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The Heads Up

SPRING TERM

ISSUE 14

Monday 23rd March 2026

I hope that this letter finds you well and that you have all had a good weekend. Although I know it is a cliché, I really don't know where the time has gone this term and the fact that we are entering our final week before the Easter holidays is quite frankly absurd! Yes, time flies when you are having fun, it is also a sign of just how busy everyone has been in school over the past few weeks. Rather aptly, our value for this half term has been perseverance and I have been really impressed with how well everyone has shown this value. In every year group there have been moments where people have found things difficult, often because it might be something new to them or incredibly challenging. Sometimes, it might be a situation, a friendship that they are having difficulty with. Regardless of the scenario, perseverance is a quality that all of us will find ourselves needing at regular points and it has been lovely to see so much perseverance across our school throughout this term. I hope that everyone is able to make the most of the upcoming two week break and that whatever you have planned goes the way that you want it to. For those celebrating, I hope that you have a very blessed Easter. Don't forget to look out for our PTA Easter fun run and egg at the end of the week which will prove a lovely way to end our term. Thank you as always for your continued support in all that we do.

Mr Horsfield



PTA Easter fun run and egg hunt

On Friday, the PTA will be organising a fun run and egg hunt for everyone in school to take part in. For a £3.00 entry fee, your child can take part in the run, up on the field, which will earn them a chocolatey treat!

For children in Years 3 to 6 there will also be an Easter baking competition, with all of the cakes available to buy after school on the field. See the poster further on in this letter for more info or message your class PTA rep.

Year 6 explorers!

In the last Heads Up I told you about a group of children from our Year 6 class who were about to embark on a 40km walk with their Scout troop. You will be delighted to hear that all of the children made it back in one piece, having walked for 10 hours+ through some very tricky conditions. As well as the walk, some of the children also took the opportunity to fundraise, with Jeevan and Arthur P raising over £1400 for the Alzheimer's Society and Arthur F raising £500 for Unicef! These are incredible amounts and everyone who took part should be really proud of themselves. Arthur F said, *"I'm very proud that I managed to complete it and thank you so much to everyone who supported us, donated and cheered us on!"*

End of term timings

School finishes for this term on Friday 27th March. Bluebells will come out at 1.15pm, Years 2, 4, 6 at 1.20pm and Years 1, 3, 5 at 1.25pm.

Halton Pre-School



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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!

Key dates for this term

Thursday 26th March—Wear blue day (£1 donation)

Friday 27th March—iRock concert

PTA Bake sale and 'Bunny run'

School closes for Easter holidays

Tuesday 14th April—School reopens for summer term

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

Friday 24th April—"Purple Up Friday"

PTA Disco, 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



Wear blue day—Thursday 26th March

Our amazing School Council have organised a fundraising event, where they are asking for anyone who wants to, to come to school wearing blue clothes! This is in support of Breakthrough T1D UK, their chosen charity who support research into diabetes and provide guidance for those living with diabetes. If you would like to help support the School Council, come to school wearing blue clothes, with a suggested donation of £1.00. If you do not wish to take part, you will need to come to school in your school uniform. Thank you in advance for your support with this great idea.

Squash Club visit

Last week, children from Year 1 and Year 2 had an exciting visit to Wendover Squash Club where they got to take part in a variety of different activities, testing their skills to the max! They all had a great time and can't wait for the opportunity to go back!

Summer term opening

A reminder that we start back to school on Tuesday 14th April as the Monday is an inset day.

Smart watches

Another reminder that children are not to wear Smart watches to school. If a device can be used to communicate or to access the internet then an adult will look after it until the end of the day. We really encourage the children to wear a watch and to learn to tell the time however this needs to be a more standard choice of design.



Charity walk for autism

Jax Newman from Year 3 is taking part in a sponsored Walk for Autism, where he will walk 10,000 steps a day for 8 days, from the 26th March and finishing on World Autism Awareness Day, 2nd April. This will be his first fundraising experience and having already smashed his goal of raising £50, he is now on a bigger mission to raise as much as possible. So far, Jax has raised over £1600! On Wednesday after school, he will be holding a fundraising competition where you could win variety of prizes, including sweets, a teddy and even a family ticket to Hogshaw Farm! He would really appreciate any donations, no matter how small, to help with this amazing cause. Please click on the following link to help Jax with his fundraising and don't forget to come along and see Jax on Wednesday after school.

<https://www.walkforautism.co.uk/fundraisers/JaxNewman>

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.



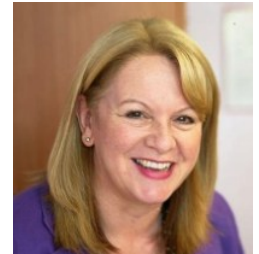
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- Help improve services for everyone

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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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MORE



Intensive SWIMMING COURSES

We still have spaces available in our intensive swimming lessons throughout the summer holidays – a great way to learn to swim, have fun and quickly build water confidence.

- Running Monday to Friday weeks commencing February 16th – 20th!
- £42 total cost for 5 x 30-minute lessons
- Available for children 4yrs +
- For children in Stages 1 - 6 (Non swimmer to Intermediate)
- Two 30-minute times slots available 9:30am and 10:00am.

For more information or to book please contact Laura Sinclair the Swim School co-ordinator either via email on laura.sinclair1@serco.com or 01296 48 48 48 for reception.

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- Beginner through to advanced lessons

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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.

SCAN ME



 **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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- Sports courses are open to all children in Years 1 to 6
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- Courses run from 9 am - 3 pm
- Early Drop off available (8:30 am to 9 am)
- Children can attend single or multiple days
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