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The Heads Up

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ISSUE 11

Friday 6th February 2026

I hope that this letter finds you well and that you have all had a good week. We have really enjoyed ourselves in school this week as there has been a wide variety of activities happening which have helped to lighten the mood, what with the wet and gloomy weather outside! Our Bluebells class have been working really hard and have impressed the adults so much, particularly with their enthusiasm for their 'space' topic! They know all about the different planets, space craft and they have even looked after some alien visitors this week, writing messages to them to find out all about them. A truly 'out of this world' week for Bluebells and their hard work was rewarded with the 'Class of the Week' trophy!

Next week is the last week before our half term break, it is also the week of our parent consultations. We are really looking forward to welcoming you into school to have the chance to find out all about your child's progress so far this year.

Mr Horsfield



Half term

A reminder that Friday 13th February is the last day of school before the half term break. The pick-up times for next Friday are the usual timings:

Bluebells: 3.15pm

Years 2, 4, 6: 3.20pm

Years 1, 3, 5: 3.25pm

School, Preschool and Kids Kapers will reopen on **Monday 23rd February**.

Staffing changes

I am really sad to say that we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Brown at the end of this term, as she leaves her post as one of our Year 1 teachers. Whilst we have lots of time to say our goodbyes, I would like to say 'thank you' for all that she has brought to Halton.

Parent Consultations

On **Tuesday 10th** and **Thursday 12th February** we have our Parent Consultations. You will have a 10 minute appointment with your child's teacher and you have the chance to look in their books.

We will also be asking parents to complete this year's parent survey. The survey will be digital this year, with QR codes and links available on the day and they will be sent via Parent Pay as well.

Please can I remind all parents to be on time for your appointment. If you are late, we cannot guarantee that the teacher will be available at a later time slot as most teachers have two fully-booked evenings. Also, the bell will sound at the end of your 10-minutes and it is important that you stop and let the teacher start their next appointment.

Key dates for this term

Tuesday 10th and Thursday 12th February – Parent consultations

Friday February 13th—PTA bake sale and tombola

w/c Monday 16th February - Half term holiday, school closed

Monday 23rd February – School reopens

Thursday 5th March – World Book Day

w/c Monday 23rd March – Healthy Week (*more info to follow*)

Friday 27th March—iRock concert

PTA Bake sale and ‘Bunny run’

School closes for Easter holidays

Tuesday 14th April—School reopens for summer term

Parent governor vacancy

A reminder that we have 1x vacancy for a parent governor on our governing board. The deadline for applications is Friday 13th February. Please see **Mr Horsfield** or **Lindsay Ablitt**, our Chair of Governors, if you have any questions about this role. This post is only available for current parents of our school.

Save the date—Friday 19th June

This year, our ‘**Community Day**’ event will be taking place on **Friday 19th June**. We are trialling an after-school event this year, to try and avoid any clashes with the many other local events that take place at this time of year.



Football news!

Yesterday, our Year 5 and Year 6 football team had their first competitive match since the Christmas break, with an away fixture against Kingsbrook View Primary School. It certainly was an exciting match with both teams taking a lead, only for the other to peg them back. Although the game finished 4-3 to Kingsbrook, the boys and Mr Green were really pleased with their performance in a match which really could have gone either way. A particular well done to Jake (*left*), who bagged himself a hat-trick and to all of the team for their hard work and perseverance. Thank you to everyone who came and supported us, in some very unpleasant weather, and to Mr Green for taking the team, coaching the team and also refereeing! We will have some home fixtures coming up soon and you are all welcome to come and support us.

PTA news

Our PTA have been hard at work, organising the events and activities which will be taking place throughout the rest of this academic year.

Next **Friday, 13th February**, there will be a **Valentine's Baking Competition** for the children in Preschool, Bluebells, Year 1 and Year 2. Entries should be brought in on Friday morning, with all donations available to buy after school! The PTA will also be holding a tombola for adults next Friday too!

Dates of events for the remainder of this year:

Friday 13th February: Valentine's baking Competition for EYFS and KS1 and adult tombola.

Friday 27th March : Easter baking competition for KS2 classes and separate event on the field after school.

Friday 24th April: Disco

Friday 19th June: ‘Community Day’ event after school

If you would like to join the PTA or help out at events, please speak to us or your PTA class rep.

Internet safety – control setting for

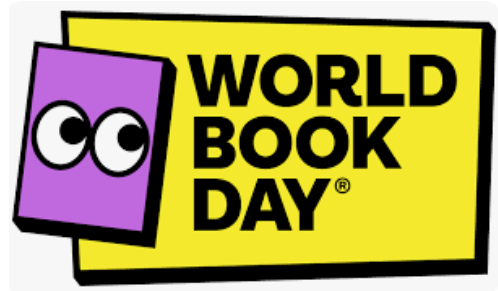
Smartphones and other devices

Children are using devices at a younger age and this makes it really important to make sure that you have activated any relevant safety controls on the devices they use.

Internetmatters.org have pulled together a number of guides to give you simple steps to set controls on a range of smartphones, mobile devices, tablets and consoles, to manage everything from location tracking to social media use and parental controls. Click on the following link to access this handy guide:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/smartphones-and-other-devices/>

If you or your child would like any support with any issues regarding E-safety, please feel confident in approaching myself, Mrs Allen or Mrs Dawkins. We are all Designated Safeguarding Leads and will treat your concerns sensitively and with confidentiality.



World Book Day—Thursday 5th March

Some advanced warning that **Thursday 5th March** is **World Book Day** and the children across the school will be taking part in a variety of activities which help to celebrate our love of reading.

