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The Heads Up

SUMMER TERM

ISSUE 15

Monday 20th April 2026

I hope that this letter finds you well and that you have all had a good weekend. The first week back in school flew by and it was great to see everyone back having had a positive and restful Easter break. I would like to extend a very warm welcome to our new families who have joined our community this week. I would also like to welcome Miss Lilly Agombar, who will be teaching Year 1 alongside Mrs King for the summer term. This term is always a busy one, with several headline events taking place, such as Sports Day, our Community Day event and many other trips, visits and visitors lined up. This week sees our celebrations for the Month of the Military Child, with a range of activities being planned and delivered by parents from within our community who are also based at RAF Halton. We will also be hosting our first PTA event of the summer term this week, with our Spring Fair being held on Friday. These events do not happen by accident and we really appreciate everyone's hard work in making them such a success.

Mr Horsfield



Month of the Military Child

As long as our school has existed, we have always had a large proportion of children who are part of a service family and as such, the link between ourselves and the military has always been something we are very proud of. April is the Month of the Military Child and this week we will be celebrating this with a host of activities which all of the children across the school will be taking part in. These include PT and drill sessions, STEM activities and visits from the RAF Police and Chaplaincy service. I would like to thank Matt Tope and all of the volunteers who have very kindly given up their time to contribute towards this week and to help make it a success. We are very grateful for this support and look forward to a great week!

Meetings with parents

We are seeing an increasing number of times where we have arranged formal meetings with parents who then do not turn up and do not contact us. Often, arranging a meeting during the day costs us money as we have to pay to cover the class for the teacher to attend. As our diary is so full, we cannot guarantee you a second meeting date if you choose to ignore the first. We had five 'no-shows' last week, three of which for the same teacher. This is not fair on staff and is costing us money.



Key dates for this term

w/c Monday 20th April—Month of Military Child activities

Friday 24th April—"Purple Up Friday"

PTA Spring Fair, 6.00-7.30

w/c Monday 11th May—Year 6 SATs week

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

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

Trip to Watford FC

This weekend, children from our own football club and Key Stage 2 classes had a great experience as they spent the afternoon in Watford. The day started with a training session, delivered by one of the Watford Academy coaches. We then walked to the stadium where we had front row seats to watch Watford take on Sheffield United. Whilst the game didn't go Watford's way, much to the delight of Mr Green (a Sheffield United fan), we all had a brilliant day! Thank you so much to Mrs Deas, Mrs Rainbow, Mr Green and all of the adults who made Saturday's trip possible. Thank you as well to the parents for allowing your children to take part in such a fun and inspiring trip.

Interested in live football? Aylesbury United have free entry to their game next week. See page 6.



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.



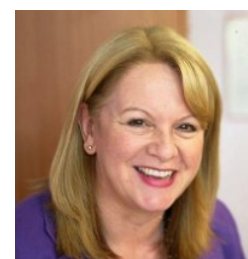
Mr Horsfield



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



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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.

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!

Easter baking competition

Thank you and well done to all of the children who took part in our Easter baking competition at the end of last term. Our baking competitions are becoming something that Mary Berry herself would be impressed by and below are some photographs of some of the entrants. Well done and thank you to everyone who helped organise, bake, buy and eat such an array of beautiful cakes!



Internet safety—Online Reputation

The internet keeps a record of everyone's online behaviour – the photos we upload, the comments other people make about us and the things we buy. This is our online reputation. It's important children understand how to manage their online reputation and the impacts for them of a negative online reputation. It can also be easy to think that this is an issue more aimed at older children and teenagers however research shows that this is something that impacts children of all ages.

Many parents nowadays post their baby's scan picture and photos of their newborn on social network pages. Children themselves start sharing information from a young age – the result is that by the time they are 18, a permanent and often substantial record will exist about them. What happens if that information is inaccurate? Once uploaded, such information is difficult to erase or change and could have a long-lasting impact especially if shared on social media. Internet Matters have the following advice on their website:

Online Reputation Guidance

Remember, you can speak to any of our DSL's if you are concerned about internet safety. We will handle your concerns seriously and sensitively.



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COMMUNITY DAY

AYLESBURY UNITED



FOOTBALL CLUB

A 21CD INITIATIVE

A CELEBRATION FOR
THE WHOLE FAMILY!

WHEN:

**SATURDAY
25th APRIL**

ENTRY FROM: 2pm

KICK OFF: 3pm

FREE ENTRY

FREE ENTRY condition:
Register and donate an
item to Youth Concern

at the gate.

Suggested £3 Donation
to Youth Concern



REGISTER ONLINE AT:
AYLESBURYUNITEDFC.COM/EVENTS

MATCHDAY FIXTURE:
AYLESBURY UNITED FC vs. HERTFORD TOWN
(AT HOME: THE MEADOW, CHESHAM)
- **DON'T MISS IT!**

MATCHDAY

**KIDS' PAPER
AEROPLANE
COMPETITION
BEFOREHAND**

**50:50 DRAW:
WIN HALF
THE POT!**

AUFC Pan Disability
team cake sale:
**DELICIOUS
TREATS!**

**& MORE: STALLS,
FACE PAINTING
FUN FOR ALL!**

**FUN PRIZES
TO WIN!**

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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.



Buckinghamshire
Council

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St George's Day

WOMEN IN HISTORY FAYRE

Sunday 26 April

UNIFORMED PARADE

Market Square
4-5pm

FAMILY FUN

Friars Square
12-4pm

QUIZ, TALKS

& DEMOS

King's Head
12-4pm



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TOWN COUNCIL



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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