

Newsletter



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



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Welcome back after the Easter break! I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable time with your families.

It has been lovely to see the children return so positively, ready to learn and take on new challenges. We are looking forward to a busy and exciting term ahead, filled with lots of opportunities for learning, growth and success.



Curriculum Spotlight



Each week, we celebrate one of our subjects in school. This week's spotlight is on Geography with our Subject Lead: Mrs Taylor



Key Dates



20/4 - Y5 Fit 4 life



21/4 - Y3 Charity Day



4/5 - May Day Bank Holiday
School closed



7/5 - Polling Day - School
Closed



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



20/5 - Finish for half term



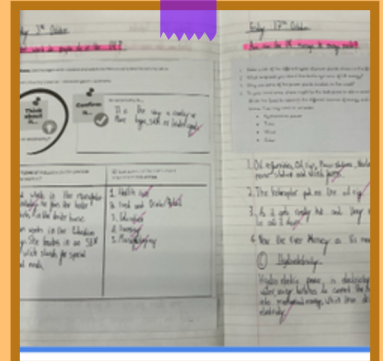
1/6 - Return to school



8/6 - EYFS Charity Day

Our Key Stage 2 children have been on an exciting geography journey over the past few years, building their knowledge of the wider world step by step. In Year 3, pupils explored North America and the USA, learning how to use atlases to locate countries, states and major cities. They also compared life there to their own local area, thinking about differences in climate, landscapes and how people live. This gave them a great starting point for developing key map skills and using important geographical vocabulary.

In Year 4, the focus shifted to rivers, where children learned how they are formed, why they are important and how they shape the land. They followed the journey of rivers using maps and atlases, and began to understand how physical features connect to human activity. By Year 5, pupils brought all of these skills together in their study of South America, focusing on Rio and South East Brazil. They explored how the UK is linked to this region through trade and resources, while continuing to build confidence in using atlases and retrieving key facts from previous learning. It's been great to see them making connections across topics and growing into more confident young geographers!



Classroom magic in Year One



Key Dates



8/6 - Y6 London 1



10/6 Photographs



23/6 - Y6 London 2

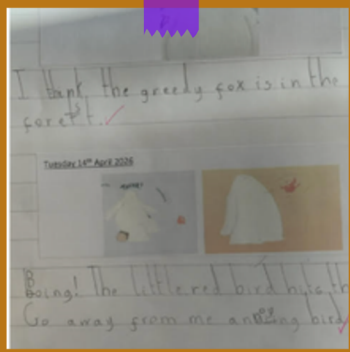


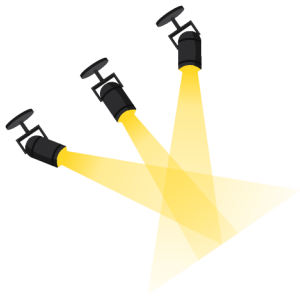
6/7 - EYFS trip to Chester Zoo



17/7 - Close for summer

Year one have had a great first week back. We started reading Yeti and the Bird in English. We are using our phonic knowledge to read green words in our reading books. In maths, we have been measuring. We used metre sticks to find objects longer and shorter than a metre and used a balance to compare the weight of two different objects. We are learning about traditional tales from the past in history and about the seasons in science. In design and technology, we started our wheels and axles unit and in PE we are developing our ball skills and playing net and wall games. It is going to be a busy half term in oak class.





student shoutout



Who has been spotted this week?

★ CARE

★ Good Work

★ EYFS

Alfie Donlan
Jasmine McGarry
Brooklyn Porter
Logan Mercer
Ruby Thomas Henney
Charlie McGee

Nolan Cox
Arthur Bunting
Porsia Price
Kady Adderley
Jack Dunbebin
Belle Barlett

Scarlett French

staff shoutout



We'd like to take a moment to recognise Lee Murphy for his continued hard work and dedication. Lee consistently goes above and beyond to achieve the very best for our school, our children, and our parents. His commitment, effort, and positive approach make a real difference to our community every day. Thank you, Lee, for everything you do—we truly appreciate your ongoing contribution and support.

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.



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.



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



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

