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The Heads Up

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Friday 25th April 2025

I hope that this letter finds you well and that your Easter break went the way that you had planned. Whether you went away, stayed at home, filled the weeks, or did as little as possible, I hope that you and the children are ready for the third and final term of this academic year. With a new term comes a new value and this half term our value is 'loyalty'. In our first assembly back on Wednesday, we talked about the different ways that we can show loyalty, why it is important and the different people or things that we can show loyalty to. This ranged from family, friends, clubs and sports teams, but we also looked at examples from nature as well. Did you know that geese are extremely loyal creatures, looking after each other as they fly, ensuring no one goose is left behind or left being solely responsible for leading the way. They care for those geese showing signs of tiredness or illness and whilst their "honk" may sound aggressive at times, it's encouragement to each other to keep on going! With all of that in mind and with a very busy half term ahead for all of us, we look for opportunities to recognise and celebrate loyalty, to remind ourselves of the importance of loyalty and to find ways of releasing our inner-geese!

Mr Horsfield



PTA meeting next Wednesday

Our wonderful PTA are always on the lookout for volunteers to help with a wide variety of different tasks. They are hosting a 'Meet the PTA' event next week on **Wednesday 30th April at 7.30pm** at the Craftyard in Wendover. If you can't make this meeting but are interested in helping the PTA in the future, please email the office or let your class rep know via the class WhatsApp group.



BMX brilliance!

In our assembly this morning, Aneuren, from our Year 5 class, shared with the school his recent experience of competing in Belgium in a European BMX competition. Aneuren has been competing for several years in regional and national competitions however during the Easter break he ventured off to Belgium to participate in a much bigger competition, with riders from across Europe. The children and adults were fascinated to hear about his trip and were all very keen to ask him questions about all things BMX! Well done Aneuren and thank you for sharing this with us, we are really proud of you.

Lost property

Next Thursday we will put out all lost property for you to collect at the end of the day.

Key dates

W/C 28th April—Healthy Week

Tue 29th April—Y5 swimming lessons start

Wed 30th April—PTA meeting at the Craftyard in Wendover

Mon 5th May—school closed for Bank Holiday

Thurs 8th May—VE Day celebration in the afternoon (*more details to follow*).

- 6.00pm-7.30pm, PTA Summer Disco

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

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

Healthy Week

Next week in school is 'Healthy Week', an annual event that we plan each year which aims to promote particular ways in which we can be more healthy in our day to day lives. The theme for this year is "**Healthy Me—Mind, body and relaxation**" and the children will be taking part in various activities across the week, including a whole school well-being afternoon on Friday.

PE kit next week

The children will have PE on their usual day next week. Please can we also ask that all children come to school on Wednesday wearing PE kit as we have some visitors coming in to lead some activities with every class.

Inset days for next year

I wanted to let you all know as early as possible of the dates for our inset days for the next academic year:

Wednesday 3rd September 2025

Monday 3rd November 2025

Monday 5th January 2026

Monday 13th April 2026

Monday 29th June 2026

On all of these dates, school, Preschool and Kids Kapers will be closed to all pupils.

Internet safety – online wellbeing and behaviour

There are lots of positives to being online for children, from staying in touch with friends to learning about the world. There are some challenges too, and the online world can be tricky for children to navigate. For some it can become overwhelming trying to keep up with friends and the pressure can mount. Noticing how your child is affected by being online is the first step in helping them manage their wellbeing.

You can:

- manage the content that your children see
- ensure the interactions they have are suitable
- manage how long they're online, in balance with other activities.

There are several things you can do to help support a child, including using specific apps and checking app settings. Other top tips for managing online wellbeing can be found on the NSPCC website by using the following link:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-wellbeing/>

If you or your child would like any support with any issues regarding E-safety, please feel confident in approaching myself, Mrs Allen or Mrs Dawkins. We are all Designated Safeguarding Leads and will treat your concerns sensitively and with confidentiality.



Plant pots and tubs needed

Over the next few weeks we are looking to improving our outside areas and part of this work is to plant up lots of plants. If anyone happens to have any large plant pots, tubs or boxes that they no longer need, are in good condition, and you're happy to donate, please bring them to school and we will aim to transform these and brighten up our school. Thank you in advance for your support with this.

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**. 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 and raffle 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.

St George's Day

Myths & Legends Historical Fayre

Sunday 27 April, 11am-4pm



Family Fun
Friars Square
Shopping
Centre

Uniformed Parade
Market Square, 3pm

Quiz, talks
and demos
The King's
Head



AYLESBURY
TOWN COUNCIL



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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[www://activeinthecommunity.org.uk/inclusive-cycling/](http://www.activeinthecommunity.org.uk/inclusive-cycling/)

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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





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 -

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Pavillion field

HP22 5PG



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BASE

• **FREE** **GIRLS** **FOOTBALL**

18:00 - 19:00

JOHN COLET SCHOOL 3G

TUESDAYS (TERM TIME)

AGES 7 - 16

VARIOUS SESSIONS AVAILABLE

- RECREATIONAL FOR FUN
- GRASS ROOTS DEVELOPMENT
- PERFORMANCE PATHWAYS
- POST 16 EDUCATION

TUESDAY **22 & 29** **APRIL**

SIGN UP TO SECURE YOUR PLACE

