



Summer 1 Term Newsletter

Firstly, a huge congratulations to all the **Year 6** children for completing their **SATs** last week.

They made us all very proud and we're sure they did brilliantly!



Easter Art Competition Winners

Children in each year group thoroughly enjoyed entering the 'Knights of St Columba' Easter art competition. Children sketched some wonderful pictures of an Easter scene and wrote their chosen Bible verse that related to their artwork. Well done to our three competition winners who all created some beautiful artwork. They won some amazing prizes including money and a trophy!

The art competition winners are:

Finley Telfer - Year 4
Emilia McDowall - Year 5
Hattie Purcell - Year 6

Well done to our budding future artists!



OPAL : Stay and Play Sessions

Thank you to all those parents who attended our Stay and Play sessions on Tuesday. It was wonderful to see so many parents and children enjoying the sunshine and playing together. What a turn out! Together we will continue to grow the play opportunities for all the children. Thank you to those parents who donated loose parts and to the offers so many of you made. All the information shared is available on the school website in the OPAL tab.



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Thank you to everyone for a fantastic day when Rock Kidz visited school. The children looked fantastic in their rock star outfits and had a wonderful, noisy time in the school hall! From Reception to Year 6 the children loved it! The message this year was all about: kindness, inclusivity and valuing others.

These are values that all the children at Our Lady's show every day and it was a wonderful opportunity to remind everybody about why these are so important.

We hope to welcome Rock Kidz back in the future.



Diamond Cricket Tour

On Wednesday 7th May children from Years 3, 4, 5, 6 attended a Widnes Inspire Diamond Cricket tournament, at Widnes Cricket Club.

It was a good introduction to cricket; it provided opportunities for applying fundamental skills and required tactical thinking under pressure.

The children's behaviour and attitude throughout the day was excellent and they were a credit to our school.

Well done to all the children who attended!



Sports Day 2025

Once again, the sun was shining and it was wonderful to see so many of you enjoying sports day. The children enjoyed taking part in all the races and as always demonstrated great sportsmanship and behaviour. What a success the tug of war was too!

The winning house was **Lourdes** and the children in this house were delighted. Well done to each and every one of you!



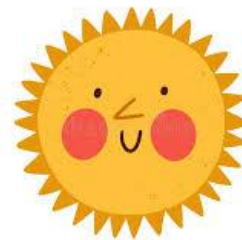
Infants Sports Day 2025



Juniors Sports Day 2025



Sun Protection Policy



As the weather gets warmer, we'd like to remind all families about the importance of sun safety in line with our school's Sun Protection Policy.

Please support us by:

- Talking to your child about the importance of sun protection.
- Sending your child to school with a wide-brimmed hat and a refillable water bottle each day dressing your child in cool, lightweight cotton clothing to help them stay comfortable.
- Applying sunscreen (at least SPF 15) to all exposed areas, including the nose and tops of ears, before school each morning.

Thank you for helping us keep our children safe and healthy in the sun!

Kitchen Menu Update: Frozen desserts

Thank you all for your continued patience and flexibility over the past few weeks as we've navigated supplier issues affecting our dessert options.

Due to ongoing issues, we are making the permanent changes to the menus as below:



Currently	Replacement
Vanilla Ice cream Tub	Vanilla ice cream tub from a different supplier
Chocolate Mousse	Kitchen made chocolate mousse
Strawberry Ice Cream Roll	Doughnut
Frozen Yoghurt	Ice cream tub

These updates will be reflected on School Hub starting the week commencing 19th May 2025.



A HUGE **“THANK YOU”** to all the amazing parents and carers who supported our recent Book Fair!

Your purchases make a real difference — for every book sold, Scholastic rewards us with free books for our school.

Thanks to your generosity, we'll be adding lots of lovely new titles to our school library for all the children to enjoy. Happy reading!

Parking Around School

Please could we remind parents/carers to be mindful on where they park when dropping/picking children up from school.

- Please do not park across driveways/on driveways or block residence in or out . This can create serious safety risks—especially for children walking in/out of school.
- Please also take your litter home to help keep our school environment clean and welcoming for everyone.

Thank you for your continued support in this matter.





Well done to the following children who have all obtained 100% attendance for the school term – Summer 1 term.

