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The Heads Up

SPRING TERM

ISSUE 13

Friday 6th March 2026

I hope that this letter finds you well and that you have all had a good week. We have had a really busy and really fun time in school this week. Our value for this half term is **perseverance** and in Monday's assembly we talked about goals and achievements and we looked at some extreme challenges that have been completed by different people. The explorer, Ash Dykes, regularly takes on expeditions which have never been done before, such as solo walking the length of certain countries which sees him climb mountains, cross deserts and encounter many, many dangers. His book, *Mission Possible*, is well worth a read! We also looked at some of the more amusing entries in the *Guinness Book of Records* and even had a go at breaking some of those records in assembly! Well done to Marnie, Nell and Isobella for giving it such a good go! We may not have broken any records this week, or found ourselves where we need extreme, physical perseverance, however there will have been a time for everyone where we have needed to 'dig deep', to keep on going and to persevere. This is the case every week and I have been really proud of the children's efforts this week. We all really liked a quote from Ash Dyke's book, *"That's the difference between succeeding and failing. It's about shining when you're only glowing. Pushing on through."* Well done everyone, another brilliant week at Halton.

Mr Horsfield



Year 6 explorers!

Speaking of explorers and perseverance, a group of children from our Year 6 class have been very busy recently, training themselves for an amazing challenge that they will be taking part in this weekend. Jeevan, Arthur, Nell and Holly (left), and other Y6 children, are all participating in the 'E40 Endurance Walk', a 40km hike through the Chiltern Hills. Organised by their Scout troop, this is an incredibly demanding challenge and is expected to take the children 10-12 hours to complete and will really test their physical and mental endurance. There has been a lot of training taking place, all of it accompanied by their parents (well done to you too!). As part of the challenge, Jeevan and Arthur decided to fundraise for the Alzheimer's Society and so far have managed to raise over £1200! This is an incredible effort, well done! If you would like to donate, a link to their page can be found below: https://www.justgiving.com/page/jeevanandarthur?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=WA&utm_campaign=020 Good luck everyone!!

Parent survey

Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to complete our parent survey over the past month. The survey will be live until the end of today, **Friday 6th March**, and you can access it via the QR code which is located by the office window or by using the link below:

<https://forms.office.com/e/2csGYS6kbF?origin=lprLink>

Once the survey has finished I will collate the responses and feed this back to you.

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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

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

Wednesday 22nd July—School closes for summer holiday



Year 3 Ancient Egypt trip

Last week, our Year 3 class went on an exciting trip to the Ashmolean Museum in Oxford to find out about Ancient Egypt! A great time was had by all and the children shared what they had learned in assembly with the whole school. Well done Year 3.

The Month of the Military Child

In April, we will be taking part in a number of different activities which aim to celebrate the Month of the Military Child, a national initiative which allows us as a school to recognise the positive impact of those children from service families on our community. Whilst we are often mislabeled as an "RAF school", for as long as it has existed, our school has always had a large number of service pupils and we are very proud of this and really looking forward to celebrating this as a whole school. During the week commencing **Monday 20th April**, a variety of activities will be taking place which will be led by various RAF personnel and these will be delivered to the whole school. The week will finish with "Purple Up, Friday", a national day of recognition where children across the school can wear purple if they wish. Whilst we are still at the planning stage, if you are currently serving at RAF Halton or another station and you are able to help us with an activity, please do get in touch with us either via the main office or you can speak to Matt Tope, our service governor.

Punctuality

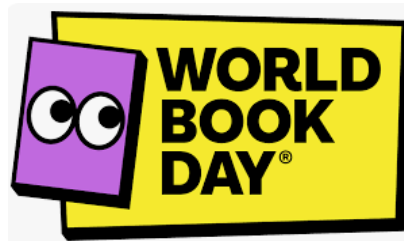
I have written a lot about the importance of attendance and punctuality, especially as all of the classes begin their learning as soon as they enter school. If your child is late, they will be missing learning.

