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The Heads Up

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ISSUE 20

Friday 12th June 2026

I hope that this letter finds you well and that you have all had a good week. I do want to start by thanking everyone for being so understanding about Sports Day. Postponing events is always an absolute last resort however we did find ourselves with very little choice once we saw the forecast. I hope that the new date of **Tuesday 14th July** is one that everyone is also able to make. Although we have been stuck inside a lot this week, we've been very busy as always. I have had so many visitors this week from a variety of classes, all with some amazing work that they have been keen to share with me. Whilst this time of year is very busy, it is also the perfect time to reflect on how far the children have come and the progress and improvements that have been made. As well as being proud to get their Headteacher Award, the children and I have also loved looking back through their books to see their hard work over the past year.

Mr Horsfield



Hot weather

The forecast for next week is much better than this week and is showing the potential for some quite hot days. Please can parents make sure that the children have hats, drinks, and have had sun cream applied. Children may bring sun cream if they wish however they must be able to apply it themselves. We will make sure that the children keep to the shaded areas at break and lunch time and that the classrooms are kept as cool as possible.

New date for Sports Day

Sports Day will now take place on Tuesday 14th July.



Free sticker book and stickers!

Yesterday, all of the children received a free **Panini** World Cup sticker book and a packet of stickers, courtesy of Katie Angus, a former parent of our school. We hope the children enjoyed their free gift, just in time for the start of the World Cup! Whoever you're supporting, enjoy!



Children from our Year 4 class with Rosie the dog!



We are really looking forward to our final PTA event of the year, our Wild West evening which will be taking place on **Friday 19th June** from **5.00pm—8.00pm**.

Volunteers needed

The PTA are looking for volunteers to help with 1-hour slots throughout the event. In return you'll get a free drink and our eternal gratitude!

If you can spare an hour, please sign up and help make this a fantastic event for our school community.

[Click this link to sign up](#)

Thank you partners!!

Wild West Mufti Day

As a thank you for your kind donations today, if they want to, the children can all come to school on Friday 19th June in Wild West costumes! We are hoping that this gets everyone in the mood for a rootin' tootin' time after school! Parents are also welcome, and encouraged, to come dressed up to our event too!

If you would still like to donate items towards our tombola then you are more than welcome, please hand them in to our school office.

Thanks y'all!

Key dates for this term

Friday 19th June—PTA Wild West event, 5pm—8pm

Monday 29th June—School closed for inset day

Tuesday 14th July—New date for Sports Day

Friday 17th July—iRock concert

Wednesday 22nd July—School closes for summer holiday

Service Family website page

This year we have created a website page with information regarding our support for service families. Don't forget, you must inform us if you are being deployed or else we will not know. [Service family website page](#)



New PTA committee needed

From September, we will be in need of some new volunteers to form our PTA committee.

If you are interested and would like to find out some more information, please contact **Hannah Forbes** via haltonptachair@gmail.com

We are so grateful for the current PTA committee and would love to be able to carry on their hard work. This can only happen if enough people are able to volunteer to help us organise the calendar of events that currently takes place.

Library books

Don't forget that you can only change your library book if you have brought your current one back.

Staffing structure for next year

This week, you will have received a letter from me explaining the staffing structure for the next academic year. You can also find this information below:

Class	Teacher	Support staff
Pre-school	Vicki Bowden Claire King (Tue)	<i>1x full time practitioner to be appointed for September</i>
Reception	Jen Dawkins (Mon, Tues) Jo Sherwood-King (Wed, Thurs, Fri) Caroline Brennan (Initial Teacher Training)	Anna-Marie Karda Elaine Amos
Year 1	Jen Lambie (Mon, Tue, Wed) Claire King (Thurs, Fri)	Fiona Mason Julie Frier (afternoons)
Year 2	Zoe Forecast	Evonne Charts Melissa Eldred
Year 3	Pauline Jaggars	Jola Andruchowycz Elisa de Sousa Layla Read (3x days)
Year 4	Lucy Backhouse Karen Patmore (Thurs)	Marcia Abritta Layla Read (2x days)
Year 5	Claire Powell Karen Patmore (Fri)	Holly Love Rhiannon Smith
Year 6	Stephen Green	Phoebe Boyd Alex Priest Sarah Taylor



5 stars for Fresh Start

A big well done to Fresh Start, our catering provider, who this week successfully passed an unannounced inspection from the Environmental Health Service. It is of no surprise that the team scored a maximum 5 Stars. Fully deserved!

