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The Heads Up

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I hope that this letter finds you well and that you have all had a good weekend. The academic year continues to race at 90mph and it is remarkable to think that we are not far from entering our final half term. This time of year is a real mixed bag of emotions, as the current year starts to come to an end whilst simultaneously we get ready for the next year as well. Transition is really important to us and we will ensure that everyone is well prepared for the next part of their learning journey, including those who will be leaving us. A main feature of this time of year though is celebration. I like the summer the term a lot as it gives us the opportunity to look back over all that we have achieved this year and we also have several events where we can come together as a community. Whether it's Community Day, Sports Day or our Open Evening, I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible so that you too can join the celebrations of all things Halton 2024-2025. Have a great week and I hope to see you around school over the next few days.

Mr Horsfield



Staff goodbyes

At the end of this week, we will be saying goodbye to two members of staff who have both been at Halton School for some time.

Mrs Harris, our Bluebells teacher and Early Years Lead, is leaving us to go on maternity leave. We wish her, husband Dave and son Albie all the best as they get ready to welcome their new arrivals! We will really miss Mrs Harris and look forward to her visiting us very soon.

Friday will also be Mr Sowden's last day with us as he is leaving to begin his teacher training. This year alone has seen Mr Sowden work in every class as well as at Kids Kapers. He will be coming back for Community Day and performing with his guitar! Good luck Mr Sowden, we know that you will make a great teacher.

Thank you to Mrs Harris and Mr Sowden for all that they have brought to Halton School. We wish you all the very best and look forward to seeing you soon.

Well done Year 6

Last week was SATs week, a very busy time for our Year 6 children, for Ms Bates and all of the staff in school. Whilst the SATs certainly do not define our children, it is something that we need to do and I was really impressed with how well the children approached the week and conducted themselves throughout each of the six tests. Logistically, the SATs do end up taking over the school for the week, with various adults and rooms being used to facilitate the exams effectively. I would like to thank all of the children and staff for making last week go so smoothly. Year 6 were deservedly awarded the Class of the Week trophy and can now look forward to a whole host of events and activities that Ms Bates has planned for them as they enter their last half term of primary school. Well done Year 6!

Class photographs

On **Thursday 22nd May** our photographer is coming in to school to take our whole class photographs. If your child has PE or a sports club that day, please can they arrive in their uniform and we will facilitate them getting changed afterwards. We will also be having our sports teams photographed, therefore those children will need to bring their PE kit in too.



Baby Blue Tits

In our Preschool garden, we have a bird box which has had a family of Blue Tits returning each year for quite some time now. This year, the staff have been able to set up a camera inside the bird box and they have captured some fascinating bits of footage, including this week, where we have seen the mother feeding her babies! If you would like to see the clips, you can click on the following link which will take you to a private YouTube channel set up by Mrs Bowden. The comments are turned off however please be mindful that with YouTube you may get adverts or suggestions for further videos or channels to watch. We hope you enjoy the film clips - 'Movie 98' is the clip of them feeding!

[Blue Tit camera feed](#)



Sports Day

Our annual Sports Day will take place on Wednesday 11th June. The format will be very similar to last year, where the children will take part in a variety of activities and races.

The children will compete in their Houses, with the scores being combined to give us an overall winning House.

Parents and families are very welcome to come and join us.

9.30am—Preschool, Bluebells, Year 1 and Year 2.

1.30pm—Years 3, 4, 5 and 6.

Each session lasts approximately 90 minutes.

Please send your children in to school wearing their PE kits and with a hat and water bottle.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Get well soon Betsy

You may have noticed that Betsy, our school dog, has not been in school for the past few weeks. Unfortunately, Betsy has had a bit of an accident and has ruptured the cruciate ligament in one of her back legs. An operation this week and a lot of rest afterwards, means that we are not likely to see Betsy in school until September. My Dad tells me that whilst she may not like resting, she is milking the sympathy and is good at playing the patient! Get well soon Betsy.



Key dates

Thurs 22nd May—Whole class photographs

W/C 26th May—Half term holiday

Mon 2nd June—School and Kids Kapers reopens

Wed 4th to Fri 6th June—Year 6 residential

Wed 11th June—Sports Day

Sat 14th June—Community Day, 12pm-3pm

Wed 25th June—Reception 2025 parent meeting at 5.00pm

Mon 7th July—School closed for inset day

Monday 14th July—Open Evening for all parents (*more details to follow*)

Friday 18th July—iRock concert for parents at 9.30am

Wed 23rd July—Year 6 leavers assembly at 10am

- School closes for the summer holidays

Internet safety - NSPCC Parent Workshop

'Internet Safety' is such a broad term and covers a whole host of topics. The NSPCC have developed a new **Keeping Children Safe Online** workshop which provides parents and carers with information about how to support their child in their online world. The 40 minute pre-recorded presentation covers topics such as online bullying, mental health, and social media, as well as signposting to resources and organisations for help and support.

