

Halton Community Combined School

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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 week. We have had a really lovely week in school, with lots of opportunities for us to come together as a whole school, or to collaborate with other classes, including with our Buddies. Thursday was a particular highlight this week, as we held our VE Day celebrations. Together, we had an assembly where the children learnt about the significance of VE Day and why it is celebrated each year. Afterwards, the children had a 'street party', which ended with the whole school up on the field playing games with their Buddies. I am always really proud to be the headteacher of Halton, so to stand back and watch all 230 children, from Pre-school to Year 6, laughing together and having a good time was truly heart-warming. As I said in my Friday assembly, togetherness is so important for our own wellbeing and for those people around us. 'Community' is in our school name and it has been lovely to see this in action this week.

Mr Horsfield



Who to contact

We are aware that since we last sent out our 'Who to contact' document, that there have been a few staffing changes. This has now been updated and uploaded onto our website, I have also attached it to page 4 of this letter.

Link: [Who do I contact](#)

PTA summer disco

Thank you so much to everyone who came along to our PTA disco last night, I hope that you all had a lovely time! These events do not happen by accident and I would like to give my sincere thanks to the PTA and the large number of parent volunteers and staff volunteers who gave up their time to make sure that the disco ran so smoothly.

Our final PTA event of the school year is our **Community Day**, which will be taking place on Saturday 14th June, from 12pm-3pm. You can find out more information about Community Day on page 3 of this letter.

If you are interested in joining the PTA, please contact us and we will put you in touch with our PTA committee.

Kids Kapers job vacancies

We are currently on the lookout for some full time and part time Play Workers to help us in **Kids Kapers** both in the morning and after school. The hours would be a split shift of 7.15—9.00 and 3.00-6.00 every day. Any parents of children in our school, we could accommodate your child in Kids Kapers whilst you work here. If you would like some more information, or you know someone who would, please speak to Mrs Allen or contact the school office via office@haltoncc.school or 01296 622264.



Recycling expert!

You may remember from previous newsletters that Amelie, in our Year 4 class, has taken it upon herself to try and recycle as many old pens as possible. As a result of her campaign, we as a school are now in the habit of disposing of any of our old pens into the recycling bin that Amelie has provided for us. You can also do the same, simply put any old pens (biros, felt tips, highlighters etc) into the pen recycling box which you will find next to the lost property cupboard by the office. So far, Amelie has helped to recycle more than 11kg of pens!! This is brilliant, especially as they are all sent away to be recycled as pens or turned into other things. Well done Amelie, we are all really proud of you, keep up the great work!

Internet safety Choosing appropriate apps

During downtime and breaks from school, children often spend more time on their devices. Help them to balance screen time, find new interests and manage their wellbeing with tips on choosing apps for kids to explore.

Most children who like to watch content might use [TikTok](#) or [YouTube](#) while those who game often use [Roblox](#) or [Fortnite](#). As such, they might fall into the habit of spending time online the same way each time. Furthermore, this might make it hard for them to see other opportunities available online.

Helping your child try out new apps and games during their downtime gives them the opportunity to try new things. This could in turn open their eyes to new possibilities. It's important to set limits on how much time your child spends playing particular games and using particular apps. This helps them balance their screen time and limits passive scrolling or gaming.

Here are some tips to help children develop new interests with their phones or tablets:

Choosing appropriate apps

Don't forget that myself, Mrs Allen and Mrs Dawkins are all Designated Safeguarding Leads. We are always available to help and we can be contacted at any point if you have a safeguarding concern.

Key dates

W/C 12th May—Year 6 SATS week

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

Road safety

I would like to remind everyone again about numerous rules that we have in place to try and ensure that you and your children are kept safe, particularly during the very busy parts of the day.

- Please do not walk across the staff car park at any time of the day.
- Please do not 'stop and drop' your children outside of the school gates, please use the car park by the Post office and walk down.
- Please do not park in the layby where the "Don't Park" signs are.

We have had a number of complaints from parents and staff of both our school and Woodlands, all worried about the safety of their children. I ask that everyone follows these rules to keep us all safe.