Safeguarding

Keeping your children safe is our number one priority and we just wanted to remind you that whilst all of the staff are fully trained regarding safeguarding, we do have three specific people who oversee the management of safeguarding at Halton School. As Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSL's), Mr Horsfield, Mrs Allen and Mrs Dawkins are your go to people if you have any concerns that you wish to raise. We will always handle your concerns sensitively and without judgement. In school, we regularly remind the children of our roles but also that anyone wearing a blue "staff" lanyard can be spoken to if they are worried about anything either in school or online.

Our governor with responsibility for safeguarding is Mrs Sue Harratt and she can be contacted via governor@haltoncc.school.



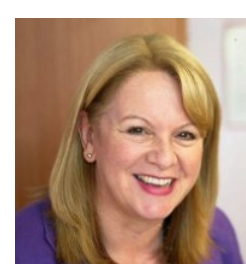
Mr Horsfield



Mrs Dawkins



Mrs Allen



Mrs Harratt

Class photographs

We have had the proofs back for the photographs of the classes and the sports teams. Please use the link provided in the email sent to you to see the photographs and to order yourselves a copy. If you need any help with this, please contact the office.



HELP NEEDED

The PTA have bought us two outdoor table tennis tables for the playground. Are there any volunteers who could come in to school next week and build them for us? The boxes are extremely heavy and we think that the parts will need taking individually from the main entrance to the playground. Weather permitting, we could do any day and any time. If you can help please let the office know asap.



