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The Heads Up

SUMMER TERM

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Friday 5th June 2026

'Courage'

Our value for this half term is 'courage' and in our assemblies we will be thinking about different ways that we can show courage as well as different situations where we may need to be brave. This week we read the story *"Watch out! Big Bro's Coming"*.



I hope that this letter finds you well and that you have all had a good week. It is remarkable that we are already into the final half term of the academic year, with the summer holidays looming in the not too distant future. It would be easy wish the time away however this half term is an extremely busy and important time for everyone here at Halton. As well as there being several whole school events, such as Sports Day and our Wild West evening, this half term is where we do a lot of preparation to help all of the children with the transition to the next step in their learning journey. For most children, that next step is here with us, but we will also have many children whose next step is at a new school. Transition is important and we will be sure to communicate with you over the coming weeks how best to support your child as they get ready to move to the next year group. As I said, before then we do have a lot to pack in to the last weeks of school and I really hope that you are able to join us, particularly for those whole school events.

Mr Horsfield

Staffing for next year

Next week, I will be writing to all of you to tell you about our staffing arrangements for the next academic year. Once we have told you the staff teams for each year group, the transition process will begin. This term, all of the children will have 3x lessons with their new adults and we will be sending some transition documents to you all so that you know what to expect in September.

Year 6 residential

This week, our Year 6 class are at Woodrow High House in Amersham for their residential visit. At the time of writing, the children are still at Woodrow however I have already heard back from Ms Bates about the many adventures that have already taken place! The children have scaled the high ropes, been mountain biking and have also completed the challenge course. Look out for more updates in the next Heads Up to see how the rest of the trip went.





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!!

Donations needed

We are also in need of donations for our tombola stall. These can be anything; bottles, sweets, books, chocolate, bathroom gift sets—anything at all.

If you would like to help us out, please bring your donations in next week on **Friday 12th June**.

Key dates for this term

w/c Monday 25th May—Half term holiday, school closed

Wednesday 10th June—Sports Day

Thursday 11th June—Treasure Island performance

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

Monday 29th June—School closed for inset 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](#)

Football's come home.....

Forget the World Cup for now, we have got some amazing football news to share with you as our Girls' Football Team have this week been crowned the champions of their league. Not only is this the first time that many of the girls have played competitively, they have managed to remain undefeated in all of their league fixtures this year. A trophy and medals are on the way and if Mr Green gets his way, an open-top bus tour should follow very soon.....

Wild West Mufti Day

As a thank you for your kind donations, 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!

Thanks y'all!



Well done girls!

Sports Day—Wednesday 10th June

Our annual sports day will be taking place next week. Timing wise, from 9.30am-10.45am we will have Preschool, Bluebells, Year 1 and Year 2, with the older children's event taking place from 1.30pm—3.15pm.

The children will be competing in their House Teams with points being earned during the morning and afternoon and collated to find an overall winner. The final results will be shared with the children in Friday's assembly.

Your child will be required to wear a t-shirt of their House colour;

Burnham: red

Williams: green

Francis: blue

Scrimshaw: yellow

If you are not sure which House your child is in, please speak to the office or your child's teacher.

Our PTA have also organised for a coffee van to be on the field throughout Sports Day, meaning you can refresh yourselves whilst watching the children run around!

Punctuality

I have written a lot about the importance of attendance and punctuality this year, especially as all of the classes begin their learning as soon as they enter school. If your child is late, they will be missing learning.

We have also installed our new signing-in system this year, which must be used by you if your child arrives after their class start time. This is the same rule for everyone. Whilst I appreciate that mornings are hectic and situations such as the awful traffic in the local area are making the school run extra difficult, **this does not mean that frustrations should be taken out on Mrs Allen or the office staff.** More recently, these staff members have all reported many incidents of parents being argumentative and at some points confrontational because they have been asked to sign their child in at the office. The rule is very simple, if it is past your class start time, you need to sign your child in. Often the response is, "Are you making everyone do this?" Yes, we are. As a school, we are being monitored much more closely by the local authority with regards attendance and punctuality and we need everyone to be cooperative with us on this.

We are also seeing an increase in the number of children being collected late. Please make sure that you are on time for your children. If you are running late, please let the office know so that your child does not worry.

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.



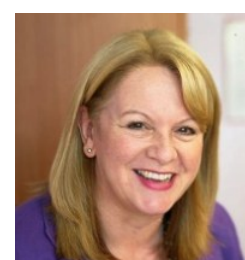
Mr Horsfield



Mrs Dawkins



Mrs Allen



Mrs Harratt

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.



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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 new 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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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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Thursday 27th August 2026

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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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YMCA

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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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YMCA

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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

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Sports & Activities this May Half-Term

for Years 1 to 6 Primary School Pupils

Course Details

Watford, Coates Way School	26 th & 27 th May (Football)
Aylesbury, St Mary's School	26 th & 27 th May (Multi Sports)
Chartridge, Chartridge School	27 th & 28 th May (Multi Sports)
Hemel, Holtsmere End School	27 th & 28 th May (Football)
Tring, Bishop Wood School	28 th & 29 th May (Multi Sports)
Bushey, Bromet School	28 th & 29 th May (Multi Sports)

COST:

£25 for one day or £47 for two days

Early drop off (8:30am) -
Please add £5 per day

10% Discount off the total price
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- ★ Game On team will take the children through a variety of activities with some amazing prizes to win
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- ★ Children can attend as many days as they wish
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