Reception

Patrick Cassidy
Eliza Devy
Nella Gaffney
Lillie Harmon
Henry Hepburn
Oliver Houghton
Ava Jones
Isaac Lawton
Jack Malone
Lyza Moglione
Alice O'Neill
Isla Oultram
Charlie Power
Phoebe Radcliffe
Ada Rowlands
Aaron Rowley
Brady Underwood
Myah Wignall

Year 2

Zoe Fitzharris
Percy Fox-Seary
Seth Karaski
Darcey Ogilvie
Mia Reilly
Keira-Lily Strutt
Ella Wignall
Lucas Willcox

Year 1

Theo Buckley
Ayda Doran
Dominik Gorny
Jacob Harris
Eliza Jones
Auraelia Maher
Ivy Marsden
Adelaide Mullally Mitchell
Poppy Reader
Thomas Roach
Ozzie Ryan
Tymon Starzyk
Wilf Wilson

Year 3

Tommy Birchall
Mikey Foster
Olivia Jones
Evan Lawton
Charlie Lita
Ellsie Noone
Teddy Prendergast
Thomas-James Radley
Eve Roach
Finley Romano-Burns
Jacob Rowlands

Year 4

Florence Aster
Sam Bowles
Ava Dalton
Austin Dutton
Hudson Gaffney
Eryn Grant
Mason Hughes
Oliver Lafferty
Joseph McGuffie
Mivira Rajeevan
Orla-Quinn Riley
Oliver Rowlands
Alex Russell
Nathan Tickle

Year 5

Elizabeth Armitage	Jackson Kinsella
Alfie Beddows	Alice Kirwan
Freddie Buck	Millie Lamey
Henry Edgerton	Billy Rowlands
Aspen Fox Seary	Alex Turpin

Year 6

Evie Barnshaw
Dixie Bowen
Jack Bowles
Joe Cox
Amelie Dignall
Finley Doyle
Lillie Edwards
Kelsey Graham
Ella Lane
Alex McGuffie
Jack Moran
Elliott Noone
Nina Parker
Esme Reynolds
Zack Russell
Teddy Ruxton



Reception

This term Reception have been focusing on the Farm.

We have read the stories; What The Ladybird Heard, The Little Red Hen and Wake Up Time On Bumble Farm.

Through these texts the children learnt about different farm animals and what their babies are called. The children also learnt about the different roles of a farmer, different fruit and vegetables that can grow on farms, different farm vehicles and the noises that the animals make.



In maths the children have been learning about numbers to 20 and how we can make these numbers. They have also been learning about different 3D shapes and making their own number sentences using addition and subtraction. The children really enjoyed learning about doubles and they independently did this during continuous provision and they completed work on odd and even numbers.



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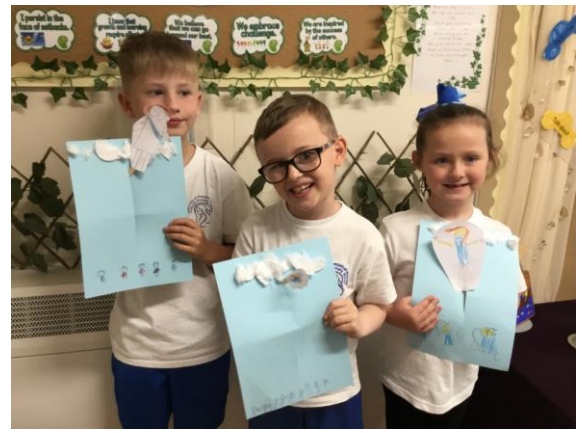


We celebrated Rock Kidz and we had a superb day dressed up as Rockstars. We also had a fantastic day on our school trip to Imagine That! The children demonstrated outstanding behaviour during this trip and we are so proud of them.

We can't wait for another exciting term!

Year 1

Year 1 have been learning all about 'The Arctic' this half term and finding out what animals live in the Arctic as well as learning about the different climates around the world. Children loved being weather reporters and talking about the weather in the UK, the Amazon Rainforest and the Arctic, as well as recognising hot and cold areas of the world. We have enjoyed reading our key text 'Winter Sleep' and learnt lots about hibernation and which animals hibernate and why they do so in the winter. Year 1 have also been writing about the hibernation of a dormouse, comparing the secret glade in the season of summer and winter, as well as creating their own narrative of the story 'Winter Sleep'.



