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The Heads Up

SPRING TERM

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Friday 13th February 2026



I hope that this letter finds you well and that you have all had a good week. It has been a very productive final week of the half term and I know that everyone is very much looking forward to a well-earned break! It was great to see so many of you in school on Tuesday and Thursday for the parent consultations. I hope that you all enjoyed the chance to hear about your child's progress and to see the work in their books. I would like to thank the members of our governing board who were also on hand to chat to parents and to serve them tea and coffee. It does seem quite remarkable that we are already at the halfway point in the academic year and whilst it is human nature to be continuously looking forward to whatever is coming next, it is also really important to have the chance to stop and reflect on what has happened so far. Hopefully, everyone had the chance to do that this week and that after the rest next week, that we are all ready to come back and make the second half of the academic year as successful as the first.

I won't be around at the end of the day as I am taking the girls' football team to their match after school. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their continued support in all that we do. I would also like to wish you all a fabulous half term and I look forward to welcoming you all back on Monday 23rd February.

Mr Horsfield



Thank you!

Thank you so much to everyone who took the time to take part in our Valentine's baking competition today! We were really blown away by the entrants, they were all incredible! The PTA will be selling the cakes after school, with all of the proceeds going towards the playground project. Thank you to everyone who entered and to the PTA for organising the competition. Key Stage 2 will have their own baking competition later this term.

Parent survey

Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to complete our parent survey. The survey will be live until **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=IprLink>

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

Key dates for this term

w/c Monday 16th February - Half term holiday, school closed

Monday 23rd February – School reopens

Thursday 5th March – World Book Day

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”

w/c Monday 11th May—Year 6 SATs week

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

Wednesday 10th June—Sports Day (EYFS/KS1 am, KS2 pm)

Monday 29th June—School closed for inset day

Wednesday 22nd July—School closes for summer holiday

PTA news

Our PTA have been hard at work, organising the events and activities which will be taking place throughout the rest of this academic year.

Dates of events for the remainder of this year:

Friday 27th March : Easter baking competition for KS2 classes and separate event on the field after school.

Friday 24th April: Disco

Friday 19th June: ‘Community Day’ event after school

If you would like to join the PTA or help out at events, please speak to us or your PTA class rep.



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.

Children’s Mental Health Week

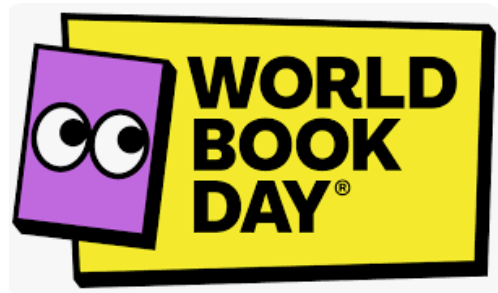
This week, all of our classes have got involved with Children’s Mental Health Week, an initiative that helps children of all ages to understand the importance of mental health and to develop strategies for maintaining a healthy mind. This year, the theme was “This is my place”, which involved the children thinking about the importance of **belonging**. Whilst they worked primarily in their own classes, it was lovely this morning to get together as a whole school and share their learning in assembly. Well done everybody!



Online Safety—Mobile phones

A 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.

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.



World Book Day—Thursday 5th March

Some advanced warning that **Thursday 5th March** is **World Book Day** and the children across the school will be taking part in a variety of activities which help to celebrate our love of reading.

As usual, if they want to, your child can come to school dressed as a book character. We do really urge parents not to be tempted or to feel pressured in spending lots of money on a costume. I do also want to remind everyone that the outfits do need to be appropriate for school and that the children need to be able to work in them.

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.



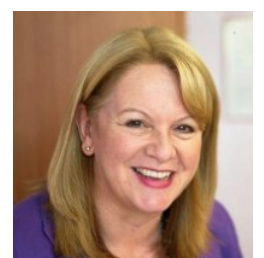
Mr Horsfield



Mrs Dawkins



Mrs Allen



Mrs Harratt

Halton Pre-School



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preschool@haltoncc.school

Halton Preschool—September 2026

If you are interested in signing up for spaces for September 2026 onwards, you can do this now.