As usual, if they want to, your child can come to school dressed as a book character. We do really urge parents not to be tempted or to feel pressured in spending lots of money on a costume. I do also want to remind everyone that the outfits do need to be appropriate for school and that the children need to be able to work in them.



Toys from home

We are seeing an increasing number of small toys being brought in from home, such as Lego figures and other pocket-sized objects. Please can I remind all parents that children are not to bring toys in from home, including if they are going to Kids Kapers.

I do know that some children are allowed 'fiddle toys' however this needs to be agreed with Miss Barker, our SENDCO, and the class teacher prior to the children having anything in class. If you have any queries, please speak to Miss Barker or another member of the leadership team.

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.



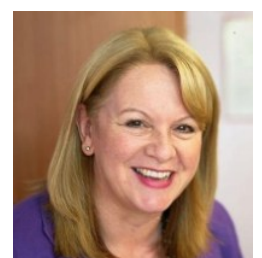
Mr Horsfield



Mrs Dawkins



Mrs Allen



Mrs Harratt

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Halton Preschool—September 2026

If you are interested in signing up for spaces for September 2026 onwards, you can do this now.

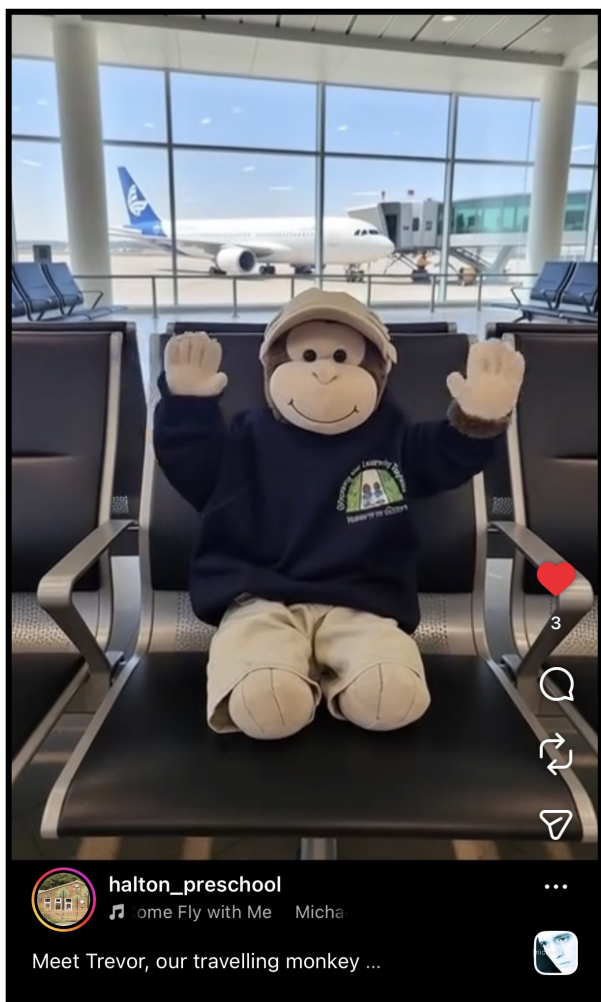
Mrs Bowden and the team are hosting some tours of our Preschool on **Thursday 26th February** 1:30-2:30 pm. If you are interested in a tour, please contact preschool@haltoncc.school to book yourself a place.

If you have any questions about our Preschool provision, please contact Mrs Bowden and she will be happy to help.

Likewise, if you know of anyone looking for a preschool place, please do point them in our direction and we will be more than happy to welcome them to Halton Preschool.

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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Halton Preschool

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posts

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followers

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

Book swap

We love reading at Halton and over the past few years we have operated 'book swap boxes' in all of our classes. We wanted to remind you of this, just in case you had some books that you would like to swap. If you do, bring them into school, put them in your class box and help yourself to a new book to take home. If the children have any questions about this, please ask them to speak to their class teacher.



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9am - 10:15am

Join us for hot drinks and pastries while learning practical ways to support your child's anxiety, including a 45-minute talk from Dr Louise and a 15 minute Q&A.



BOOK YOUR PLACE

Email: office@haltoncc.school

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Intensive SWIMMING COURSES

We still have spaces available in our intensive swimming lessons throughout the summer holidays – a great way to learn to swim, have fun and quickly build water confidence.

- Running Monday to Friday weeks commencing February 16th – 20th!
- £42 total cost for 5 x 30-minute lessons
- Available for children 4yrs +
- For children in Stages 1 - 6 (Non swimmer to Intermediate)
- Two 30-minute times slots available 9:30am and 10:00am.

For more information or to book please contact Laura Sinclair the Swim School co-ordinator either via email on laura.sinclair1@serco.com or 01296 48 48 48 for reception.

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<https://serco.courseprogress.co.uk/onlinejoining/home>



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BY A.J. SAVORY

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FRIDAY 6TH/ 13TH @ 7.30PM

SATURDAY 7TH/ 14TH @ 2PM & 6PM

SUNDAY 8TH/ 15TH @ 2PM

DOORS OPEN HALF AN HOUR BEFORE CURTAIN UP.
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TICKETS: ADULT-£10 CONCS/CHILDREN £8

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Guest expert: Dr Nikki Ramskill, Women's Health & Menopause Specialist
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- Clarity around perimenopause & common symptoms
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- Practical tools to support what comes next
- Camera off. Listen-only welcome. Replay available.

Friday 27 February • 9:30–11:00am (GMT)
Online via Zoom.

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Wing Family Centre:

Wednesday 25th February 1pm – 2.30pm

Elmhurst Family Centre (Aylesbury)

Wednesday 11th March 10am – 11.30am

RSVP

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