Year 1 have really enjoyed their art and music lessons this half term. In music, children have been learning to play different notes on the glockenspiel and learning about pulse, rhythm and pitch. Children were fantastic singing and performing different songs and are becoming more confident improvising and composing a song using musical instruments.

In Art, children have been learning about primary and secondary colours and have been experimenting with different thickness paint brushes. Year 1 created some beautiful Arctic landscapes in the style of David McEown.

Well done for all your excellent work this half term
Year 1.



Year 2

This half term Year 2 have loved their forest school sessions. It has been wonderful to see them all engaging with the outdoors. We have completed maths activities outside, and we have also created micro-habitats linked to our science lessons. In maths, we have been looking at 2D and 3D shapes. The children have had lots of fun exploring the different shapes and their properties.



Our geography topic has been about the seaside, and we have been looking specifically at Llandudno. The children have really enjoyed researching the seaside town and recently created their own tourism leaflets for Llandudno.



Year 2

Year 2 went on a trip to Gillmoor Discovery Centre in Liverpool and it was a very fun, interactive and informative morning. We have been learning about algorithms in our computing sessions and the children had a fantastic time creating their own games using algorithms.



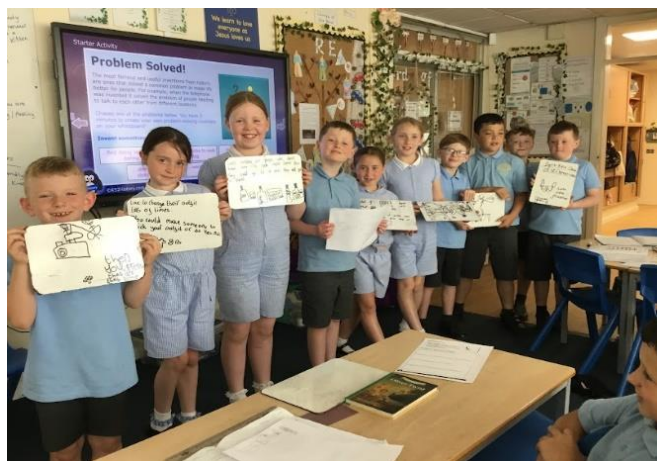
Year 2 have had another busy and successful half term, and they have all continued to work hard and try their best! Well done Year 2.



Year 3



Year 3 have really enjoyed their 'Victorian Era' topic this half term. We have learned lots about what life was like living in this period, and how difficult it was for families who were poor. Children from poor families would have to go out to work to earn money from the age of 6 years, just to survive. We looked at the differences between rich and poor lifestyles and some of the terrible and dangerous jobs Victorian children had to do such as: working as chimney sweeps, factory workers, bird scarers, street sellers and domestic servants. We also compared life in Victorian times with our lives today, noting the things and inventions that have endured such as train travel, seaside holidays, lightbulbs and electricity, the telephone and the flushing toilet!



All of this history was brought to life whilst reading our English text 'Oliver Twist' by Charles Dickens – it's fair to say the children have been enthralled by the story of the poor orphan Oliver and his life and enjoyed participating in some role play for some of the memorable parts of the book.

We also looked at some notable figures from the Victorian Era including Dr Barnardo, a benevolent man who set up his 'Ragged Schools' to provide free education for children too poor to receive it elsewhere, and whose charity still exists today. We have also studied the designer William Morris, learning about his famous furniture and fabric design that is still used all over the World today.

Year 3

After our super concert last term, we were lucky enough to have Mrs McElroy continue to teach us singing and we have really enjoyed these sessions, learning about music and singing some beautiful songs including a special song to celebrate the Catholic Church's Jubilee year.



We have really enjoyed our science lessons, learning all about light and shadows and working scientifically to determine how a shadow changes depending on how close it is to the light.

Finally, we have loved our rugby lessons where we have learned how to throw, catch, pass and kick as well as developing great listening and team working skills. A massive thank you to Sean from Widnes Vikings for the fantastic lessons and coaching.

Other highlights include the brilliant 'Rock Kidz' day when we all had so much fun



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Year 4

Year 4 have had so much fun this half-term! We loved our school visit from Rock Kidz where we had the opportunity to dance like rock stars and learn songs about showing kindness!



In P.E. we have been extremely lucky to have the opportunity to work with Widnes Vikings, learning the skills it takes to participate in playing rugby-playing fun, fast paced games. Sean is an excellent coach and made all our rugby sessions so much fun.



