

Halton Community Combined School

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The Heads Up

SPRING TERM

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Monday 3rd March 2025

I hope that this letter finds you well and that you all had a lovely weekend. Without wishing to always mention the weather, I hope that you all made the most of the sunshine over the past week and the welcoming signs of spring. I know that this has certainly helped us in school to start back in a positive frame of mind, following the half term break. Our value for this half term is 'perseverance' and in our assemblies so far we have shared lots of examples of people who have shown perseverance in their lives. One example of this is Ash Dykes, an extreme explorer who has undertaken many unique, physical challenges, such as walking the length of Madagascar and trekking solo across Mongolia. These examples do show particular high levels of physical and mental perseverance and it would be easy to think that we cannot relate these to our day to day life in school. On the other hand, it is possible to think of so many times where perseverance will be essential. Whilst we won't all be walking across Mongolia this academic year, we will be encountering new things, difficult tasks and a whole range of situations which will not be easy. The ability to push yourself and to keep going is so important. As Ash Dykes writes in his book, "Mission Possible":

"I knew the challenges would come close to breaking me but I believe it's about how you face everything. It was up to me to deal with the difficult times positively or negatively.

That's the difference between succeeding and failing. Pushing on through. It's about shining when you're only glowing."

I am really looking forward to what this half term has to bring and I know that we will get the chance to see a lot of perseverance from all of the children as they 'shine' across the school.

Mr Horsfield

I apologise that there was an error in the 'key dates' in previous letters. The summer term actually starts on **Wednesday 23rd April**.

Halton Pre-School



Halton Pre-school offers a warm and nurturing learning environment for the youngest members of our local community. Set within the grounds of Halton Community Combined School it offers a well-equipped building and outdoor provision designed for children aged 3 & 4 years old.



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preschool@haltoncc.school

**Open Day 5th March
9-10am**

Parent Survey

Thank you to all of the parents who were able to complete one of our parent surveys. I will be collating all of your feedback and will share it with you all soon.

World Book Day—Thursday 6th March

This Thursday is World Book Day and as usual, if the children would like to, they can come to school dressed as a book character. This year, there will be no potatoes for you to decorate! Instead, the children will be taking part in activities on the day, all with the aim of encouraging a love for reading. There is no charge for dressing up and those who do not wish to do so, they will need to come in their normal school uniform.



PTA Movie night

Thank you so much to everyone who joined us for our movie night last week. It was a really enjoyable event with the children all being very excited to stay after school to watch a film with their friends.

Thank you to the PTA for organising and to the staff who volunteered their time to ensure that everything ran smoothly.

The money raised will go towards our focus this year which is to improve the playground and other outdoor areas. Very soon we will be able to start purchasing items that the children have chosen and we will keep you updated on our progress with this project.

