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The Heads Up

SUMMER TERM

ISSUE 17

Friday 8th May 2026

I hope that this letter finds you well and that you have all had a good week. As the academic year continues to whizz by, we continue to keep ourselves really busy and all of our classes have been involved in a variety of different activities. The summer term is also a time where we have trips, visitors and a whole host of experiences which aim to increase the children's cultural capital, life experience and general knowledge, and there have already been plenty of these over the past few weeks. These are always a great way to see the children engaging with their learning, often beyond the classroom environment.

Mr Horsfield



Year 2 trip to Warwick Castle

Last Friday, our Year 2 class went on a very exciting trip to Warwick Castle. They got to explore the castle inside and out, including a very brave climb up the tall tower and external walls. There was an amazing bird show with a large variety of birds of prey and we all loved seeing the giant trebuchet in action. It was a fun-packed day which everyone enjoyed.

"I was very brave climbing up the tower." Millie

"I liked it when we saw the man firing the bow and arrows!" Jayden

"I liked exploring the inside of the castle and seeing the weapons and the armour." Olly

Thank you to all of the adults who helped out on this trip and for ensuring that Year 2 had such a special day.



Safety concerns in the morning

I am becoming increasingly concerned with the safety and behaviour of some children during drop-off each morning. Please can you ensure that your children do not run around the car park, or run around on the grass at the front of the school, as it is a particularly busy time and the chances of an accident are much higher. The system in place is for the children to wait and line up sensibly in their designated areas. If your child finds this difficult, we would encourage them to stay with you until it is time for their class to go into school. At the end of the day, please make sure that your children are with you at all times. We do kindly ask that the children don't come up and bang on the windows as we are often holding meetings in these rooms.

PTA summer event

Our next PTA event will be our **Wild West Night**, taking place on **Friday 19th June**, from 5pm-8pm. Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased on Parent Pay. Please see page 5 of this letter for more information. Any questions, see your PTA class rep.

Key dates for this term

w/c Monday 11th May—Year 6 SATs week

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

Wednesday 10th June—Sports Day (*more info to follow*)

Friday 19th June—'Community Day' event after school

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](#)

Year 6 SATS week

Next week is SATS week with the children in Year 6 due to take a number of different tests in English and mathematics. It is really important that all of the children across the school are in on time next week, as the tests will be starting at 9.00am and we are using multiple rooms across the school site.

It is particularly important that Year 6 are in school every day next week and ready to start the tests on time. If you are running late, or your Year 6 child is unwell, you must let us know as soon as possible.



Pre-school Mini Marathon runners!

Well done to all of the children and adults in our Preschool who have been busy training very hard, ready to take part in the official London Mini-Marathon 2026! This is a collaborative race, with all of the children contributing towards the 26 mile target. In total, every child and staff member in Pre-school ran **EIGHT** laps of our school field! This is incredible, especially when you remember that our Preschool children only have little legs! They were the very proud recipients of a trophy from the organisers of the mini marathon, plus they got to share their wonderful news with the rest of the school in assembly today. Well done Preschool, you definitely deserve a sit down and a rest!

Sports Day—Wednesday 10th June

Our annual sports day will be taking place after half term. 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.

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.



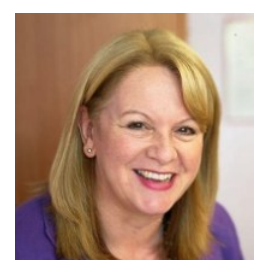
Mr Horsfield



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.



Offering 15 hour and 30 hour funded spaces



Rated 'Outstanding' by Ofsted



www.halton.bucks.sch.uk/preschool
preschool@haltoncc.school

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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Halton

**WILD
WEST**

19 JUNE, 5-8PM

HALTON SCHOOL FIELD

ADULTS £3 | KIDS £2 | 0-2 FREE

**LINE DANCING | BUCKING BRONCO
BUNGEE RUN | FOOD STANDS | LICENSED BAR**


**Premier League
International Cup**




**Real Madrid Castilla vs
Borussia Dortmund U21s**

Tuesday 12th May
KO 7pm | Adams Park

TICKETS ON SALE NOW
TICKETS.WWFC.COM




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
 £1.50 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:
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The Fund's flagship programme supporting young people in the RAF Community



YOUR SCHOOL & SAPPHIRE

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

WE'D LOVE YOU TO SHARE THE BELOW IN YOUR NEWSLETTER!

Sapphire are offering
your school

FREE
**Gymnastics
Taster Sessions**

SUM26SCHOOL

To claim your session, please contact
admin.pitstone@sapphiregymnastics.co.uk





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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 for siblings

- ★ Game On team will take the children through a variety of activities with some amazing prizes to win
- ★ On the day children will be able to choose between activities such as - Football, Basketball, Dodgeball and Tennis
- ★ Children can attend as many days as they wish
- ★ All coaches are DBS checked, work full time in Primary Schools, first-aid trained and have attended safeguarding courses

Book now at www.gameonsportscoaching.co.uk/holiday-courses

Any child who attends both days will receive a special 25th Game On Birthday Medal!







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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Free Parenting Programmes

Our parenting programmes will help you develop new and existing parenting skills, offer advice and build your confidence as a parent.

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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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