

Halton Community Combined School

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The Heads Up

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ISSUE 10

Tuesday 27th January 2026



I hope that this letter finds you well and that you have all had a good week so far. Despite the gloomy, wet weather, it has been all sunshine in school since the last time I wrote to you, with lots of hard work taking place across the school. Our value for this half term is 'honesty' and in our assemblies we have been thinking about why honesty is so important and how it can lead to the reward of trust, from our friends and those we work with each day. We will continue this focus over the next few weeks both in our assemblies and in the classrooms however I am already impressed with the children's contributions so far. Mr Horsfield

Parent Consultations - Electronic booking system going live!

On **Tuesday 10th** and **Thursday 12th February**, you will have another opportunity to meet with your child's teacher to discuss their progress and attainment this year. You will also have the opportunity to look through your child's books.

In response to your feedback, this year we are also handing out a 'report card' for each child, to indicate where the children are in relation to Age Related Expectations (ARE), as well as expectations for effort, behaviour and attendance. These will be handed to you at your parent consultation meeting.

The electronic booking system will go live tomorrow, Wednesday 28th January at 7.00pm, for you to book your 10-minute meeting with your child's teacher. The link will be sent to your 'first contact' email address.

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.

If you have any questions about the parent consultations, please email office@haltoncc.school



Bikeability

This week, children from our Year 3 class took part in the Bikeability Level 1 course, an introduction to bike safety and cycling proficiency. This initiative forms part of our School Travel Plan and was a great way to help our enthusiastic cyclists think about how they can keep themselves safe when they are on their bikes. There will be a Level 2 course, which will involve the children going out on the roads with the Bikeability instructors, and we will let you know how to sign up for this. Well done Year 3 and thank you to Mrs Dawkins for organising this.

Key dates for this term

Tuesday 10th and Thursday 12th February – Parent consultations
Friday February 13th—PTA bake sale and tombola (*more info to come*)
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

We currently have 1x vacancy for a parent governor on our governing board. If you are interested, or would like some more information, please look out for a separate email **this week** which explains the post and how you can be involved. You can also see **Mr Horsfield** or **Lindsay Ablitt** if you have any questions.

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.



Netball news!

Last week, our Year 5 and Year 6 netball team had their first competitive match of the term, taking on Bedgrove Junior School. A hotly contested match ended in a 6-1 win for Halton and it is of no surprise that the team were really pleased with their efforts! This is the first of many upcoming matches for our netball team, with some of the children also getting ready for the competitive football matches to start again too. Well done to everyone involved, not only for the win, but also for representing the school so well. Thank you to Mrs Powell for accompanying the team to the game and to Macie for delivering the weekly coaching sessions. If you would like to get involved with the netball team in the future, look out for it when it comes to signing-up for clubs. Well done everyone!

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.



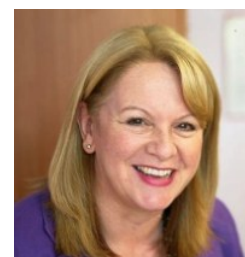
Mr Horsfield



Mrs Dawkins



Mrs Allen



Mrs Harratt

Punctuality

Being on time for school is really important as the classes all start their learning as soon as they have come in from the cloakroom. Often, the first session of the day is used for consolidating core skills, such as phonics and maths. If your child is regularly late for school then they will be missing out on these activities and this will be impacting on their progress and attainment. 10 minutes a day does add up over time and we do have children in several classes who have missed hours worth of learning time already this year due to poor punctuality.

Also, as adults, we don't often like to be the one who is coming into a busy room when everyone else has already started, therefore it is unfair to put the children in this situation too. If your child is late because they are being difficult getting ready for school, speak to us and we can work directly with the children to help you. I do also understand that the traffic in Buckinghamshire is a nightmare however this needs to be factored in to your morning routine.

If you have any queries about punctuality, or you would like some support, please speak to Mrs Allen or Mr Horsfield and we will be really happy to help you.

Attendance

From September to 27.1.26

Bluebells: 93.7%

Year 1: 96%

Year 2: 94.4%

Year 3: 96.3%

Year 4: 93.9%

Year 5: 94.2%

Year 6: 95.1%

Whole school: 94.4%

Well done to **Year 3** for having the highest attendance so far **this year**. If you have any queries regarding attendance, please see Mr Horsfield or Mrs Allen.

For your reference, your child's attendance will be printed on their report card at the February parent consultations.



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Music Mark

We are really pleased to let you know that our school has achieved "Music Mark", a national accreditation which recognises our commitment to providing the children with a high-quality music curriculum and other musical experiences.

As well as the 'Charanga' music curriculum, we facilitate music lessons and offer iRock. Year 3 also learn to play the ukulele in a weekly lesson for every week of the year. This year, our Year 4 class will also be performing at the Royal Albert Hall, alongside many other Buckinghamshire schools. If you are interested in music lessons for your child, contact us and we can explain the process for finding a tutor.



