



Dear families,

I hope you have all had chance to read our Ofsted report. Like I said last week it is a reflection of our work together as a community- so thank you and well done to all.

This week the newsletter is arriving late and I apologise for that. I have had a busy week and a busy weekend. This weekend I spent some quality time with some close friends I haven't seen for a while and also spent the day with my dad and brother on Saturday. Sometimes these things make you think about those precious moments and how important they are for our own mental health and well being. It is important to make memories with those people who are special to us. After such a busy term with Ofsted and Christmas I hope you can forgive me for this being a little late.

This week is busy in school as usual. On Friday Year 3 will say goodbye to Mr Pritchard. We want to thank him for his hard work and commitment to our school and we are sure he will work with us again in the future.

Have a good week- lets hope it gets drier and warmer!

Mrs Knowles

STAFF IN THE SPOTLIGHT!



Hello, my name is Miss Davies and this is my third year at Halesowen. I started working at Halesowen C of E Primary School in 2022 after completing a placement here. At the end of last year, I went to work in Abu Dhabi, but I missed you all so much I had to come back! Previously I was the Reception teacher, but I'm now working in Year 3. I can't wait to get to know my new class of children and make such good memories for the rest of this year.

Outside of school, I have 2 dogs called Morgan and Elsie which I adore and enjoy taking them on walks (sometimes!) I love going on holidays and exploring different countries.

This week we are meeting Miss Davies

Miss Davies did work at Halesowen left and has come back.

We are so pleased to welcome her back to our school family.

HOUSE POINTS

These are the house points up to 17.1.25

Lyttleton
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Hone
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Grazebrook
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Dudley
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HOUSE EVENT

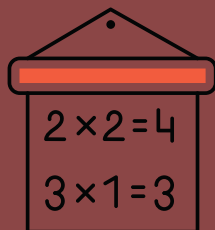
**TODAY WE LAUNCHED OUR TIMES TABLE HOUSE
EVENT.**

MRS POTTER IS LEADING THIS EVENT .

**YEARS 3-6 WILL BE PLAYING A TIMES TABLES ROCK
STARS BATTLE.**

YEAR 1 AND 2 WILL DO A MATHS ACTIVITY IN CLASS

GOOD LUCK TO ALL OF YOU



Diary Dates

This list is correct at the time of publishing this newsletter. We will add to this as the term goes on so please keep checking.

Monday 6th January : Staff training day

Tuesday 7th January: Children return to school

Monday 13th January- clubs start

Monday 13th January- Sparks visit to Year 4 from fire brigade

Wednesday 15th January- Year 5 River Walk

Thursday 16th January- Athletics competition at Windsor

Thursday 16th January- Taster Day- all children entitled to a free school meal will be asked to try something- please order something for them.

Friday 17th January- World Religion Day

Wednesday 29th January- Chinese New Year

Monday 3rd February- Football match (TBC)

Tuesday 11th February- Safer internet day

Friday 14th February- Take Over Day

Dates to be confirmed: Times table house challenge, Phonics meeting for Reception and Year 1 families.



CLUBS

Clubs start week beginning 13th January.

Monday- Board games club- Year 1 and 2

Wednesday- Dodgeball club- Years 5 and 6

Thursday- Sign language club- Years 3 and 4

All clubs are now full- please add children's names to waiting lists at the office

Our value this half term is hope

A prayer for hope

Dear Lord,

Give us hope for the future by washing
away the past.

Fill us with your power to live in a way
that is pleasing to you and loving towards
others
Amen

