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The Heads Up

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ISSUE 4

Monday 27th October 2025

I hope that this letter finds you well and that you have already had a positive start to your half term break. The first seven weeks of this school year have gone by incredibly quickly and it is no easy job to stop and think back over all that has been achieved already. Now that the 'back to school' feeling has fully passed, it is really pleasing to see the impact of everyone's hard work and the progress that has been made across the school. We always use our Friday assemblies to celebrate our achievements and this half term we have shared a lot of writing from children of all ages. It has been great to see 'the writing journey' in action and it is a really good example of how everyone, from 4 years old to 11 has continued to make such good progress already. Well done everybody, enjoy your half term and I look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 4th November.

Mr Horsfield



Children from our **Bluebells** class have been working really hard with their writing. They have been learning how to form letters correctly and how they can use their phonics knowledge to sound words out when they write them.

PTA News!

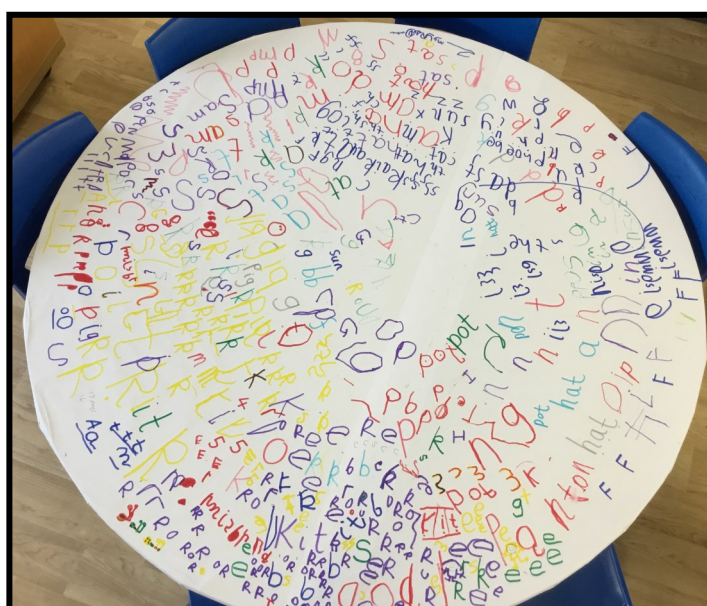
The PTA **Cheese and Wine night** will be taking place during the first week back in school, on Thursday **6th November**. Tickets are still available to buy from Parent Pay. See page 4 of this letter for more details.

Save the date

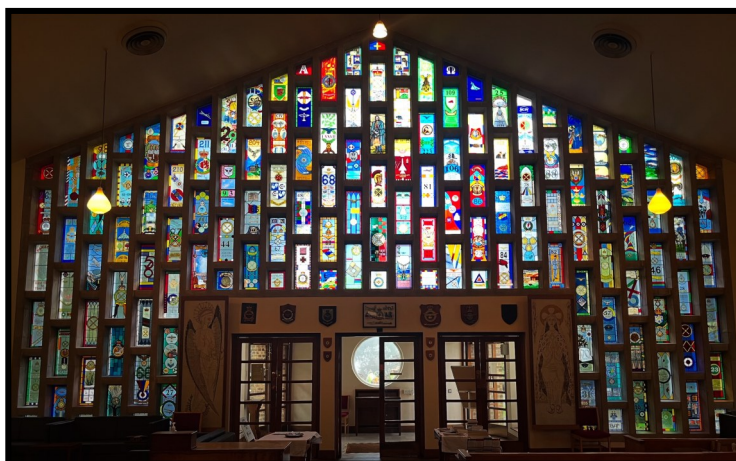
The Christmas Disco will be taking place on Thursday 18th December. More information will be shared with you after half term.

The PTA website page has been updated and you can find out more information about the PTA, upcoming events and information for how you can help.

<https://www.halton.bucks.sch.uk/pta/>



Don't forget that school, Preschool and Kids Kapers reopens on **Tuesday 4th November**.



Key Stage 2 Christmas Carol service

I am delighted to inform you that this year, we will be hosting a Christmas Carol service for all of the children and families of our Key Stage 2 classes. You are all invited to join us on **Tuesday 16th December** at St George's Church at RAF Halton. The service will begin at 2.00pm and will finish at 3.00pm. We will send you more details after half term and I really hope that you will be able to join us.

Internet Safety parent workshop

Wednesday 3rd December, 7.30pm - 9.00 pm

Last month I attended a seminar which was focusing on children's use of Smartphones, social media and the health impacts of screen time. As a parent of two children, it really opened my eyes and whilst I don't claim to be an expert, I thought I knew a lot about the risks and the importance of setting boundaries for tech use, social media use and screen time.

On **Wednesday 3rd December** we will be hosting a free parent workshop which is being delivered by Papaya Talks, the company who led the seminar I went to. This is open to anybody who would like to come. If you are interested, please email the office asap so that we have a realistic idea of numbers. I highly recommend it!

