



Exploring, learning, and growing together—one day, one lesson and one success at a time!



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Issue #09

We've had a wonderful week in school and it has been lovely to see our children working hard, showing kindness and enjoying their learning. Thank you to all of our pupils for their enthusiasm and positive attitudes. I hope everyone has a relaxing and enjoyable weekend, and we look forward to another great week ahead.



Curriculum Spotlight



Each week, we celebrate one of our subjects in school. This week's spotlight is on **PSHE** with our Subject Leads: Mrs Sowerby & Miss Clayton

In PSHE, we are proud to say that the children thoroughly enjoy our lessons at Victoria Road. Throughout discussion, debates and other activities they get to practice key skills such as: listening and understanding each other's views and sharing their own opinions and ideas of the world around them. This allows children to build their emotional resilience and equips them with essential life skills.

As a school, our focus topic this half term has been keeping safe and the changing body. In KS1, children have explored what to do if they get lost, the official names for body parts and the importance of keeping these safe. This topic provides children with the key knowledge and key skills needed throughout life.

In KS2, children have been learning about how to be kind online, our human rights and developing good habits. This understanding helps children to: understand that other people can influence our decisions but we have the right to make our own choices, share kind words online and recognise when we need to remove ourselves from unsafe situations and appreciate the rights that we have.



Key Dates



20/3 - Y5 Easter Journey - Heath Methodist



23/3 - Y1 Easter Service St Michaels Church



24/3 - Rocksteady performance



26/3 -Y3 Learn to Ride



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26/3 - Gospel Performance for Y6 parents



27/3 - Finish for Easter 1pm



13/4 - Return to School



Classroom magic in Sycamore Class

Key Dates

20/4 - Y5 Fit 4 life

21/4 - Y3 Charity Day

4/5 - May Day Bank Holiday

7/5 - Polling Day - School Closed

11/5 - Y4 Healthy Schools - parents invited 1:30-2:30pm

20/5 - Finish for half term

1/6 - Return to school

8/6 - EYFS Charity Day

8/6 - Y6 London 1

10/6 Photographs

23/6 - Y6 London 2

17/7 - Close for Summer

It has been a busy half term so far in Year 6. We started the half term off with a visit to Robinwood, taking part in lots of different outdoor and adventurous activities, which was brilliant.

In Maths thisweek, we have been exploring the properties of 2D and 3D shape: we had a go at predicting if different nets would fold into 3D shapes.

Our English book this half term is Romeo and Juliet. We explored the story through different drama activities before writing the opening scene describing the ongoing feud between the Montagues and the Capulets.

In History, we have been enjoying learning about World War 2 and the impact this had on all people in Britain. We are still enjoying our weekly gospel session and we are looking forward to our Easter concert for parents.

This week was Science week and we spent time exploring how to uncover secret messages using a range of solutions to solve the puzzle of 'who stole Marie Curie's laboratory notes?' We've also celebrated World Book Day this half term, which saw us taking a visit to the Curiosity Book Shop to spend our tokens and sharing our favourite stories with the children in Key Stage 1.



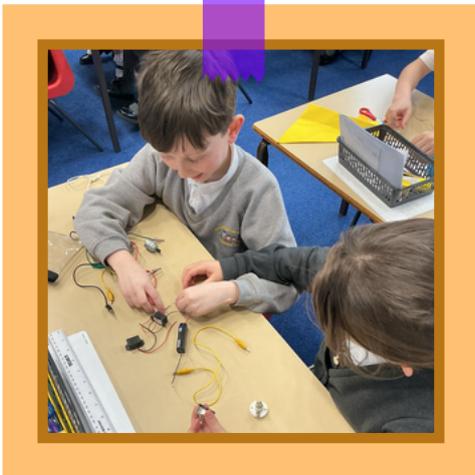
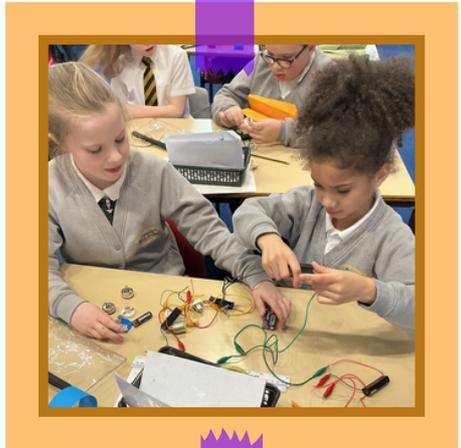


