



HALTON HOLEGATE

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*Learning and flourishing together
within the love of God*



What a fantastic first two weeks back!

The children have settled brilliantly into their learning and have thoroughly enjoyed being reunited with their friends and the adults who support them each day. This term, we are focusing on our school value of Thankfulness, and there is already so much to be thankful for. I have been particularly grateful to our older children, who have shown great kindness and responsibility in helping our younger pupils and new starters settle into school life. From helping them find their way across the playground in the mornings to including them in games at breaktimes, they have been wonderful role models. I am also extremely thankful to the children, staff and parents who have made me feel so welcome and have helped me settle into my new role. We enjoyed an amazing first day back, with some of our older children having the opportunity to watch the Men's Cycle Race, while our younger children enthusiastically showed their support from school. It was a fantastic experience for everyone involved. We have already launched our Forest School sessions for Years 2 and 3, and the children have thrown themselves into the activities with great enthusiasm. Our Year 6 children have now completed their 11+ test, and we could not be prouder of them. They approached the experience with determination, resilience and a positive attitude, reflecting the hard work they have put in throughout their time at school. Regardless of the outcome, taking the test is a significant achievement, and they should all feel incredibly proud of themselves. Well done year 6! We look forward to another successful and enjoyable few weeks ahead.

Dates for the diary - 2026

22nd Sept – Class 2 Wild
Woodcraft

25th Sept – Macmillan Coffee
morning 8.30am – 10.00

25th Sept – Macmillan cake
sale 3.00pm

1st Oct – Harvest festival at the
church 2pm (all welcome)

12th Oct – EYFS and Nursery
Parents' evening

21st Oct – Years 1 -6 Parents'
evening

23rd Oct – Last day of term

2nd Nov – Start of term

6th Nov – Individual and sibling
photos

Macmillan Coffee Morning

We are looking forward to hosting our **Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday 25th September**. Parents, grandparents and friends of the school are warmly invited to join us from **8:35am to 10:00am** as we come together to raise money for this fantastic cause.

Whether you can stay for a few minutes or the whole morning, we would love to see you there. Join us for **coffee, cake and a chat**, while helping to support the invaluable work of Macmillan Cancer Support.

We will also be holding a cake sale at the end of the day so that the children can enjoy cake too, so don't forget to bring some change and grab a treat for on the way home.

Donations of cakes will be gratefully received for both the coffee morning and cake sale. Please bring these to school the day before, unless they are perishable or need to be kept chilled, in which case the morning of the event will be fine. If home baking, please include a list of ingredients in case of allergies

We hope to see many of you there and thank you in advance for your support and generosity.

Attendance Matters!

Our whole school attendance this week was **95.2%**, which is a great effort from everyone. Thank you to all our families for supporting good attendance and ensuring children are in school, on time, every day.

A special congratulations goes to **Class 3**, who achieved an impressive **97.2% attendance** this week and take the attendance crown! 🏆

Every day in school counts, and excellent attendance helps children make the most of their learning opportunities, build friendships, and develop positive routines. Let's keep up the fantastic effort and see if we can push our whole-school attendance even higher next week!

The votes are in!

Congratulations to our new Faith and School council members. We look forward to them helping to lead and support our school this year.

School council

Class 3: Summer, Monty and Maisy

Class 2: Mia and Ellis

Class 1: Willow and Abbie

Faith council

Class 3: Alex, Victoria and Cooper

Class 2: Summer and Leah

Class 1: Rose and Finley

Medical information - Reminder

Please make sure that your child's medical information is up to date and that the correct information is recorded on Arbor. **If your child has any medicines, inhalers or Epi-pens please ensure that these are in school and are in date.**

We ask that **all** parents complete and sign the letter sent home about allergies and medical conditions, even if your child does not have an allergy.

If you need to discuss any concerns regarding your child's medical condition or their Individual Healthcare Plan, then please speak to the office.

Mobile phones

As you may be aware, our school policy is that mobile phones should not be used during the school day. We understand that some children in Upper Key Stage 2 may carry a mobile phone to help them travel safely to and from school. If this applies to your child, please remind them that their phone must be handed in to the school office on arrival. Phones will be stored securely and returned to children at the end of the school day.

Wellie Call

If you have any children's wellies no longer being used, we would love to give them a good home. We can promise lots of mud and puddles! Please drop these in at the office or send them into school with your child to give to the class teacher.

Free Breakfast Club

Don't forget that Free Breakfast Club is available to book on Arbor, from **Reception to Year 6**. The club aims to provide children with a healthy start to the day, helping them to feel settled, ready to learn and prepared for the day ahead.

Breakfast Club will open from **7:30am** each morning and will provide a welcoming environment where children can enjoy breakfast, spend time with friends and make a calm and positive start to their school day, ensuring every child begins the day ready to learn and flourish.