



April 2025 Newsletter

RECEPTION

This term Reception has been focusing on Traditional Tales.

We have read the stories: The Three Little Pigs, The Gingerbread Man, The Three Billy Goats Gruff, Goldilocks and the Three Bears, Jack and the Beanstalk and Little Red Riding Hood.

Through these texts the children made 'Wanted' posters for the Big Bad Wolf, made traps to catch him and looked for clues, made sorry cards for the three little bears, made bridges outside for the Billy Goats Gruff. They also took part in a hot seating activity which promoted lots of questions and creative answers and they had a teddy bears picnic and made their own jam sandwiches.

In maths the children have been learning the number bonds to 5,6,7,8 and 9 and they have used different manipulatives to help with this. We have also been learning how to share things equally so there is the same amount and weighing items to see which is heavier and lighter.

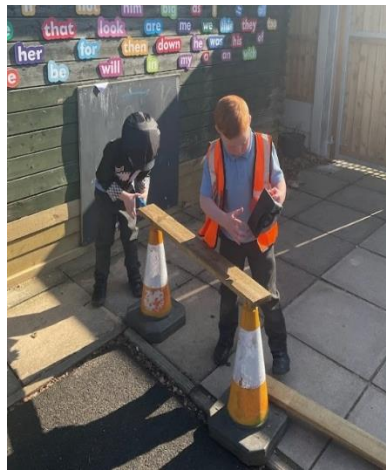
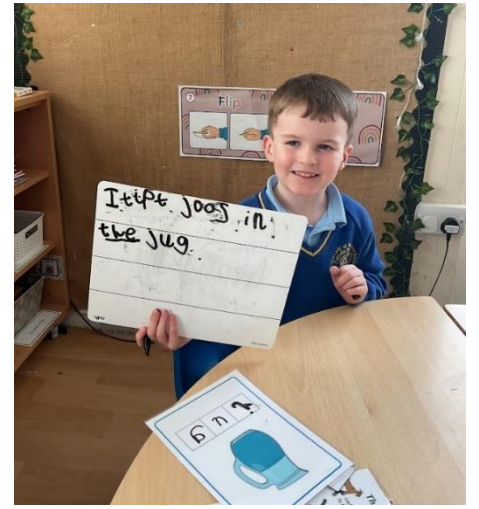
We celebrated World Book Day, and we had a fantastic time dressed up as our favourite World Book Day characters. The children had lots of fun doing the treasure hunt outside and answering questions about different books. We finished the day by eating some cupcakes outside with our teddy bears and listened to some stories that the children had brought in.

We have also been learning how to play the Glockenspiel in Music. We have been playing familiar songs such as Twinkle Twinkle little star.

Reception also had a lovely time at the coffee morning with their families.

We can't wait for another fantastic term!





Year 1

This half term Year 1 have been learning all about the Amazon Rainforest. We have been learning about the climate, the animals that live there, the layers of the rainforest as well as comparing the differences between the Amazon and Widnes. Year 1 enjoyed reading our key text 'The Great Kapok Tree' and have been writing about the importance of looking after our beautiful world, and creating a poster about protecting the rainforest. We have also been researching and finding facts about the Amazon to write a non-chronological report.

In Art, children have been studying the artist Andy Warhol and discussed their thoughts about what they like about his pop art and how it makes them feel. Children produced some beautiful pop art of their own, drawing different animals that live in the Amazon rainforest.

Year 1 have thoroughly enjoyed their forest school sessions this half term and were able to work as a team and demonstrate great communication skills when creating birds' nests, storytelling, as well as creating artwork using natural materials.

Well done Year 1 for continuing to work hard and for all your fantastic work this half term.



Year 2

This half term Year 2 have been learning about 'Africa'. We have really enjoyed learning about the Serengeti National Park and the Maasai Mara Tribe! We have completed lots of research and written reports all about Africa in our English lessons. In our science lessons we have been learning about 'Living Things and their Habitats'. We have spent lots of time in our school grounds exploring different habitats and micro-habitats. We found lots of different mini beasts and discovered that the worms are particularly fond of our new mud kitchen!

The children have shown a great interest in 'statistics' in maths and enjoyed collecting their own data and presenting it on a pictogram. In computing the children have been busy making their own music using an app called 'Chrome Music Lab'. In music the children have been learning the notes B, C, D and E on the glockenspiels. We had a fantastic time on World Book Day completing a range of fun activities. We even made our own 'character potatoes' based on our favourite story characters.