Science Week 2026



This week we celebrated Science Week, exploring this year's exciting theme: "Curiosity... What's Your Question?" The theme encourages children to be curious about the world around them and to ask questions like real scientists. Each class received a special Science Discovery Box filled with a variety of objects to explore. The children used their scientific enquiry skills to investigate what was inside, asking questions, making predictions and discussing their ideas with their classmates.

It was fantastic to see the children's curiosity in action as they observed, wondered and shared their thoughts. Science Week reminded us that every great scientific discovery begins with a simple question, and sometimes the most important question is: "What do you wonder?"

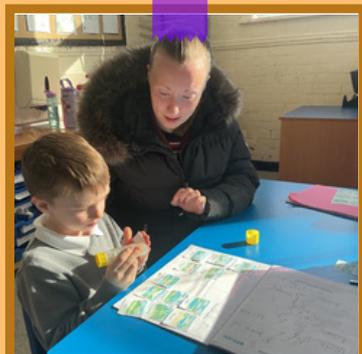


Live Lessons

This week we had a live lesson and it was wonderful to see so many parents and carers joining us. It was lovely to be able to welcome families into our learning and share a glimpse of what the children experience during their lessons. The children really enjoyed having you there and were excited to show what they have been learning.

It was a great opportunity for everyone to see the activities, discussions and learning that take place in the classroom.

Thank you to all the parents and carers who took the time to join us and support the children your involvement makes such a positive difference and it was lovely having you with us.





student shoutout



Who has been spotted this week?

★ CARE

- Nuala F
- Ayda F
- Ellie S
- Kady May A
- Max S
- Imogen T

★ Good Work

- Archie B
- Thea J
- Asher B
- Yehor D
- Isabella S
- Jack B

★ EYFS

Zoe P

Special thanks

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to Hilary Moss for the care and attention given to the plants at the front of our school. The beautiful display creates such a warm and welcoming entrance for pupils, families and visitors each day. We are very grateful for the time and dedication that goes into maintaining this lovely space. Thank you for keeping our school blooming.

A big thank you to Millie & Connie Cunningham's nan who kindly sends cakes in for the staff to enjoy. Your thoughtfulness and delicious bakes are always very much appreciated and never last long! It's such a kind gesture and really brightens our day. Thank you for spreading a little sweetness to the team! 🍰



staff shoutout

A big thank you to Jess Harvey for organising our Science Week. The children loved exploring the curiosity boxes, which sparked excitement and encouraged them to ask lots of thoughtful questions. It was wonderful to see their curiosity and enthusiasm for learning.

Thank you Jess

Orian Catering

Dear Parents/Carers,

I'm writing regarding our foodservice agreement, which is due for its annual review from 1 April 2026 in line with our rolling contract arrangements.

Our partnership with Orian catering is to support our pupils with a safe, nutritious and reliable meal service every day. School budgets remain tight across the education sector, and we approach this review with a strong commitment to transparency, fairness and long-term stability.

From 1 April 2026, National Minimum Wage will increase by 4.1%. Revisions to primary school food standards and associated portion guidance were introduced in December of 2025. This change to school food standards increased the food portion size.

While food inflation has eased from earlier highs, current industry forecasts indicate food price increases of around 5–6% during 2026, with many school food buying categories affected. The broader CPI outlook for 2026/27 is forecast at approximately 3.0%–3.5%, which continues to affect utilities, logistics and consumables across the service.

In light of the above, your revised pupil meal price, effective from 1 April 2026, will be:
£3.17 per meal.