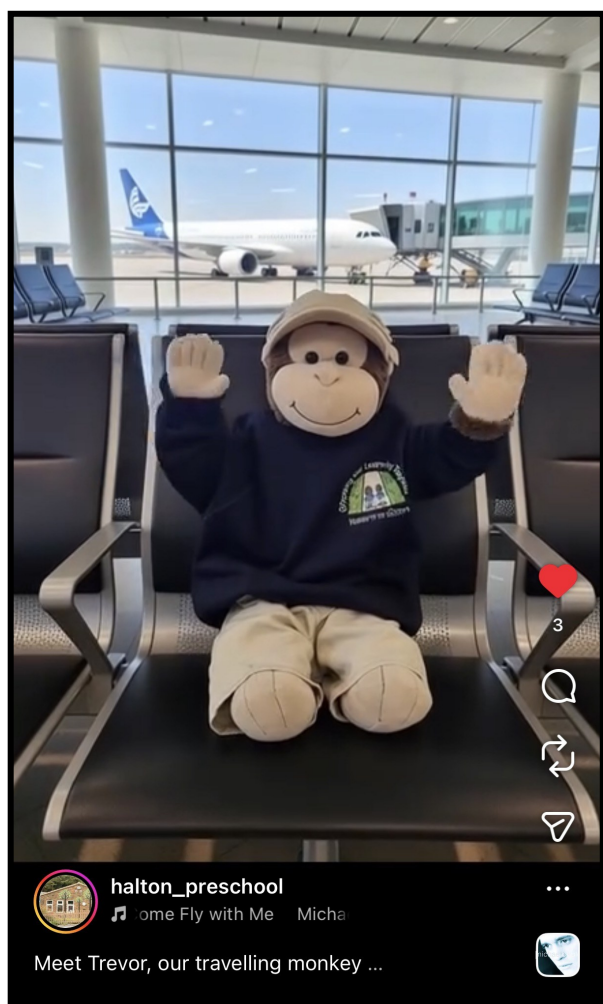
Mrs Bowden and the team are hosting some tours of our Preschool on **Thursday 26th February** 1:30-2:30 pm. If you are interested in a tour, please contact preschool@haltoncc.school to book yourself a place.

If you have any questions about our Preschool provision, please contact Mrs Bowden and she will be happy to help.

Likewise, if you know of anyone looking for a preschool place, please do point them in our direction and we will be more than happy to welcome them to Halton Preschool.

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 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.

Book swap

We love reading at Halton and over the past few years we have operated 'book swap boxes' in all of our classes. We wanted to remind you of this, just in case you had some books that you would like to swap. If you do, bring them into school, put them in your class box and help yourself to a new book to take home. If the children have any questions about this, please ask them to speak to their class teacher.



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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

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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:

<https://serco.courseprogress.co.uk/onlinejoining/home>



Interested?

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PRESENTS:

THE SKY FALLS ON CHICKEN LICKEN; THE PANTO

A PANTOMIME WRITTEN
BY A.J. SAVORY

FEBRUARY 2026

FRIDAY 6TH/ 13TH @ 7.30PM

SATURDAY 7TH/ 14TH @ 2PM & 6PM

SUNDAY 8TH/ 15TH @ 2PM

DOORS OPEN HALF AN HOUR BEFORE CURTAIN UP.
SORRY NO DISABLED ACCESS.

TICKETS: ADULT-£10 CONCS/CHILDREN £8

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM:

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A free, supportive 90-minute online workshop

Hosted by Kim Wiseman, Self-Discovery Coach

Guest expert: Dr Nikki Ramskill, Women's Health & Menopause Specialist
GP

What you'll get:

- Clarity around perimenopause & common symptoms
- Reassurance you're not "failing" or broken (and you're not alone)
- Practical tools to support what comes next
- Camera off. Listen-only welcome. Replay available.

Friday 27 February • 9:30–11:00am (GMT)
Online via Zoom.

Reserve your **FREE** spot:
bit.ly/momsreset



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scan the QR code.

More info? contact us at
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Buckingham Youth Centre:

Monday 23rd February 1pm to 2.30pm

Wing Family Centre:

Wednesday 25th February 1pm – 2.30pm

Elmhurst Family Centre (Aylesbury)

Wednesday 11th March 10am – 11.30am

RSVP

Aylesburyfamilyhub@buckinghamshire.gov.uk

Family Hub Network
Buckinghamshire



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GIRLS FOOTBALL MIXED AGE TRAINING

Tuesdays from 03.02.26

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