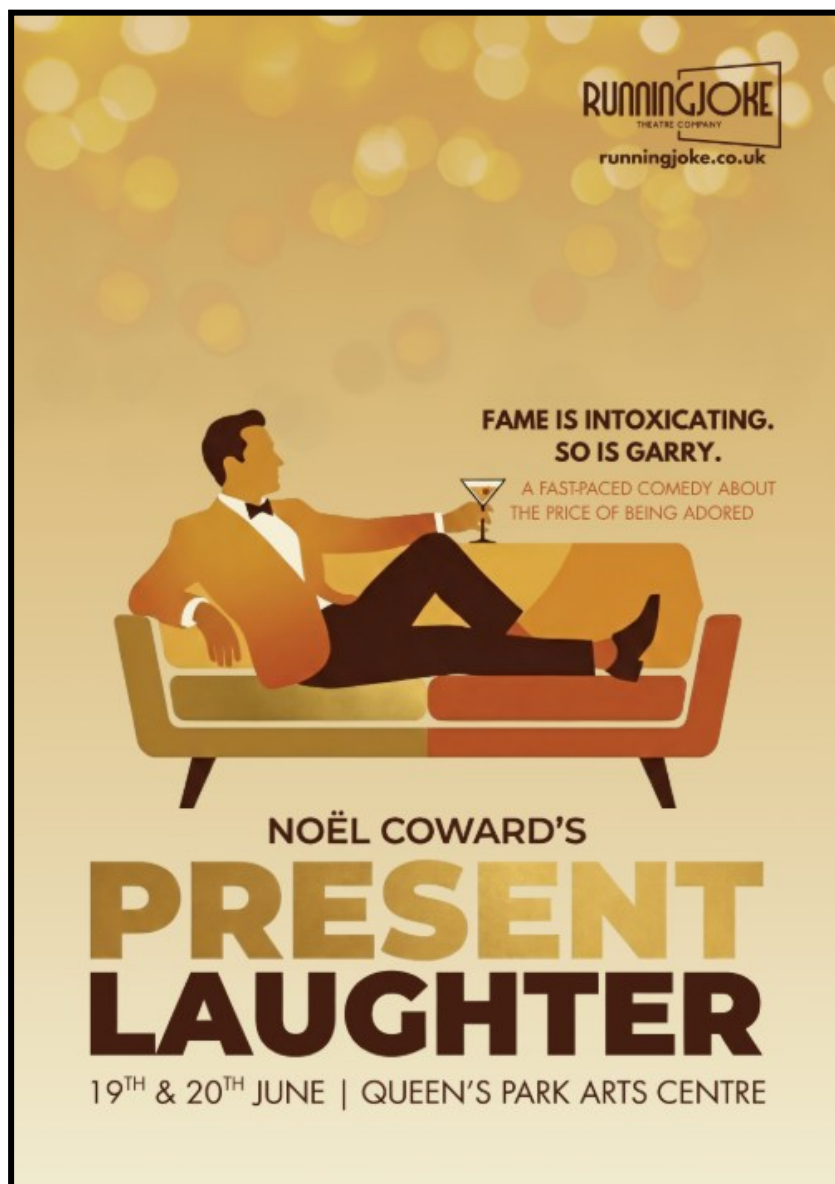
Smart watches

Another reminder that children are not to wear Smart watches to school. If a device can be used to communicate or to access the internet then an adult will look after it until the end of the day. We really encourage the children to wear a watch and to learn to tell the time however this needs to be a more standard choice of design and not something that will cause a distraction

Local theatre

Stuck for something to do next weekend? Fancy a laugh? Head to the Queen's Park Arts Centre in Aylesbury for a performance of "Present Laughter", by the Running Joke Theatre Company. The group was co-founded by Mr Sowden, who also stars in this production alongside another of our parents, Mrs Clayman! Running Joke performances are always brilliant and if you are interested in tickets, please use the following link:

<https://tickets.queensparkarts.com/event/763:396/>



Halton Pre-School



We offer a warm and nurturing learning environment for 3 & 4 year olds. Our well-equipped building and outdoor provision is set within the grounds of Halton School where our passionate teachers promote a love for learning.



Offering 15 hour and 30 hour funded spaces



Rated 'Outstanding' by Ofsted



www.halton.bucks.sch.uk/preschool
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Halton Preschool—September 2026

Our Preschool has always been one of our prized assets and I have lost count of all of the lovely comments and amazing feedback that we get from parents who choose to send their children there. It is an outstanding setting and I know that Mrs Dawkins, our Reception teacher, always comments that In September when she meets her new class, you can always tell the children who went to our Preschool as they are so much more ready for school.

WE NEED YOUR HELP

At the moment, our numbers for September are a little lower than usual and actually, as it is a year with a low birth rate, all of the settings in the local area are finding it harder than normal to fill their spaces.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Spread the word! We have children in every class of main school who have spent time in our Pre-school and these families know us really well. If you hear of anyone looking for a Preschool for **September**, or earlier, send them our way. We are more than happy to host tours and parents can apply now for a September place , they do not have to wait.

You can also help us with our **online presence**. Mrs Bowden is working tirelessly on social media however our audience is still quite small.

- Follow us on **Instagram** and **Facebook** where you can like and share our posts. The posts are great and not only show life in our Preschool but have lots of handy hints and top tips for parents with preschool-aged children.

- Leave a **Google Review** (we don't have many and most of these are several years old).

- Help us advertise. If you work in the local area and are able to put up a poster for us, please come and speak to the office or to Mrs Bowden and we would be really grateful for your support.

If you have any queries about Preschool or if you have any ideas of how you can help us, please come and speak to us as we really need your help.

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Halton Preschool

31 posts

31 followers

55 following

Halton Preschool, Bucks. This page is for promotion, education and parent partnership and is not monitored daily or for direct staff contact.

Listen out for our radio advert on Bucks Radio, advertising our Preschool spaces for September.

Halton Preschool Instagram

If you didn't know already, our Preschool have their own Instagram page, which is jam-packed with content, ranging from the activities the children have been doing during the day, to lots of helpful advice and tips. You can even keep up with the adventures of Trevor the travelling monkey, who has recently 'visited' France!



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As our iRocker school leavers move on to their next adventure, new places are opening for children to start band lessons from September.