Internet safety—WhatsApp

With over 1.5 billion users, WhatsApp is one of the most used messaging apps. Whilst we know that there is an age limit for WhatsApp, it is really easy to bypass this and as a result, a lot of our children are using it to communicate with others. I'd like to remind parents that if any issues do arise on WhatsApp or any other social media platforms, please do contact the school as we have a responsibility to help you keep the children safe when they are online and this includes avoiding any exposure to inappropriate language, insults or derogatory comments. Our advice to the children will always be that they must tell an adult and that they must not delete the messages, as these can be used as evidence at a later date. Find out what features you can use to help keep your child's personal information private by looking at this guide which has been created by Internet Matters:

[WhatsApp Guide for Parents](#)

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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.

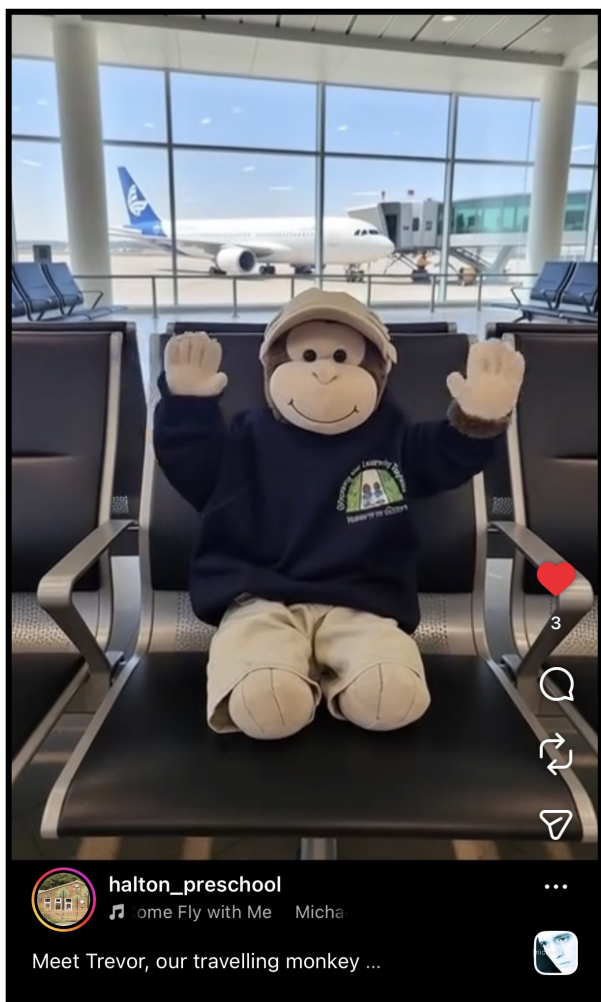
Mrs Bowden and the team are hosting some tours of our Preschool on **Thursday 5th February 1:30-2:30 pm** and **Thursday 26th February** at the same times. If you are interested in a tour, please contact preschool@haltoncc.school to book yourself a place.

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 pre-school 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

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.

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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CHICKEN LICKEN;
THE PANTO**

**A PANTOMIME WRITTEN
BY A.J. SAVORY**

FEBRUARY 2026

FRIDAY 6TH/ 13TH @ 7.30PM

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

SUNDAY 8TH/ 15TH @ 2PM

*DOORS OPEN HALF AN HOUR BEFORE CURTAIN UP.
SORRY NO DISABLED ACCESS.*

TICKETS: ADULT-£10 CONCS/CHILDREN £8

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM:

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Enjoy a walk in beautiful scenery and plant snowdrops in support of Child Bereavement UK, then join us for refreshments in West Wycombe village hall.

West Wycombe Park, Bucks

Sunday 1 February 2026 10:30am - 4pm

Last entry at 3:30pm

Only assistance dogs permitted

Advance tickets purchased from our website:

£5 adults, concessions £3 (under 2s free)

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£7 adults, concessions £5 (under 2s free)



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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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Free Youth and Children's Courses

Our free online and in-person courses help children and young people understand and manage their emotions better, so they can handle life's changes more easily.

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WELLBEING MATTERS (7-11 YEAR OLDS)

- Helps children develop emotional awareness through using the Five Ways to Wellbeing in a creative way.
- Introduces practical tools to help build emotional resilience.

HOW TO COPE WITH STRESS, ANXIETY AND LOW MOOD 11-19 YEAR OLDS (UP TO 25 WITH SEND)

- Introduces creative strategies to feel better and to deal with setbacks.
- Helps young people plan for a brighter future.



HOW TO BUILD CONFIDENCE AND SELF-ESTEEM

11-19 YEAR OLDS (UP TO 25 WITH SEND)

- Explore ways to increase confidence and self-esteem.
- How to deal with peer pressure and setbacks.
- Explores how the online world affects self-esteem.

MOVING UP TO SECONDARY SCHOOL FOR YEAR 6'S

- Explores what to expect at secondary school.
- Learn skills to make friends, deal with peer pressure and address any worries about the move.
- Practical tips about getting organised.



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TIME FOR A NEW ROLE?

We're hiring for a Head Cook

 **Halton Combined School**

We are looking for a Head Cook to prepare meals using provided recipes, ensure consistency and quality, and cater to children with allergies. Responsibilities include ordering food and cleaning supplies, maintaining kitchen cleanliness and standards, and liaising with external agencies during inspections.



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-  22.5 hours per week, 9am-1:30pm Mon-Fri, term time only, £13 per hour



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