<https://www.papayatalks.com/>



Squash Club visit

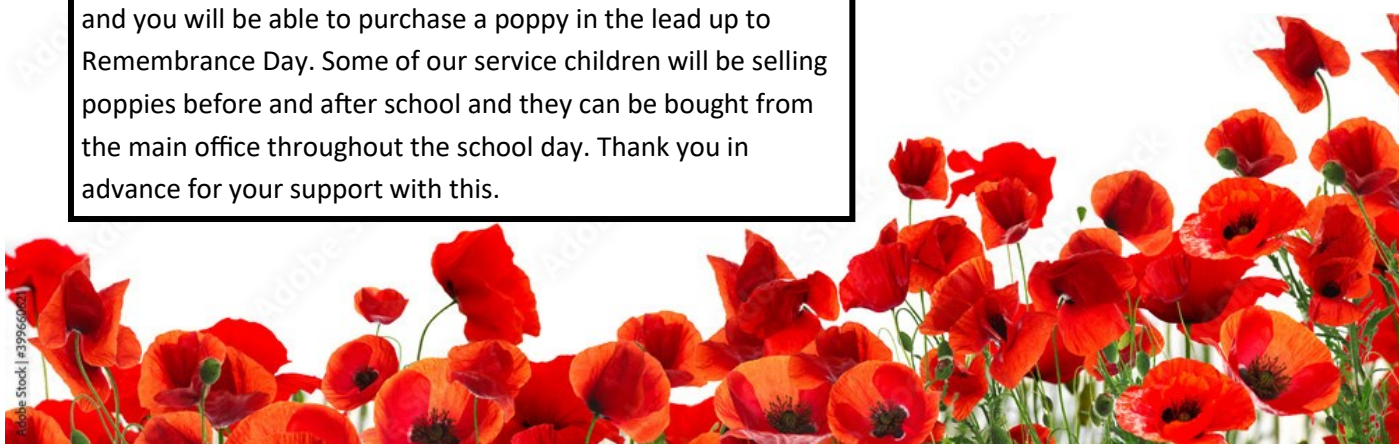
Earlier this half term, children from our lunchtime squash club were given the opportunity to visit Wendover Squash Club to take part in various activities on their newly refurbished courts! It was a great afternoon and all of the children had a lot of fun. If you are interested, check out their website as they have lots of opportunities for children to participate in a variety of racquet sports:

<https://wendovertennisandsquash.co.uk/>

Thank you to Miss Lambie for organising this opportunity for the children.

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

We will once again be supporting the Poppy Appeal in school and you will be able to purchase a poppy in the lead up to Remembrance Day. Some of our service children will be selling poppies before and after school and they can be bought from the main office throughout the school day. Thank you in advance for your support with this.



Key dates for this term

Monday 3rd November—Inset day, school closed

Tuesday 4th November—School and Kids Kapers reopen

Thursday 6th November—Beauty and the Beast pantomime
PTA Wine Tasting Evening, 7.30pm

Tuesday 11th November - Remembrance assembly

Friday 21st November—Mufti Day for Christmas hamper donations

Wednesday 3rd December – Preschool and Bluebells Christmas play,
10.00am

Internet Safety parent workshop 7.30-9.00pm

Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 10th December – Year 1 and Year 2
Christmas play, 2.00pm

Tuesday 16th December—KS2 Carol Service at St George's Church,
2.00pm

Wednesday 17th December - Christmas lunch

Thursday 18th December – Christmas Jumper Day
PTA Christmas disco 6.00-7.30pm

Friday 19th December – School closes for Christmas holidays

Tuesday 6th January – School and Kids Kapers reopens



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Internet safety – Tik Tok

In one of my summer term newsletters, I wrote about the risks of TikTok and shared these with you. Many of you reading this and who are familiar with Tik Tok, may wonder why we are including this in our safety advice, given that Tik Tok has an age restriction of 13+. Recent statistics show, that an estimated **68%** of primary school-aged children who say they are active on social media, have their own Tik Tok account.

Once signed up and logged in, you can either search for popular categories, creators or known friends. You can also create videos yourself. But many people, including teens and young people, just use the app to follow content creators.

Some of the risks:

- Children can easily see inappropriate content and hear inappropriate language.
- **By default, all accounts are public** so anyone on the app can see what your child shares. However, only approved followers can send them messages.
- Users can like or react to a video, follow an account or send messages to each other, so there is the risk that **strangers will be able to directly contact children** on the app.
- Children may be **tempted to take risks to get more of a following** or likes on a video so it's important to talk about what they share and with who. Particular 'challenges' or dares are regular features of Tik Tok videos, often which pose very serious health risks. A recent example of this is where people were challenged to sniff aerosol deodorant and tragically, this led to the death of a 12 year old boy.

The following link has more information:

[Tik Tok Guide for Parents](#)

If you would like some more information on internet safety in general, please come along to the parent workshop on Wednesday 3rd December.



WINE TASTING

Join us for a fun wine-tasting evening, hosted by an expert. Sample six delicious wines, learn fun facts to impress your friends (or just zone out and enjoy the taste), and soak it all up with tasty cheese and biscuits!

Thursday
6th November

Halton School
7.30pm

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27th - 31st October
TIMES :
8:30 - 15:30
8:30 - 18:00

AGES:
4 - 7 years old

WENDOVER JNR,
WENDOVER, HP22 6HF

DATES:
27th - 31st October
TIMES:
8:30 - 15:30
8:30 - 18:00

AGES:
7 - 12 years old

All venues are Early Years registered and children aged 4 and in reception can attend.



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The Wendover Pool, HP22 6HF



DATES AND TIMES

MONDAY 27 TH OCT	09:30 TO 11:00 AM
TUESDAY 28 TH OCT	09:30 TO 11:00 AM
WEDNESDAY 29 TH OCT	09:30 TO 11:00 AM
THURSDAY 30 TH OCT	09:30 TO 11:00 AM



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