About iRock Lessons

- 30-minute band-based music lessons taught by a professional Band Coach
- Lessons take place during school hours
- Easy subscription: cancel at any time, with a first lesson money-back guarantee.
- Open to children aged 4 to 11, regardless of ability or experience
- Children learn popular music while building confidence, teamwork and listening skills
- Pupils can work towards an exam-free RSL Awards music qualification as part of their iRock journey.







YOUR SCHOOL & SAPPHIRE

WE'D LOVE TO SUPPORT YOUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY

SUPPORT FOR YOUR EVENTS

- Raffle prizes or vouchers for school fairs
- Exclusive offers for fundraising events
- Sponsored prizes for competitions

PRESENCE AT SCHOOL FAIRS

- Interactive stall or activity stand
- Demonstrations or mini sessions for children
- Giveaways or "have-a-go" experiences

SCHOOL TRIPS

- "Give it a go" sessions for school groups
- Short or Long term PE blocks led by us
- Discovery sessions for SEN groups & schools

WE'D LOVE YOU TO SHARE THE BELOW IN YOUR NEWSLETTER!

Sapphire are offering your school

FREE

Gymnastics Taster Sessions

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To claim your session, please contact admin.gymnastics@sapphiregymnastics.com






Airplay Halton

NEW SESSION TIMES

Location: Youth Activity Centre opposite the school playing field
Serving Veterans and Civilians welcome

SENIORS

Mondays **5:30 to 7:30**
Ages 13-18
£1.per session

BEN CLUB

Tuesdays **3.30 to 5**
Ages 5-7
£1.50 per session

JUNIORS

Tuesdays **5.30 to 7.30**
Ages 8-12
£1 per session

To register please visit airplayconnect.org
Any queries please contact Zoe Janes:
zoe.janes@oneymca.org or 07776672243





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The Fund's flagship programme supporting young people in the RAF Community



SEND Peer Support

Drop-ins for parent/carers

Buckinghamshire Council in partnership with YC2 Young Carers, Forever Colours Children's Hospice and The White Hart are offering a drop-in session for parents and carers of children with SEND. The sessions will provide the opportunity to meet informally and build support networks.

Professionals will be on hand to provide information and signposting support. Children are welcome to attend with parents/carers.



The White Hart,
Market Square,
Buckingham



Third Tuesday of
every month



10:00am to 12:00
midday

Please note we cannot comment on individual EHC Plan queries or outcomes.



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BUCKS COUNTY SHOW

Thursday 27th August 2026

SCHOOL OFFER!



FREE Child Tickets!

You can book entry tickets online and take advantage of our **FREE child ticket** offer. Get up to 3 FREE child tickets (up to 16yrs) with each full paying Adult or Over 65 ticket. To redeem, simply use code **SCHOOL26** at checkout. Visit www.buckscountyshow.co.uk/tickets or scan the QR code



T&Cs: Offer valid online only. Must be booked using the code SCHOOL26. Not valid with the use of any other offers. Offer ends midnight 26.08.26



Free Parenting Programmes

Our parenting programmes will help you develop new and existing parenting skills, offer advice and build your confidence as a parent.

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LITTLE TALKERS

18 months to 3 years old

- Focuses on children's speech, language and communication skills and how parents can promote them
- Designed by Buckinghamshire Speech and Language Therapy

PARENT PUZZLE

0 to 5 years old

- Understand challenges and how to address them
- How to support your child's growth for calmer parenting

TALKING TEENS

11 to 18 years old

- Focuses on relationships within the family, communication, negotiating, decision-making and strategies to reduce conflict
- Learn more about teenagers and their needs

THE NURTURING PROGRAMME

3 to 11 years old

- Help deal with the challenges that come with parenting
- Think about what we do, why we do it and how it makes us feel

BALANCEABILITY

2.5 to 5 years old

- Accredited learn to cycle programme
- Develops confidence, spatial awareness, dynamic balance, and how to ride without stabilisers

KEEPING YOUR CHILD IN MIND

All ages

- Work together in ways that support growing children and a calmer family life
- Explore the conflict between parents/carers both in a current or previous relationship

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Vale Park**

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