

Halewood C of E Newsletter

December 2024



Message from Mr Catt

As we come to the end of this term, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on what a brilliant term it has been. We are incredibly proud of all that the children have achieved, and it has been wonderful to see their enthusiasm and hard work shine through in so many ways.

This week's nativity performances were a true highlight. The children did themselves proud, and it was heartwarming to hear we had such amazing support from you all as usual. Thank you for sharing in these special moments with us.

Our Christmas Fayre was a resounding success, showcasing the wonderful community spirit we have here at Halewood C of E. I am thrilled to share that we raised an incredible £2,195! Every penny of this will go towards benefiting our children and enriching their experiences at school. A huge thank you to everyone who contributed, whether by donating raffle prizes, volunteering, organising or attending.

We are also particularly proud of our choir this half term. They have represented our school beautifully, performing at several events, including our Carols by Candlelight service, the Halewood Town Council concert, and even at Jaguar Land Rover. Their hard work and talent have brought joy to so many in our community. This half term, our school Christian value has been "hope." We have focused on the Bible verse, "I have this hope as an anchor" (Hebrews 6:19), and explored what it means to have hope in our lives. The children have enjoyed learning about the greatest story of hope—the birth of a baby called Jesus, who came to save us. This Christmas, I encourage you to take a moment to reflect on this gift and say thank you to God for His son.

Finally, I want to thank you for your continued support. Whether it's through attending events, helping at school, or simply encouraging your children in their learning, your involvement makes such a difference.

Wishing you all a joyful and peaceful Christmas. We look forward to welcoming you back in 2025 for another exciting term.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Best wishes,
Mr. Catt

Trips and Experiences

There have been a number of trips already this year and there are many more to follow.

Year 5 visited the Planetarium at Liverpool World Museum to enhance their learning about space.



Year 2 visited Bridge Chapel to learn more about the Christmas story.



Year 6 visited the theatre for the pantomime performance of Snow White.



Year 1 visited Imagine That to enhance their science learning.



Poppy Appeal

Thank you to parents, carers and children for your kind donations to this year's Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

You raised a fantastic £126.31



Christmas Fayre

Our Christmas Fayre was lots of fun with Halewood's Got Talent, Tombola, face painting and gift wrapping. From the Christmas Fayre and sales of raffle tickets, sweet cones and reindeer food, you have raised a fantastic £2195.00, every penny of which is spent on more fantastic resources for our children.

Congratulations to all of our raffle winners and to everyone who donated prizes, including Lidl Gateacre, Tesco Woolton, London Carriage Works, Casa Rima, King Do Woolton, Luca Allerton.

We are so grateful for all of your kindness and support.



Nativities

We are so proud of each and every one of our children for their nativity performances. They sang, danced and performed like the superstars that they all are. Thank you to parents and carers for coming along to support the children and for their fantastic costumes.





Year 5 Robinwood

This half term, Year 5 spent 2 nights at Robinwood Activity Centre in Wrexham. Each and every one of them challenged themselves and encouraged their classmates despite the cold, wind and snow.

There was some fantastic teamwork and support and we are super proud of each and every one of them.



Attendance Update

We have sent letters out to parents and carers showing your child's current attendance for this academic year, as well as a letter about attendance monitoring and recording of authorised and unauthorised absences.

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.

% 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 1 who are our attendance champions this half term with attendance of 98.2%.

Whole school attendance is 97.6%

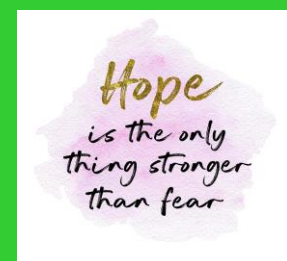
Year 1 – 98.2 %
Year 2 – 97.3%
Year 3 – 96.3%
Year 4 – 98.1%
Year 5 – 97.5%
Year 6 – 98.1%



Child of Excellence

Well done to the winners of our Child of Excellence Awards for the theme of Hope. These children demonstrate our Christian value by being great role models and encouraging others.

Reception – Aaron & Nevaeh
Year 1 – Bella & Eddie
Year 2 – Amelia & Evie
Year 3 – Heidi & Maddie
Year 4 – Ellie & Seb
Year 5 – Mason & Phoebe
Year 6 – Finley & Maisie



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 9.20am 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

6 Jan 2025 – School reopens 8.35am

24 Jan 2025 – Headteacher coffee morning

31 Jan 2025 – Year 6 Collective Worship
2.30pm

w/c 3 Feb 2025 – Children's Mental Health
Week

4 Feb 2025 – Inclusion Coffee Afternoon
2.30pm

5 Feb 2025 – EYFS Parents maths workshop

7 Feb 2025 – National Number Day parent
event 8.50am

11 Feb 2025 – Safer Internet Day parent event
2.30pm

13 Feb 2025 – Year 3 Museum sleepover

13 Feb 2025 – Come see our progress
afternoon 3.15pm

14 Feb 2025 – Child of Excellence

14 Feb 2025 – School closes 3.10pm for half
term

Wishing you all a
wonderful, peaceful and happy
Christmas.