Alongside careful cost management, we are continuing to invest in improvements that strengthen service quality and long-term value. This year we are:

- Enhancing our School Hub meals management system.
- Strengthening allergen management and compliance processes.
- Increasing Health & Safety and allergen audit frequency.
- Continuing supply chain negotiation and rationalisation
- Investing in improved workforce management systems to optimise staffing deployment and productivity.



A few reminders

Uniform

We have noticed a few slips in uniform standards this week . Please remember that children are expected to wear full school uniform, including black shoes. On PE days, children should wear their full PE kit, but again, this should reflect our school uniform policy and jewellery is not permitted. All uniform can be obtained from Touchline Embroidery, Office Bridge and Gooddies Schoolwear.

Reading Books

Reading regularly at home makes a huge difference to your child's confidence and progress in school. We kindly ask that you listen to your child read at least three times a week at home. After each reading session, please remember to sign your child's reading diary so we can celebrate and track their efforts together. Children who read four times in a week and have their diary signed, will receive their Starbooks stamp. Thank you for your continued support in helping your child develop a love of reading. It truly makes a difference.

Wraparound Club

Our before school club runs each day from 7.15am until 8.45am, Monday - Friday. It is staffed by our own staff and costs £4 for the morning session. The children get a good choice for breakfast which includes cereal, toast, beans on toast and sometimes a croissant can be spotted! The children have plenty of activities to keep them busy during breakfast club.

Our after school club runs from 3.15pm to 6.00pm, Monday - Friday.
Costs are £10 and £8 for sibling discount.

At our afterschool club, children enjoy a light meal and the opportunity to relax, socialise with friends and participate in a variety of creative and active sessions.

Clubs can be booked through our online booking system.



Halton Parent/Carer News

ON BEHALF OF HALTON SEND STRATEGIC IMPROVEMENT BOARD

You Said, We Did, We're Doing Parent and Carer Information Event

We're really looking forward to our next [You Said, We Did, We're Doing Parent and Carer Information Event and hope you're able to join us on Thursday 26th March 2026 10am-12noon @Bridge Suite, DCBL Stadium, Widnes.](#)

This event is an opportunity for us to share with you an update on the progress being made across SEND services in Halton, as well as what's coming next. We've listened carefully to feedback from our last session and have refreshed the format to make sure the event is focused, interactive and makes good use of your time.

We'll begin with a short presentation covering local and national updates after which there'll be interactive tabletop sessions. These smaller discussions will give you the chance to explore key areas in more detail, ask questions and share your views.

We really hope you're able to join us and be part of the conversation.

To register for the event use this link here
<https://forms.office.com/e/1Tz2aPGPD4?origin=lprLink>

Parent / Carer Halton Newsletter

Join the Halton MBC mailing list and be the first to receive brand-new monthly Parent/ Carer SEND newsletter. Filled with up-to-date news, important information and relevant events.

This newsletter is a collaboration between SEND services across Halton.
<https://signup.es-mail.co.uk/Signup/a7125672ee19683656ed341c758c6fb3>



A few reminders





Monday Football Sessions

February 23rd, March 2, 9, 16, 23

FRANK MYLER PAVILION
5- 6pm: School years 6,7,8,9

- Sessions will be ran on the MUGA
- No experience required.
- Trainers.
- Shin pads advised but optional

To book your child a place contact:
Colin Powell on:
Colin.Powell@halton.gov.uk or
Phone: 07554 113264

Please note sessions may be cancelled due to bad weather or sessions altered to suit the needs of those booked on

www.activehalton.co.uk



Tuesday Football Sessions

February 24, March 3, 10, 17, 24.

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Wednesday Futsal 2026

March 4, 11, 18, 25.