Our history topic has been about the 'Saxon King'. We have thoroughly enjoyed exploring and learning about the inspirational story of Harold Godwinson, the final Anglo-Saxon King of England. Linking in with this topic, in English we have been reading the epic poem, Beowulf. We have loved learning about this mythical story, making wanted posters and writing character descriptions. This then led to us creating our very own Beowulf inspired mythical story.

Year 5

We have had a busy, yet rewarding half term in Year 5. In our Egyptian topic, we have been learning all about the wonders of Ancient Egypt. We presented some of our research, such as the structure of Egyptian society, on pyramid shaped fact files!



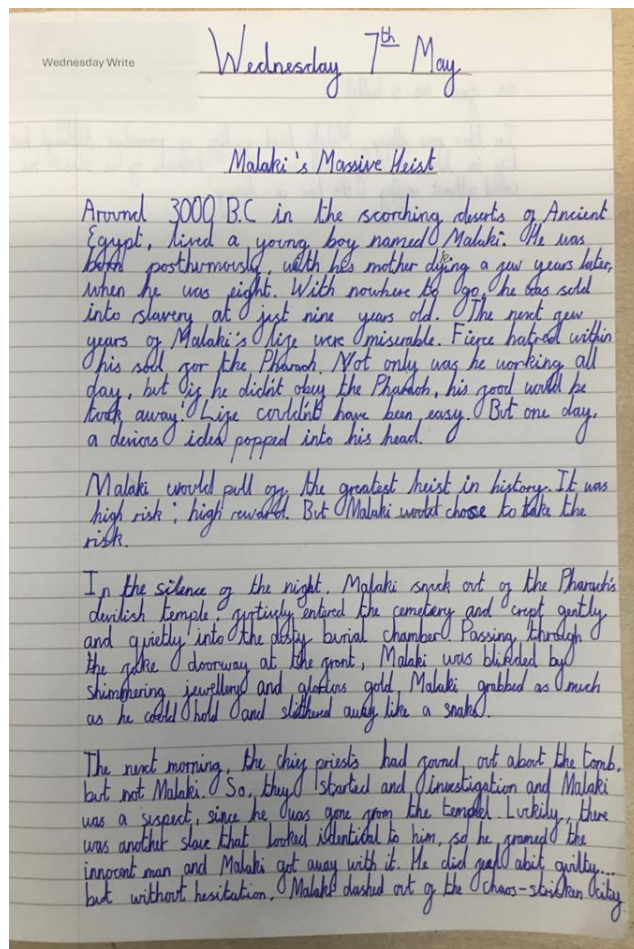
We have been creative with clay, making our own Canopic jars. These were used during the mummification process, and contained the deceased Pharaoh's internal organs! We decorated our jars in hieroglyphics – Egyptian writing.



Inspired by our core text 'Ma'at's Feather' set in Ancient Egypt, we wrote our own Egyptian adventure stories. Did you know that the Egyptians believed that when you died your heart was weighed against Ma'at's feather? If your heart was as light as a feather you could pass onto the afterlife.

Year 5

An exciting
Story set in
Ancient Egypt....
By Leo



On Friday 16th May we were treated once again to the superb 'ROCK KIDZ' event. The theme this year was all about kindness. Year 5 really rocked and know how to treat each other with kindness!



Year 6

What a hardworking half term this has been! A huge **congratulations** to Year 6 for all their hard work this term to complete their SATs. They all worked exceptionally, gave their all and we couldn't be prouder of them. Of course, we know that SATs doesn't measure the most important things about Year 6: sense of humour, sportsmanship, resilience and the rest.



After all that revision and testing, we enjoyed our traditional sweet hunt in celebration and then spent the Friday of SATs week rocking out with Rock Kids.



Year 6

We have also been hard at work in the garden, helping our Live Simply mission by planting vegetable seeds and trying to start our wildflower meadow. Year 6 really have been stewards of God's creation this term with their excellent behaviour in the garden.



After all the excitement of revision and testing, Year 6 also enjoyed a visit from the magistrate to talk about how our courts work and what being a magistrate entails. This was very interesting and opened a lot of children's eyes to the legal profession.

All in all a very studious half term for year 6, and now all eyes are on to the final half term before high school, with transition, the school play, leaver's mass and the leavers assembly all to come.