Key dates

Thurs 6th March - World Book Day
- PTA meeting

Fri 14th March—Railway Children theatre performance for KS2

Fri 4th April—iRock concert, 9.30am
- school ends for Easter holidays

Wed 23rd April—School and Kids Kapers reopens for summer term

Sat 14th June—Community Day

Mon 7th July—School closed for inset day

Goodbye

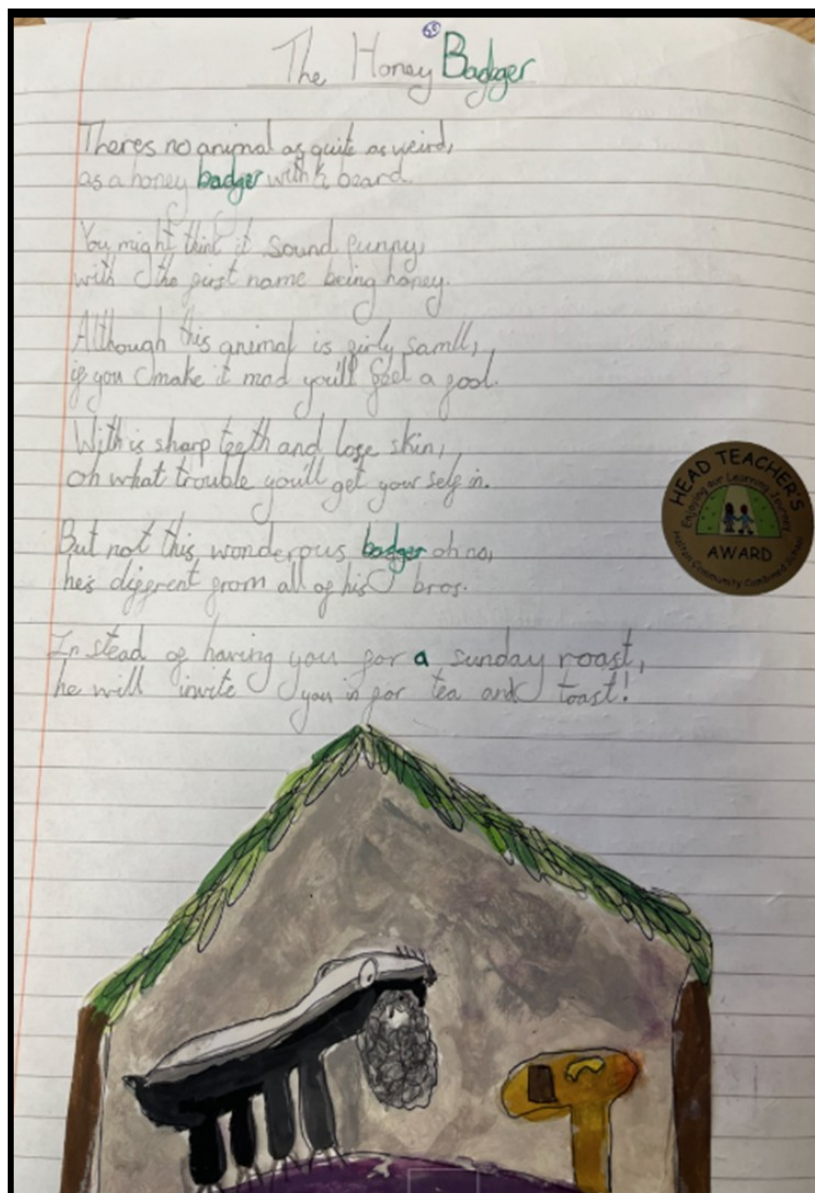
We said a sad goodbye last week to Mrs Callow who has worked in a number of classes across the school delivering interventions and working as part of the SEN team. I would like to thank her for all that she has done during her time here at Halton and we all wish her all the very best in her new job.

Fabulous writing

As part of our Friday assemblies, we regularly have children from various classes sharing their work with the school. Last Friday, our Year 2 class told us facts that they had learned on their trip to Warwick Castle, Year 1 shared their amazing art work and Year 4 read out their poems, written in the style of Roald Dahl's Revolting Rhymes! It is always great to see what the children are capable of, plus it gives them a regular opportunity to 'find their voice' as they speak to a large audience about their work. I would like to share one of the poems with you, written by Amelia in Year 4. Well done everybody!

Staffing changes

Hopefully, you have all seen the letter sent last week explaining the staffing changes which will be taking place at the start of the summer term. I am delighted to announce that Lucy Barker will be our new SENDCO once Mrs Rawlins leaves and that Jenny Brown will be returning from her maternity leave to teach in Year 1.





Jonathan Page play Centre

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB & HOLIDAY PLAYSCHMES

Easter Playscheme



7-17 April 2025



During our first week of the Easter playscheme we will be looking at the insects that live in our garden. Does it fly? Does it have legs? What does it eat? Let's explore the creepy crawlies together! During the second week we will be creating Easter baskets, bunnies and having a giant easter egg hunt! If your child likes being crafty, playing with toys or enjoying the garden there is something for everyone during our fun packed two weeks.



BOOKINGS

We accept advance and last-minute bookings for the After School Club and Holiday Playschemes through our online booking system. To register and book sessions for your child please visit jppc.magicbooking.co.uk

All bookings must be accompanied by payment. We accept card, cash payments, childcare vouchers and tax-free childcare.

WHY NOT VISIT US BEFORE BOOKING?

If you and your child would like to see the fantastic facilities and meet our team before booking, please contact us to arrange a suitable date and time.

HOURS AND PRICES (per child, per day)

Full Day 8am-6:30pm - £35

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Playscheme is for all children from the age of 4 up to their 13th birthday.



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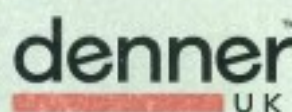
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