Brookvale Recreation Centre
4.30-5.30pm: 7 - 11 years

- Sessions will be ran indoor in the sports hall.
- No experience required.
- Trainers.
- Shin pads advised but optional

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The Cycle Partnership Ltd working with Halton Council and the BikeAbility Trust are proud to offer the following Holiday Courses: - Learn 2 Ride

Lessons are Fully Funded and Free to Halton School Children
School Year 3 - 6



1 Hour Sessions - 1000 - 1100, 1115 - 1215, 1300 - 1345

Children must be accompanied by an adult

Bike and Helmet can be supplied with notice

To Book click follow the Q Code or visit the website www.thecyclepartnership.co.uk/bikeability

Thursday 9th April
Brookvale Recreation Centre
Barnfield Avenue
Runcorn
WA7 6EP

Friday 10th April
Frank Myler Pavilion
99 Liverpool Road
Widnes
WA8 7EY



Terms and Conditions:

Only 1 place per person - we cannot take multiple bookings for the same person.

Your child's bike will be checked by our instructors and if found not suitable the bike will not be used.

Your child must be attending a Halton school in the academic years above.

The consent form must be filled in fully by the Parent or responsible adult.

Halton Healthy Schools Parent/Carer News

Support Healthy Habits at Home

You can find helpful tools, articles and local resources by visiting . A great place to learn more about supporting your child's well-being.

<https://padlet.com/HaltonHIT/halton-healthy-schools-parents-news-kxkmsfbkonytivbs>

Support for Young Carers from Halton Carers

We currently support approximately 700 young carers between the ages of 4-17, both individually and as part of their family. You can refer yourself to us to be registered as a young carer or a professional such as school teacher or GP can refer you.

Once you are registered our Carer Support Workers will visit you at home or school, or somewhere else to identify the impact that caring has on you. They will offer services that will enable you to have some for yourself. We will address any instances of inappropriate caring by arranging suitable support for the cared for person.

As many young carers can be disadvantaged by their caring role we encourage them to discuss their feelings and aspirations for the future. We link closely with schools, colleges and GP practices to ensure that the extent of your caring role is understood by other professionals and does not limit your life chances. If you are a young carer you can access our fun day trips with other young carers or as part of your family, funding towards a break, group activities and confidence building courses.

Young Carers registered with ourselves can access our:

- Information & Support
- Young Carers Group
- Personalised Carer Break Fund
- Young Carers Trips
- Training
- Holistic Therapies
- Newsletter

We can also with consent, refer onto other services in Halton for support.

[Visit www.haltoncarers.co.uk for more information](http://www.haltoncarers.co.uk)



Halton Family Hubs: Support for You and Your Family

Halton Family Hubs are friendly, accessible places where families can get face-to-face support and information from a range of services, all in one place. Whether you're expecting a baby, raising a toddler, or supporting a young person, the hubs are here to help.

Family Hubs bring together services from the Council, NHS, and community organisations. They aim to make it easier for families to find the support they need, when they need it.

Who Can Use a Family Hub?

You can use a Family Hub if:

You are pregnant

You are a parent or carer of a child aged 0 to 19, or up to 25 if they have special educational needs or disabilities

You are a young person aged up to 19, or up to 25 with SEND

Support is open to all families living in Halton, whatever your circumstances.

What Support Is Available?

The range of support available can vary depending on the hub, but many offer:

Activities for children under 5, including play sessions and sensory groups

Midwifery and health visiting services

Infant feeding advice, including breastfeeding and weaning support

Perinatal mental health support for parents before and after birth

Parenting courses and workshops, designed to build confidence and share experiences

Across all hubs, the goal is to help parents and carers nurture their children and give them the best possible start. This support helps to improve health and education outcomes across Halton.

Where Can I Find a Family Hub?

There are several Family Hubs in Halton, based in both Runcorn and Widnes. There are also additional community locations where some services are delivered.

To find your nearest Family Hub and see what's on offer:

Visit: www.haltonfamilyhubs.co.uk/family-hubs

Or contact your local hub directly for more information:

Kingsway Hub (Widnes): 0151 511 8822

Ditton Hub (Widnes): 0151 511 8444

Upton Children's Centre: 0151 257 2450

Warrington Road Hub (Widnes): 0151 511 8366

Brookvale Hub (Runcorn): 01928 797160

Halton Lodge (Runcorn): 0151 511 5050

Windmill Hill (Runcorn): 01928 717132

