth celebrating. Our Halewood University programme has kicked off with great success, offering a wide range of engaging clubs such as sewing, golf, musical theatre, sports leadership, and even Dungeons and Dragons. Our sports teams have also been performing admirably, with notable achievements from our girls' football team and cross country team.

World Book Day was a resounding success and has further fueled our love for reading. I would like to extend my gratitude to all the children who contributed their ideas for our new school library during this day. Their creativity and enthusiasm have been truly inspiring.

Our writing curriculum has been making a significant impact, and we are thrilled with the progress our children are making. If you would like to learn more about our Ready Steady Write curriculum, please do not hesitate to visit us – we would be more than happy to provide further information.

Finally, it is with great sadness that we say goodbye to two incredible members of staff, Miss Crosbee and Mrs Davidson. Both have played pivotal roles in shaping the education of countless children at Halewood C of E over the past decade. Their talent, skills, and kindness have left an indelible mark on our school community, and they will be greatly missed by children, staff and parents/carers alike. We wish them all the best in their new roles and new school communities.

Finally, I would like to thank you all for your continued support. The success of Halewood C of E is built upon the strong partnership and support that our community brings. I would like to wish you all a happy Easter. May this season of new life and hope bring you much joy and many blessings.

God bless,

Mr Catt



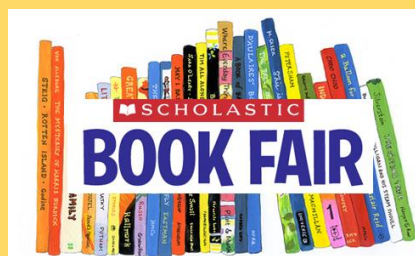
As we say goodbye

We are so sad to be saying goodbye to Mrs Davidson and Miss Crosbee this half term as they move on to new schools. Mrs Davidson will be taking up a Deputy Headteacher role and Miss Crosbee will be part of the Leadership team at her new school. They will both be dearly missed by staff, pupils and parents. We wish them every happiness in their new adventures. Their new schools are so lucky to have them !



Thank you so much !

We would like to say a huge thank you to Friends of the School who raised a fantastic £475 from the Easter Raffle and for their help in running the book fair during PPRD and raising £297 worth of books and resources.





World Book Day

We had so much fun on World Book Day ! The children looked fantastic dressed as their favourite characters and there were some very creative costumes !

Thank you to parents and carers for your support and for joining us in the afternoon reading session.





Halewood University

This half term saw the start of Halewood University with Clay Design, Sewing and Zumba for Years 1-3 and Sports Leadership, Tri-golf, Musical Theatre and Coding for Years 4, 5 and 6.

There have been some super creations and skills shown.

Many thanks to our amazing staff who give up their time to put the clubs and resources together to give our children these opportunities.

Further details will be sent about the project and community effort which form the remaining credits that the children must earn in order to graduate in summer.



Parking



Please could we ask all parents and carers to think carefully about where you are parking cars when bringing children to school. Cars have been reported as blocking resident's driveways and pavements, meaning pedestrians are walking in the busy road with children and pushchairs. Parking outside the Eagle and Child is proving a particular problem with cars parking fully on the pavement causing significant danger. Additionally, parents and children are forced to walk in the road when cars are parked on the single yellow lines blocking part of the pavement.

Parking is also an issue during collection from After School Club. Please do not park on the Zig Zag lines as not only is this illegal, but it blocks the view of the road of anybody leaving our car park.

With parking becoming more dangerous, we are concerned that it is only a matter of time before there is an accident.



Attendance

Well done to Year 4 who are our attendance winners so far with 97.4%

Whole school attendance to date is 96.6 %

Class attendance to date

Reception – 96 %
Year 1 – 96.9%
Year 2 – 96.9%
Year 3 – 96.2%
Year 4 – 97.4%
Year 5 – 96.5%
Year 6 – 96.6%

Congratulations to our Attendance Champions and winners of our Goodie Bags

Reception – Eddie
Year 1 – Arlo
Year 2 – Noah
Year 3 – Heidi
Year 4 – Toby
Year 5 – Maisie
Year 6 – Estelle



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 !**



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 – Evelyn & Holly
Year 1 – Hannah & Noah
Year 2 – Hannah & Eva
Year 3 – Harry & Mason
Year 4 – Joshua & Isaac
Year 5 – Freya & Maximus
Year 6 – Alfie & Nikas

Give
Thanks
With a
Grateful
Heart

Special Award

Huge congratulations to Lerryn from Year 6 who was presented the Mayor's Pupil Recognition Award at a special event. She is a role model to all and has planned, delivered and resourced Culture Club herself!





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

15.04.2024 – School reopens 8.35am

18.04.2024 – Parent Prayer Group

30.04.2024 – Year 1 trip to Chester Zoo

06.05.2024 – Bank Holiday (school closed)

09.05.2024 – Whole Class Photo Day

w/c 13.05.2024 – SATS Week

21.05 – 22.05.2024 – Year 6 York Residential

24.05.2024 – Child of Excellence

24.05.2024 – School closes for half term (3.10pm)



News from Home

We love to hear what you've been up to at home.



Keep us posted on twitter
[@halewoodcofe](https://twitter.com/halewoodcofe)



Wishing you all a wonderful Easter