Year 3

In English, Year 3 have really liked our story 'Bill's New Frock' a story about a boy Bill who wakes up to suddenly find that he is a girl. He learns about the many differences in expectations for girls and boys. We have written fantastic diary entries putting ourselves in Bill's shoes for the day and portraying his moments of horror, outrage and despair. We have also written and performed a very funny play script acting out the scene when Bill is reluctantly crossed over the road by a kindly old lady!

In geography we have been taking 'Three Giant Steps' looking at Dover in the UK, France and Canada. We have learned lots about the 3 countries using maps and atlases. We have carried out research and have studied physical features like mountains, cliffs, rivers and waterfalls and looked at man-made landmarks such as the Port of Dover, the Eiffel Tower and Notre Dame in Paris and the CN Tower in Toronto.

We have also compared the 3 countries looking at size, climate, population, culture and language. In Art, we learned all about the French Impressionists and painted our own pictures in the style of Claude Monet.

In P.E. we have had some brilliant tennis and cricket lessons with expert coaching from Tia and Paul – a big thank you to you both from Year 3!



We have been so busy this half term, enjoying fantastic music lessons with Mrs Mc Elroy from Liverpool Archdiocese culminating in a dazzling concert for parents singing the songs from 'Joseph: The Musical'.

We have also been doing our bit for the environment by litter-picking in our local park which coincided with 'World Book Day'. The day was a huge hit as we all came to school dressed up as our favourite characters.



Year 4

During this half-term, Year 4 have been working extremely hard learning all about 'Rivers' in geography and 'States of Matter' in science. Using atlases and research on the internet, we were able to list rivers and mountains in the UK showing where they are on a map. We took part in many science investigations such as measuring the changes in the volume of water over time and finding out how surface area affects evaporation time. We also enjoyed looking at the water cycle, using scientific vocabulary to describe it.

Following on from our history topic, 'the Romans', last half-term, we had a fantastic time visiting the Grosvenor Museum in Chester. We had the opportunity to have a guided tour of Chester with a real Roman soldier and took part in lots of interesting workshops.



During our PE lessons, we loved pushing ourselves during athletics, trying to beat our personal bests in sprinting and other track sports. However, our favourite subject this half-term must be English. We loved reading and doing some fabulous World Book Day activities in class. Showing good citizenship, we even went litter picking around the local area dressed up – we did get some funny looks! We also thoroughly enjoyed reading our book, *The Iron Man*, fully embracing our written tasks. We particularly enjoyed creating our restaurant menus for the Iron Man, producing our own newspaper reports, and composing and performing our Iron Man raps!



Year 5

This half term Year 5 attended a fabulous series of child safety workshops at the Ubique Barracks in Widnes called 'Crucial Crew'. The police, road safety officers, magistrates and health professionals provided the different stations. These were not only informative, but highly engaging too.

We learnt how to put an unconscious person into the recovery position, as well as keeping safe around electricity pylons and sub-stations.



Most importantly, we learnt a lot about on-line safety. We know how to make secure passwords, and how to work on the ARB principle (Adult, Report, Block) if we're contacted by anyone that we don't know in real life.



We had a really enjoyable time on World Book Day.

Can you guess some of the characters we came dressed as?



Our swimming lessons have now transferred to the brand new leisure centre. Our first lesson there was on the very first day it opened! We are improving our skills and growing in strength and confidence every week.

Throughout this half term in our Science lessons, we have been investigating simple machines such as gears, levers and pulleys. We designed and made our own gears and pulleys.



Finally, our half term has ended with us taking part in Shakespeare Week. We have learnt all about life in Tudor times, as well as exploring the plays of the Bard and making our own Shakespeare booklets.



Year 6

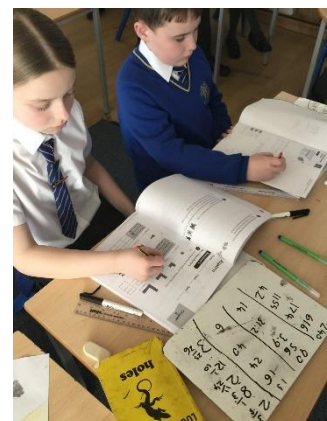
This term, Year 6 have been very busy studying hard in maths and English for SATs. We have been staying after school for our maths and English clubs solving some very difficult brainteasers and puzzles and reading some interesting stories too, helping the children really get under the skin of everything they read. This is on top of all the hard work Year 6 put in in class, with us covering some difficult topics like ratio, algebra, subjunctive form and semi-colons. But, Year 6 have been up to the task and have shown a great deal of perseverance and determination this last term. Everyone at the school is both extremely proud of how well the children are preparing for SATs and the progress they've made.