Community Day – Saturday 14th June

Planning is well under way for this year's **Community Day** and we already have lots of exciting activities planned including:

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

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 me asap using office@haltoncc.school.
- We will be in need of **tombola prizes**, if anyone works for business or knows anybody who is able to donate a prize for this we would be extremely grateful.
- There are also pitches available if any businesses are interested. This was very popular last year and the businesses who hired a pitch were really pleased with the chance to advertise and network.

Further information about our **Community Day** will be sent out in the near future. 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.

Disco Nerf Gun Challenge

I was asked to share the highly-anticipated results from the Nerf Gun challenge, which took place at the PTA disco last night! Well done to everyone who took part and thank you to Mr Kent and Mr De Bruyn for organising and running this stall!

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EUAN 2	MAX 2	JESSICA	2 ORLA 2
RUEL 2	JASON 2	OLI M	
ARCHER D. 3	NOAH M 2	MORRIS	3
NOAH H. 2	SEB. 2	HARLEY M	3
TEDDY M. 2		FREDDY K	3
MARIO 2		ARTHUR F.	3
		SEBIE	2
		SOL	3



Congratulations!

Stephen Green

You completed the

MK Marathon Weekend 2025
Half Marathon

in a time of

01:41:46

Well done Mr Green!

A big well done to Mr Green, who last Monday completed the MK half marathon. He's struggled to walk all week, but he is really pleased to have beaten his target time! To top it off, he even got to finish the race with a lap of the hallowed turf at Stadium:mk. Well done Mr Green!

Who do I contact

Who do I contact to discuss... Reporting an absent child Lunches Change of address or contact number Parent Pay Medication Leave of absence requests Uniform After school clubs	➡	The Office Team Mrs Rainbow (Mon, Tue, Wed, Thurs am) Mrs Parsons (Thurs, Fri) Mrs Vylgina (Tue, Wed, Fri) office@haltoncc.school 01296 622264
Who do I contact to discuss... Safeguarding or child protection concerns Confidential information	➡	Designated Safeguarding Leads: Mr Horsfield Mrs Dawkins Mrs Allen
Who do I contact to discuss... Family support Attendance Service Family contact	➡	Mrs Allen (Family Support Coordinator) callen@haltoncc.school
Who do I contact to discuss... SEND enquiries Educational Healthcare Plans	➡	Lucy Barker SENCO@haltoncc.school
Who do I contact to discuss... Speaking to a governor	➡	Lindsay Ablitt (Chair of Governors) governor@haltoncc.school or office@haltoncc.school
Who do I contact to discuss... Pre-school	➡	Jo Sherwood-King (manager) preschool@haltoncc.school Krystyna Vylgina (invoices) payments@haltoncc.school
Who do I contact to discuss... Kids Kapers (breakfast and after school club)	➡	Krystyna Vylgina (bookings and invoices) payments@haltoncc.school Julie Frier (Manager) office@haltoncc.school 01296 623635
Who do I contact to discuss... Questions about learning My child's reading book Personal wellbeing Behaviour concerns Friendship concerns	➡	Class teacher Please arrange a convenient time to meet or speak on the telephone. <i>*Seesaw is only for homework related queries or for submitting work</i>
Please make your child's class teacher your first point of contact however our Senior Leadership Team are also available to offer support if necessary. Mr Horsfield – Headteacher Mrs Dawkins – Deputy Headteacher Mrs Allen – Family Support Coordinator Miss Barker – SENDCO Ms Bates – Lead Teacher Mrs Powell – Lead Teacher Mr Green – Behaviour mentor They can be contacted via office@haltoncc.school or on 01296 622264		

We will always aim to respond to you as quickly as possible. Please be mindful that the majority of staff do have a teaching commitment and therefore the most convenient time to meet would be after school.