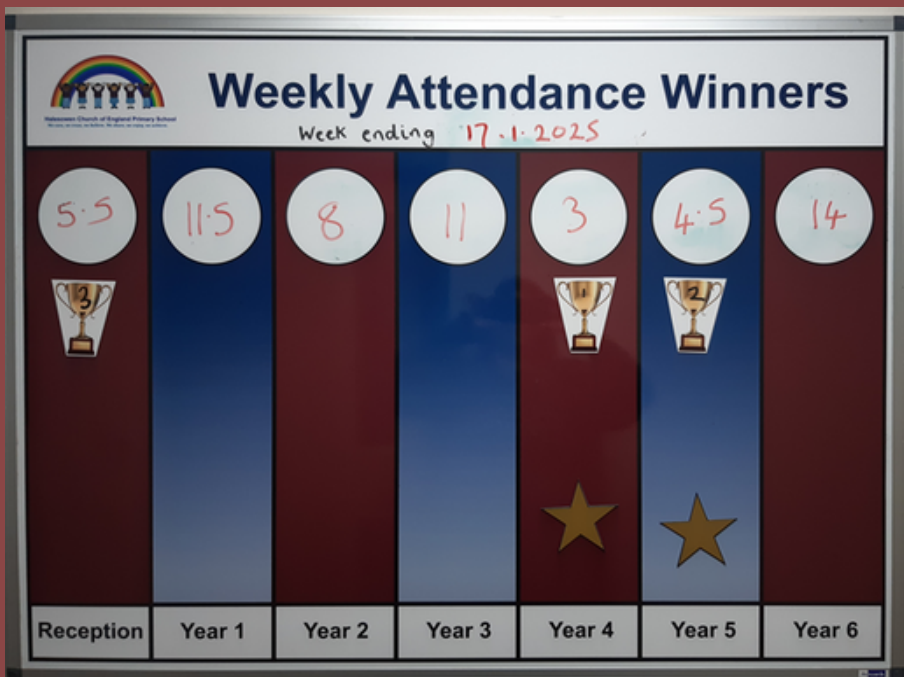


Star of the week

Our last Star of the Week was on 3rd December 2024.
Well done to all of these children.



ATTENDANCE REWARDS



Well done to the
weekly winners
Year 4

Well done also to
year 5 in 2nd place
and reception and in
3rd place.

Year 3 and 6 need to
work hard to
improve and not miss
learning

NOTICES AND REMINDERS

Sickness and diarrhoea

Whilst we promote children being in school whenever they are well enough to do so we do have to follow public health guidance in relation to vomiting and diarrhoea. Please remember the rule is that children cannot return until 48 hours after the last time they vomit or have a loose stool. So for example your child starts being vomiting Sunday and the last time they vomit is 11pm- they could not attend school until Wednesday morning. Your child has diarrhoea at school and is sent home at 10 am Tuesday morning and does not go to the toilet again - they could return for the afternoon session at 1pm on Thursday. If you are ever unsure please speak to the school office.

Exercise books and Carrier bags

Some children have already bought home some old exercise books. The reason they are coming home now is because we kept them for Ofsted and so now no longer need them and thought you would like them. If your child's have not come home yet and they were at our school last year please send in a carrier and they will be sent home.

Spare clothes

Reception class have asked if anyone can donate some clothes for their spare clothes drawers. We particularly need school trousers in small sizes like 4-5, 5-6. If your child comes home in school clothes because they have had to be changed please ensure these clothes are sent back to school after they have been washed,

PE kit

Please ensure that children wear correct PE kit on their PE days. This should be maroon joggers or shorts and a light blue, round neck t shirt. These can be with our without our logo. If you are struggling with maroon we will accept plain black joggers or shorts. Please do not send children in any other kit or they will be asked to change into spare kit.

Drop off in a morning

We are aware that parking is not easy in a morning but we do ask that you ensure all children are walked up to their gate by an adult and you as their parent make sure they go in. Sometimes adults on the gate are talking to other families and they may not see your child go in safely. This is a parental responsibility. I am sure you will support us on this to keep all children safe.

Our Learning



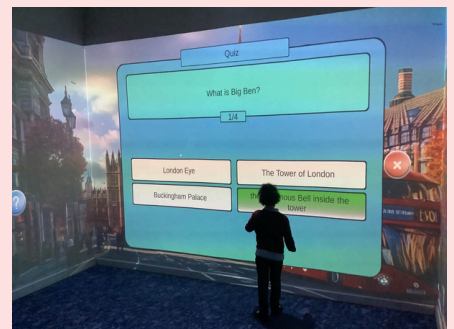
Year 2 went to sea on a fishing boat as an experience day as part of our write stuff unit - the storm whale, it was even raining inside the classroom!

Year 6 children sketching landscapes outside using a pencil to measure the size.



Reception Incy Wincy spider work. what an amazing week!

Year 1 in the immersion room learning all about London



New section on Newsletter

It is Children's Mental Health Week starting on 3rd February. Here are some tips for families.

TIPS FOR FAMILIES

Place2Be's

CHILDREN'S
MENTAL HEALTH
WEEK

① Encourage journalling

Just like Riley, encourage your older children and young people to express their emotions and thoughts through journalling. It can be less confronting than speaking out loud and is a helpful way to process what is going on.

② Make space for reflection

When children and young people reflect on their different emotions, it can help them better understand themselves and what they need. Go for a walk, drive, or try some mindful colouring or baking together.

③ Be visual

Use imagery, such as emojis or flashcards to help children and young people recognise and label their feelings.

④ Practice mindfulness

Try mindful activities, and quiet family time, to enjoy being in the present moment. This can help children and young people be aware of their thoughts and emotions and learn a useful new coping technique.

⑤ Communicate

Feedback is crucial for helping us see our blind spots and gain greater insight. Children and young people are no different. Creating safe and supportive ways to share your own experience with your child can help them understand themselves and their impact on the world around them.



If you're a parent or teacher, you'll find loads of useful advice to help you support the brilliant young people in your lives – from FAQs to downloadable packs. [Here4You.co.uk](https://www.here4you.co.uk)