Of course, there is more to school than just SATs! In PE we have been continuing to improve our rugby skills with Sean from the Widnes Vikings. Our very competitive class have been loving the kicking game, and I am pleased to say they have all improved greatly. Also, in PE we have been learning about cricket. Most of Year 6 have a new found fondness for one of our national sports! I am always pleasantly surprised at how well Year 6 take to learning new sports, and how much they improve in a short space of time - and cricket is a great example of this. We have some excellent bowlers, batters and fielders! Well done to Year 6 for continuing to show dedication in PE!

In Music we were lucky enough to take a trip to the Liverpool Philharmonic to watch the world-famous Philharmonic Orchestra perform. Some of the playing was outstanding and we learned how music affects us both physically and emotionally. A great example of this was when the orchestra played a piece called "Colourful Clouds Chasing the Moon". Nearly all of our class were hypnotised by the melody and sent into a deep trance - one almost fell asleep! That's the power of music!

Back in class we have been finishing our website about Central American countries and learning all about the ancient people who lived there - the Maya! This very interesting civilisation was famed for its amazing understanding of the universe, its colourful gods, and its sport: Pok-a-Tok which we have been learning. Luckily, we won't get sacrificed if we lose. In Art we have been doing an Easter competition to make an Easter scene inspired by a piece of scripture. Let's hope Year 6 win something!

Another excellent half term in Year 6, well done class!



Attendance Matters



100% Attendance Awards Well done to the following children who obtained 100% attendance for the school term – 4th January 2025 to 14th February 2025.

Reception

Patrick Cassidy
Eliza Devy
Lillie Harmon
Henry Hepburn
Oliver Houghton
Ava Jones
Jack Malone
Lyza Moglione
Isaac Lawton
Alice O'Neill
Pheobe Radcliffe
Ada Rowlands
Aaron Rowley
Myah Wignall

Year 1

Dominik Gorny
Eliza Jones
Auraelia Maher
Poppy Reader
Thomas Roach

Year 2

Maisie Bate
Emily Farmer
Eve Fogg
Ollie Power
Albie Radley
Mia Reilly
Conrad Saunders
Keira-Lily Strutt

Year 3

Tommy Birchall
Mikey Foster
Thomas Henson
Molly Hughes
William Johnson-Wright
Olivia Jones
Charlie Lita
Evan Lawton
Elsie Noone
Sam Owens
Teddy Prendergast
Finley Romano-Burns
Lewis Thompson

Year 4

Sam Bowles
Ella Connor
Ava Dalton

Year 5

Elizabeth Armitage
Alfie Beddows
Isaac Campbell

Year 6

Harrison Connor
Joe Cox
Finley Doyle

Jessica Derbyshire

Eryn Grant

Mason Hughes

Eloise Jones

Josepf McGuffie

Orla Riley

Alex Russell

Isaac Sinclair

Patrick Corish

Elliot Dunne

Henry Edgerton

Grace Fogg

Bobby Gore

Rhys Jones

Leo Keowski

Millie Lamey

Emilia MacDowall

Harry Moss

Tobias Neil

Jude Smith

Alex Turpin

Kelsey Graham

Ella Lane

Alex McGuffie

Jack Moran

Elliott Noone

Nina Parker

Hattie Purcell

Esme Reynolds

Zack Russell

Teddy Ruxton

Frankie Tighe

Easter Bingo

A HUGE "THANK YOU" to all parents/carers who donated gifts/toys/bottles and chocolates for our Easter Bingo. Also, a big thank you to Miss Poulson and her team of helpers for organising such an eggcellent event!



Thank you to all who came along and supported our Bingo. We have managed to raise a fantastic £1420.00 to be put towards much needed resources for our school. THANK YOU.



This year is a jubilee year for the Catholic church. Our schools are called upon to make a pledge:

We promise to be agents of change, working together for justice, love and peace, locally and globally. We want to build a fairer world, where every person, and the earth, can flourish. As pilgrims of hope, we are on a mission to build a world where: We recognise the dignity of every person, loved and created by God.

On a practical level, this Lent we have been collecting non-perishable food items for Fare Share Merseyside. This charity donates to organisations in the Halton area.

Thank you so much for your support with this.



Booking School Snacks and Dinners

Please remember that as Parents/Carers it is your responsibility that you book your child(ren's) snack and school dinners online, (www.schoolhub.co.uk) and make payment for all meals/snacks booked. **Also**, if your child is **absent** from school, please ensure you cancel any meals/snacks booked otherwise you may still be charged.

School meals must also be booked if your child is entitled to Free School Meals and if your child is in Reception, Yr1 and Yr2.