They also had a visit from the British Red Cross to learn all about basic, first aid. These skills are invaluable as they move onto high school and often make their own way to school and/or spend more time with their friends in the park etc. Thank you to Carmel from the British Red Cross for the informative, fun session.

Boydell's new Pricelist for 2025.



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Uniform	Cost
Summer Poloshirt	£10.00
Knitted Jumper up to 32"	£18.00
Knitted Jumper from 34"	£19.00
Knitted Cardigan up to 32"	£20.00
Knitted Cardigan from 34"	£21.00
Tie	£5.00
PE Tshirt	£6.00
PE shorts	£6.00
Book bag	£10.00
20 x Iron on Name Labels	£4.00
Generic PE Bag	£5.00



School uniform is available all year round.

Please contact the shop with any queries

**Shop Opening
Times**

**Monday to Friday - 9:00am to 5:00pm
Saturday - 9am to 12noon**

AUGUST LONGER OPENING HOURS

Saturday 9am to 5pm

Sunday 10am to 4pm

10am to 4pm August Bank Holiday

EXPLORE & DISCOVER

this May half term at Halton Libraries

NO NEED
TO BOOK
DROP IN ANYTIME

Tuesday 27th May

Space – the final frontier! – arts and crafts that are out of this world 11-12:30 at WIDNES library

Rhymetime 11-11:45 at DITTON and RUNCORN libraries

Lego Club 3-5 at WIDNES and HALTON LEA libraries

Wednesday 28th May

Dinos and Fossils – prehistoric arts and crafts 11-12 at HALTON LEA library

Rhymetime 11-11:45 at WIDNES library

FREE packed lunches 12-1 at HALTON LEA AND WIDNES libraries

Thursday 29th May

Rhymetime 11-11:45 at HALTON LEA library

Brilliant Builds 3-5 at HALTON LEA, DITTON and WIDNES libraries

Lego Club 3-5 at RUNCORN library

Friday 30th May

Hide and Seek: Rainforest craft activity 11-12:30 at DITTON library

Rotten Romans Mosaics (Horrible Histories) 11-12:30 at HALTON LEA library

Rhymetime 11-11:45 at WIDNES library

Commotion in the Ocean – collage activity 2-3 at WIDNES library




Saturday 31st May

Saturday Stories 11-11:45 at WIDNES and HALTON LEA library



And join us on **Tuesday at Halton lea** and **Thursday at Widnes** for a special session with **Digital Arts Box**. For more details see: library.haltonbc.info

www.halton.gov.uk/libraries

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These **FREE** half-term sessions for families living within our community in Halton, from any background, to come together, socialise and create!

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Tuesday 27th May - Halton Lea Library Runcorn

Thursday 29th May - Widnes Library, Widnes

times:

10:30 am

- 12:30 pm

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Upcoming Events/School Calander

June 2025

2 nd June	School re opens at 8.30am
4 th till 6 th June	Yr 6 Plas Meni Residential Trip
9 th June	My Money Week
10 th June	School Nurse Drop In : from 2.30pm
17 th June	Yr 6 Trip Widnes SuperBowl
18 th June	EYFS, Yr 1 and Yr 2 School Visit to the Liverpool Philharmonic
24 th June	Yr3 and Yr4 School Trip to Norton Priory
25 th June	Healthy School Event
27 th June	Our Ladys of Perpetual Succour Feast Day-Holy Communion Mass 9.30am (For Yr 4 Parents)

July 2025

1 st July	Yr 2 School trip to Windmill Farm
3 rd July	French Day
7 th and 8 th July	Yr 6 Transition Days
9 th July	Yr 5 School trip to Lllangollen
11 th July	Yr1 School Trip to Hough Green Park (Picnic in the park)
15 th July	KS2 Play dress rehearsal at 1.30pm (Children and babies welcome) KS2 Play Performance at 6pm (No Children under the age of 11 allowed)
16 th July	KS2 Play Performance at 6pm (No Children under the age of 11 allowed)
18 th July	Mrs McGuffie's Retirement Mass at St Michaels Church at 2pm (All Welcome)
21 st July	Leavers Mass at 2pm in school
22 nd July	Leavers Assembly at 9am School Closes for the Summer Holidays at 1.30pm

Please keep a check on the school website's calendar for upcoming events at school during the year.

This will be updated on a regular basis.