

Halton Community Combined School

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The Heads Up

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Friday 16th January 2026

I hope that this letter finds you well and that you have all had a great week. For those of you who I have not seen yet this term, I hope that you had a lovely Christmas break and that 2026 is a positive year for you and your family. It has been a very busy start to the spring term and I would like to thank everyone for all of their cooperation and understanding during the various weather warnings that we had in that first week back! What was very lovely, despite most of the adults in school and yourselves having one eye on the weather and being anxious as to whether school would be open etc, the children all had a great time in the snow and it made for a magical start back to school life. Now that the weather has calmed, we can really start to concentrate on making a positive start to the term and continuing with the positive steps that have been made already this year.

Mr Horsfield



Welcome

I would like to extend a very warm welcome to the new families that have joined our school community this term. We have also welcomed **Miss Read** and **Mrs Charts**, two new teaching assistants who will be based in Year 2 and Year 1.

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 coming soon which explains the post and how you can be involved.

Parent Consultations

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. This follows on from the assessments that the children took at the end of last term and teachers will be able to share how your child is progressing and what their targets are across the curriculum. 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 soon for you to book your meeting, we will give you plenty of notice before this happens.

As we have done in the past, our SENDCO, Lucy Barker, will also be operating a drop-in style session for anyone wishing to discuss things with her. You do not need to book a time with Miss Barker, it will be done on a first-come first-served basis.

Clubs

We are delighted that our wide range of clubs have all started up again this week and I know that the children are all really excited to take part in these again.

Please can I ask that you remind your child to actually go to the club that they have been signed up for. We do regularly find ourselves having to talk children into attending, particularly at lunch time, as they'd rather be outside with their friends.

We are also reminding all children of the behaviour expectations for clubs too, so that the sessions remain positive and are not disrupted by negative behaviours. Your support with this would also be most appreciated.

Dogs

A reminder that dogs are not allowed on the school site, either during the school day or when Kids Kapers is open. Please make sure that your dog is properly secured if you are leaving them by the field fence. Thank you in advance for your support with this.

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.

Key dates for this term

Tuesday 10th and Thursday 12th February – Parent consultations
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
School closes for Easter holidays
Tuesday 14th April—School reopens for summer term

Inset days

I wanted to remind everyone of the **inset days** which have been scheduled for the remainder of this academic year, as they may differ to the other local schools:

Monday 13th April 2026

Monday 29th June 2026

We have also set the inset days for the next academic year:

Tuesday 1st September 2026

Wednesday 2nd September 2026

Monday 2nd November 2026

Monday 12th April 2027

Monday 28th June 2027

You can find out the term dates by clicking the following link:

<https://www.halton.bucks.sch.uk/term-dates/>



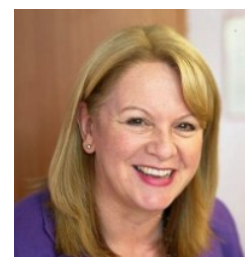
Mr Horsfield



Mrs Dawkins



Mrs Allen



Mrs Harratt

Halton Pre-School



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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.

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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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)

Tickets purchased on the gate:

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



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There are spaces in bands at your school



iRock

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Spaces in iRock bands are available to join now - secure their spot and join the fun!

What is iRock? At iRock, children experience the thrill of being in a band! Led by our passionate and professional Band Coaches, our weekly in-school band sessions are open to all pupils from Reception to Year 6.

Music for all. iRock aims to create a welcoming and inclusive environment where every child feels they belong. Each week, children develop their musical skills, confidence, and teamwork as they work towards exam-free music qualifications; celebrating progress without the pressure of formal exams.

Feel like a rockstar! The excitement culminates every term in a live concert where children perform as a band for their families and peers. These performances are more than just a showcase; they're an opportunity for children to build self-esteem, enhance their confidence, and experience the joy of accomplishment.

iRock isn't just about music. It's about helping children thrive cognitively, socially, and academically through the power of music.

Key information:

- Hassle-free, rolling **monthly subscription** of £44.49 (no payment taken in July)
- **First lesson money-back guarantee** (and you can cancel at anytime)
- **No experience needed** and all instruments are provided
- Parents/guardians can access our **online portal** for updates, pictures and videos

Head to [our website](https://www.irockschool.com/enrol) to check availability and start your child's iRock journey!

Joshua Franklin
Founder
iRock School of Music

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RAF HALTON KIDS ONE MILE RUNNING CLUB

Parents encouraged to join in and take part!

The mile is made up of a short run and games!

Mondays at 6pm
Ages 4-11
(Preschool-Year6)

Must be accompanied by Parent(s)

New location - Nuffield Pavillion field HP22 5PG

Certificates and T-shirts on completion of distances

£10 for 10 attended sessions
Email address: rafhaltonkidsrunning@gmail.com




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and pay nothing on swimming lessons until January!

let's do MORE

We're delighted to share an exciting opportunity for families in the Aylesbury area! Both **Stoke Mandeville Stadium** and **Aqua Vale Swimming and Fitness Centre** are running a **special promotion** to help more children learn this vital life skill and grow their confidence in the water.

🌟 **Join for just £1 and pay nothing until 1st January!**

This offer gives families an affordable way to get their children started on their swimming journey with expert, friendly instructors in safe, welcoming facilities. We'd love your support in helping us spread the word by **including this offer in your school newsletter** or parent communication channels. Learning to swim is a skill that lasts a lifetime, and this is a great chance for families to get started.

Find out more and register here:

Stoke Mandeville Stadium: <https://www.stokemandevillestadium.co.uk>

Aqua Vale Swimming and Fitness Centre: www.buckinghamshireleisure.com/aqua-vale-