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**

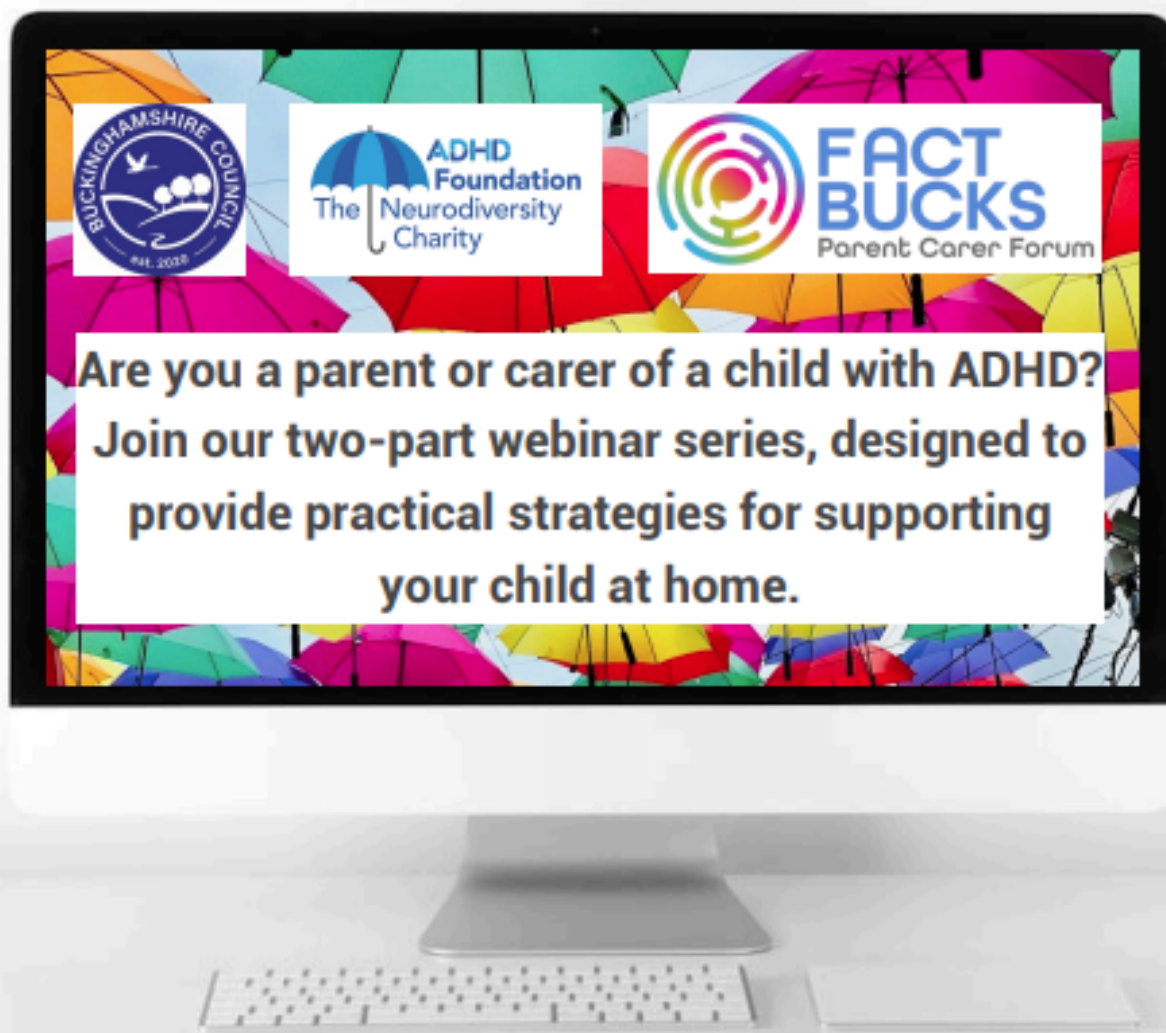


Sheep dog
demonstration.



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.



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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





RAF HALTON KIDS



*Parents
encouraged
to join in
and take
part!*

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

ONE MILE

RUNNING CLUB

Mondays at 6pm

Ages 4-11

(Preschool-Year6)

Must be accompanied by Parent(s)

New location -

Nuffield

Pavillion field

HP22 5PG



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on completion of
distances**

£10 for 10 attended sessions

Email address:

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