School Nurse

Our school nurse - Caitlin Hyde visits our school for a parents drop in opportunity each term. She can advise and support parents/carers on many issues and her next visit will be on:

Monday 9th June 2025 at 2.30pm in the school meeting room

She will be available for any parents/carers who wish to speak to her in confidence about any health issues or advice to support them with their child/children.

PARKING AROUND SCHOOL

We have had numerous complaints from residents about the parking and one such complaint resulted in a fine from the PCSO.

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 and please, do not leave your litter, take it home. Thank you for your continued support in this matter.

Change of details

Please could you inform the office if you have any new contact numbers, moved house or if any medical conditions have changed? If your child has been diagnosed with a medical condition, please provide a copy of medical evidence from your GP for our records.

REPORTING YOUR CHILD'S ABSENCE

Please could we remind parents/carers that if your child(ren) are absent from school it is expected that parents/carers will provide an explanation of the child's(ren's) absence on the 1st day the absence occurs, at the start of the school day (before 8.30am) If your child(ren) is absent for 3 days or more, parents/carers should contact the school again and provide an update on the child's(ren's) condition.

Please ensure that your child is in school every day and on time

Holiday Activities

West Bank Bears are running a **FREE** to attend Multi Sport Camp over the Easter Half Term at West Bank Bears ground (WA8 0PZ) for children aged **4-11 years old** who are eligible for **Free School Meals**.

Please see details below:

Week 1: Monday 7th - Thursday 10th of April 09:00 - 13:00

Week 2: Monday 14th - Thursday 17th of April 09:00 - 13:00

To book onto the camp use the link below, we have 50 spaces available each day, feel free to share with friends and family members.

[HAF](#)

Any questions, feel free to drop us an email on wbbcic@gmail.com

Easter Holiday Camp

If you're children are on free school meals you can join us for FREE! Any day and as many times as you like. It's 10am - 2pm full of fun activities, sports and creative enrichment. Starting from Monday 7th - Thursday 10th and Monday 14th - Thurs 18th.

Book on: <https://www.haltonfamilyhubs.co.uk/haf>

(Scroll down the website to each individual day you'd like to book. There are limited spaces.)

📍 If you'd like to extend the day to an 8 - 5pm you can for an extra charge £10.

📍 Were able to take more private bookings too if you're not on FSM.

📍 Oakfield Community Primary School, Edinburgh Road, Hough Green, Widnes WA8 8BQ

✉ LittleAthletes-SouthLiverpool@hotmail.com

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DROP-IN

Step into Spring at Halton Libraries

Drop-in sessions all based on some of
our favourite spring time books!

No need to book | Recommended age 5+

Monday 7th April

The 13 Storey Treehouse collage session
11-12:30pm at Widnes
Brenda is a Sheep craft event 1:30 – 3pm at
Halton Lea

Tuesday 8th April

LET'S LEGO
all day 10-5 at Widnes and Halton Lea – let's
get creative with Lego!

Wednesday 9th April

The Day I fell into a Fairytale collage session
11-12 at Halton Lea

FREE packed lunches 12-1 at Widnes and
Halton Lea

Thursday 10th April

The Bee who Loves Words craft session
11-12:30 at Widnes

Friday 11th April

Mia makes a Meadow spring flower art work
11-12:30 at Ditton
Guess How Much I Love You bunny spoon
puppets 11-12:30 at Halton Lea

Monday 14th April

The Day I fell into a Fairytale collage session
11-12:30 at Widnes
Brenda is a Sheep craft event
11-12:30 at Ditton
Catch that Egg easter egg themed paper
crafts
1:30 – 3pm at Halton Lea

Tuesday 15th April

LET'S LEGO
all day 10-5 at Widnes and Halton Lea– let's
get creative with Lego!

Wednesday 16th April

The 13 Storey Treehouse collage session
11-12:00pm at Halton Lea
FREE Packed lunches 12-1 at Widnes and
Halton Lea

Thursday 17th April

Catch that Egg easter egg paper crafts
11-12:30 at Widnes

Plus all your usual rhymetimes and
Saturday story sessions!

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Coffee morning

Thank you for the wonderful support you gave to our coffee mornings, which were held on Tuesday 4th March and on Friday 7th March for our Year 4 children.

It was an amazing morning and afternoon and there was a wonderful atmosphere, which was commented on by so many of you.

We raised a grand total of **£580.00** which will be shared between CAFOD and school for much needed resources.