[NSPCC 'Keeping Children Safe Online' workshop](#)

Community Day – Saturday 14th June—12.00pm-3.00pm

Our annual Community Day is just a few weeks away and we have lots of exciting things happening.

Activities and events include:

Bouncy castles, Circus skills, rabbit petting zoo, Unbound Theatre storytellers, iRock, live music, car show, dog show, hot food, bar, ice creams, tombola, Wycombe Wanderers football skills, Mini First Aid, plus lots more games and activities.

Tickets:

These are available to buy on Parent Pay, if you would like to beat the queue to get in on the day.

Adults: £3.00

Children: £2.00

Under 3s: Free

We are mindful of the cost for families to come to these events, therefore, we have planned for many of our activities to be free.

We hope that you are looking forward to it as much as we are, it is always a lovely way to celebrate the school year.



There are ways in which you can help:

- We are looking for any **musicians** who would like to perform at our **Community Day**. If you know anyone in a band or a soloist who is interested in performing, contact me as soon as possible.
- If you have, or know somebody who has a **vehicle** which they would like to display in our Car Show, please contact Mr Horsfield asap using office@haltoncc.school.

Mufti Day - Friday 23rd May

One of the most popular stalls is always the tombola and we are asking for donations from you for the tombola stalls. These donations can be anything - gifts, books, bathroom gifts, alcohol, chocolate - anything goes. We would like to run a children's tombola too, so you might choose to donate a toy or other gift for this.

This **Friday, 23rd May**, the children can come to school in non-uniform in return for a gift for our tombola stall.

Closer to Community Day we will be asking for further support in the way of some cakes for our cake stall and for any old toys to go in our toy sale. There will be more information about this nearer the time.



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- > TUESDAY 1530-1700 AGES
5-7 BEN CLUB
- > TUESDAY 1730-1900 AGES
8+ JUNIORS

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YOUTH ACTIVITY CENTRE
(CHURCH NEXT TO
HALTON SCHOOL)



Child Car Seat Check Event

**Wednesday
4th June 2025
10am - 3pm**

**Smyths
Broadfields Retail Park
Bicester Road, Aylesbury
HP19 8BU**

*Pop along for FREE advice
and an independent check!*



Child Seat Safety Ltd



2025 BUCKS YFC COUNTRY SHOW

- HOSTED BY PRYFC -
**Manor House Farm,
Bledlow, HP27 9PA**

by kind permission of Lord Carrington

Attractions include:

Sheep shearing,



Vintage tractor
procession,

Farmers Market,
Childrens entertainment
area, Trade Stands,
Food stalls & bar,
Craft Stalls,



Parade of hounds,



Young Farmers Hoe-down
Bale Tossing,
Tug of War,

and much more!

Great Fun for all the Family

Saturday 31st May from 10am

Pre-Book
Tickets
Online for
Discount



Bucksyfcshow.co.uk

On The	Adult:	£12
Day	Child 10-16:	£6
Ticket	Under 10:	Free
Prices:	Family:	£30

(Family ticket includes:
2 x Adults + 2 x 10-16's)

**Dogs
Welcome**



Sheep dog
demonstration.



Buckinghamshire ADHD Project

Free Webinars for Parents



Book Your Free Place Now... Click or Scan to Register



Session 1: 10 -11:30am,
Thursday 22nd May 2025

- Creating an ADHD-friendly home environment.
- Strategies to improve planning, organising, and time management.
- Improving sleep habits and overall well-being.



Session 2: 1 -2:30pm,
Tuesday 3rd June 2025

- Strategies to improve communication and connection with your child.
- Tools to help your child identify and manage feelings.
- Self-care tips to help you support your child effectively.



This series will provide valuable insights and practical tools to help both you and your child thrive. These sessions will be recorded and made available to everyone who registers, so even if you cannot make the live streamed session, you won't miss out.

Walk of Light 2025

Together, we walk with a purpose. Will you join us?
fnhospice.org.uk/WOL25

Friday 13th June

- The buzz of the crowd and quiet moments of remembrance - whatever you feel, you won't be alone.
- Every step you take helps to provide comfort, compassion, and support to those who need it most.
- Located at beautiful Waddesdon Manor