We have also installed our new signing-in system, which must be used by you if your child arrives after their class start time. This is the same rule for everyone. Whilst I appreciate that mornings are hectic and situations such as the awful traffic in the local area are making the school run extra difficult, **this does not mean that frustrations should be taken out on Mrs Allen or the office staff.** Recently, these staff members have all reported many incidents of parents being argumentative and at some points confrontational because they have been asked to sign their child in at the office. The rule is very simple, if it is past your class start time, you need to sign your child in. As a school, we are being monitored much more closely by the local authority with regards attendance and punctuality we need everyone to be cooperative with us on this.

Online Safety—Mobile phones

Another reminder that only the children in Years 4, 5 and 6 are allowed to bring mobile phones to school and if they do then these must be placed in the class phone boxes at the start of each day. Mobile phones **must not** be used by children in school for any reason and any breach of these rules will result in the offender/s not being allowed to bring their devices in. At the end of the school day, all children must wait until they are outside of the school perimeter fencing before they begin to use their mobile device. **These rules also apply to any children who attend Kids Kapers.**

We are also seeing an increase in children wearing smart watches to school. Again, these are not allowed and we kindly ask that children don't wear watches with messaging facilities or internet access. If you have any queries, please speak to one of our designated safeguarding leads; Mr Horsfield, Mrs Dawkins and Mrs Allen.



We had such a great time during **World Book Day** yesterday and I would like to thank everyone for all of their efforts with their fabulous costumes. In next week's Heads Up we will have a gallery of some of the outfits on show! Everyone should have received their £1 book token which can be used in all book shops to purchase a new book.

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. He would really appreciate any donations, no matter how small, to help with amazing cause. Please click on the following link to help Jax with his fundraising!

<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.



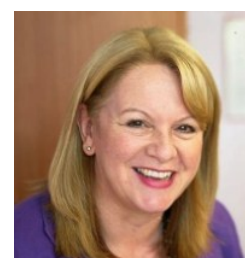
Mr Horsfield



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Mrs Allen



Mrs Harratt



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with Educational and Child Psychologist
Dr Louise Field

**NEW
DATE**

ANXIETY SUPPORT

Monday 16th March

9am - 10:15am

Join us for hot drinks and pastries while learning practical ways to support your child's anxiety, including a 45-minute talk from Dr Louise and a 15 minute Q&A.



BOOK YOUR PLACE

Email: office@haltoncc.school

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.

Alternatively, you can book online via:
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WEDNESDAY 1 ST APR	09:30 to 11:00 AM
THURSDAY 2 ND APR	09:30 to 11:00 AM

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- £55 for 4 day course
- Limited to 6 children per class
- Beginner through to advanced lessons

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Free Family Activities & FREE Swimming Lessons – 7th & 8th March

Families in Aylesbury are invited to the Big Open Weekend on Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th March at Stoke Mandeville Stadium and Aqua Vale Swimming & Fitness Centre.

As part of the weekend, we're offering **FREE swimming lessons for children of all ages and abilities.**

Whether it's your child's very first time in the pool, they're building water confidence, or they're ready to improve their technique and progress to the next level, our friendly, qualified instructors are here to help.

Our lessons are delivered in a **fun, safe and supportive environment**, with a clear progressive pathway to help every child grow in confidence and ability at their own pace.

This is a fantastic opportunity to experience our swim programme at no cost and see how we can support your child's swimming journey.

Find out more and book here:

- Stoke Mandeville Stadium – <https://www.stokemandevillestadium.co.uk/>
- Aqua Vale Swimming & Fitness Centre – <https://www.aquavale.co.uk/>



Easter Holiday Sports Courses

- 13 courses at 11 school venues in Herts & Bucks
- Sports fun, games & matches with friends in an enjoyable and safe environment
- FREE PRIZE DRAW TO WIN NINTENDO SWITCH2!**

About our sports courses this Easter Holiday:

- Sports courses are open to all children in Years 1 to 6
- Courses include: Football, Tennis, Mini Olympics (Dodgeball, Football, Basketball & Tennis)
- Courses run from 9 am - 3 pm
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