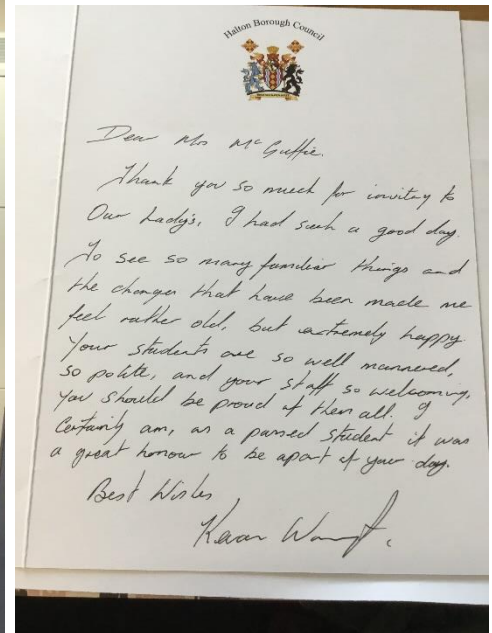
We are so blessed and privileged that we get to work with such supportive and generous parents at Our Lady's. Thank you again and we look forward to doing it again next year!



Mayor of Halton Visit

Halton's mayor Kevan Wainwright visited our school and attended our Ash Wednesday Service. He is an ex-pupil and loved his trip down Memory Lane.

He commented on how wonderful the children are and what fantastic opportunities they had here at Our Lady's.



HPAN

Our Dance Club girls participated in this year's HPAN performance at the Brindley Theatre this half-term. To say we are proud of them is an understatement. The girls worked so hard to perfect their dance routine for this performance. They were truly amazing! Well done to our dancing superstars!



Our School Choir

This term our choir were exceptionally busy as we had two performances.

Our first performance was at the Brindley Halton Sings and our school choir were brilliant. They sang the song 'Tomorrow' from Annie, and they sang some joint songs from Musicals with other schools.

Our second performance was the Spring Concert at St Peter and Paul's High School. The children were fantastic and sang so loudly and enthusiastically. They sang the songs 'Titanium' and 'The Business' and then joint songs with other schools. We had a fantastic solo from our amazing Thea who blew everyone away!

We are so proud of how hard our school choir have worked this year and we can't wait to see what next year has in store for us!



Summer Uniform

When we return to school children can wear our school summer uniform. This consists of:

Blue checked summer dress

Blue polo shirt and dark grey shorts or trousers.

School cardigan/jumper

School PE kit should be worn on PE days. This is a plain white or school logo t-shirt and blue shorts. Dark jogging bottoms can be worn if it is cold. School jumpers/cardigans are also to be worn but please do not send children into schools in hoodies or jackets – these are not part of our school uniform.

We are pleased to announce that we have appointed Miss Rachael Horrocks as our new office manager. We are sure you will give her a friendly warm welcome.



School closes for the Easter half term break – Friday, 4th April 2025 @ 3.15 pm

School re-opens Tuesday, 22nd April 2025 @ 8.30 am, in class for 8.45am

April 2024

24th April	Reception school trip to Imagine That.
28 th April	Yr 2 school trip to Gilmooss Recycling Discovery Centre (Morning only)
30 th April	Sacramental meeting for Yr4 children.

May 2024

10th May	Yr4 Holy Communion
12th – 15th May	KS2 SATS

16th May	Rock Kidz
20th May	OPAL Stay and Play Day
22nd May	Sports Day – 9.30 to 11.30 EYFS & KS1 -12.45 to 2.30 KS2
23rd May	Magistrate visit to Yr6. Finish for Half Term @ 3.15pm
27th – 31st May	Half Term
June 2024	
2nd June	School re opens @ 8.30am
9th June	My Money Week School Nurse Drop in
4th – 6th June	Yr6 Plas Menai Residential Trip
18th June	EYFS, Yr1 & Yr 2 school visit to the Liverpool Philharmonic.
19th June	Reserve Sports Day - 9.30 to 11.30 EYFS & KS1 -12.45 to 2.30 KS2
24th June	Y3 & Y4 school trip to Norton Priory
25th June	Healthy Schools Event
27th June	Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Feast Day- Holy Communion mass 9.30am
July 2024	
1st July	Yr 2 school trip to Windmill Farm.
3rd July	French Day
7th & 8th July	Yr6 Transition
15th July	KS2 Play Dress Rehearsal @ 1.30pm (Children/Babies Welcome) KS2 Play 6pm (No children under the age of 11)

16th July	KS2 Play @ 6pm (No Children under the age of 11)
18th July	Mrs McGuffie's retirement Mass at St Michael's church 2pm. All are welcome
21 st July	Leavers' Mass at 2pm in school
22 nd July	Leavers' Assembly 9am School closes for the summer holidays at 1.30pm