



# BEECHWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

## newsletter

14th February 2025

### HAPPY HALF TERM

This week the children enjoyed an assembly with Paul Delany, a local poet, who then helped Year 1 and 2 to write poems for a competition.

We have enjoyed another House Afternoon, where the children spent time in their houses doing activities organised by the House Captains.

Our choir opened the Halton Primary Arts Network Art Exhibit on Monday. They sang beautifully in front of the Mayor of Halton and a packed crowd at The Shopping City. The art work will be on display there, with around 40 other primary schools, until Friday 28th February. Why not pop along this half term to enjoy the exhibit in the main square.

Thank you to everyone who came to the Families Are Welcome session. It was lovely to have a buzz around the school.

#### World Book Day:

On Thursday 6th March, we will be celebrating World Book Day. We invite the children to come into school dressed as their favourite book character and bring in their favourite book. On this day, we will be spending the day off timetable, enjoying lots of book related activities. We also invite you to come to school at **2pm** to share a book with your child.

We will have a book fayre in school next half term and they have a competition for the children. Children can design a bookmark and the winning design will win a voucher to spend at the book fayre.

#### Easter Celebrations:

- Egg Rolling (your child brings in a hard boiled egg, with their name on, and we have a race to see whose rolls the furthest down the car park hill)
- Egg Decorating (children are invited to decorate an egg and we will choose class winners).

We are also inviting Reception, Year 1 and 2 to create Easter Bonnets for our Easter Parade.

### IMPORTANT DATES

#### Monday 24th February

Children return from half term

#### Tuesday 25th February

Choir perform at the Brindley

#### Thursday 27th February

Year 5 Crucial Crew trip

#### Friday 28th February

Non Uniform-Bottle Donation

#### Thursday 6th March

World Book Day

Parents invited at 2pm to share a book

#### Wednesday 12th March

Attenborough Class Assembly

#### Friday 14th March

Non Uniform-Chocolate/Easter Eggs Donation



#### Friday 21st March

Comic Relief- **BINGO**

#### Tuesday 25th and Wednesday 26th March

Parents' Evening

#### Wednesday 2nd April

PTA Easter Bingo



#### Friday 4th April

Egg Rolling and Egg Decorating Competition

Easter Bonnet Parade

Children finish for Easter at 1:30pm

### REMINDER

Please make sure you book your child's meal. This can be booked 3 weeks in advance- but we think the issue on Monday was it was the start of a new 3 week block. Please double check so that we have the right number of meals cooked.



# Let's Celebrate

### HOUSE POINTS!

Well done to this half term's winner....



### GOLDEN BOX WINNER

Well done to Jacob Mayne for winning a Gold Box prize this week!

### CERTIFICATE WINNERS

#### PICASSO

Nancy Clark and Hallie Scoullar

#### ROSEN

Henry Davies and Elliot Harkin

#### ATTENBOROUGH

Argo Jackson and Millie Cheadle

#### PANKHURST

Esmae Westhead and Bella Stephenson

#### HAWKING

Hannah Faulkes and Luke Walker

#### MALALA

Elias ApCarreg and Sienna Jones

#### MANDELA

Charlie Swan, Daisy Hives and Luca Claxton

### WELLBEING CERTIFICATES

#### PICASSO

Felicity Huetsen

#### ROSEN

Ezra Nethercote

#### ATTENBOROUGH

Olive Lane

#### PANKHURST

Isaac Claxton

#### HAWKING

Alysha Carmichael

#### MALALA

Freddie Murray

#### MANDELLA

Sophie Poland



Halton Health Improvement team are offering the one-time session, Dealing with Big Emotions, for all parents/carers on Thursday 24th April @ 2:30pm in the school hall.

Please message via Seesaw if you are able to attend.

Many thanks Mrs Woodcock

Refreshments will be provided

## Dealing With Big Emotions

Every child has mental health, and taking care of it has never been more important.

Join us for a practical session based on the 5 Ways to Wellbeing, where you'll gain valuable tips and advice on how to support your child's emotional well-being.

Discover simple, effective techniques to help build resilience.  
Explore useful resources that promote positive mental health.  
Learn how small changes can make a big difference.

Give your child the tools to thrive—because their mental health matters.

These sessions are for parents/carers.



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Universal Credit claimants can use up to 50% of their work search time volunteering



## Become a parent group leader!

Empowering Parents, Empowering Communities (EPEC) is an evidence-based parenting programme delivered by parents to parents in their local communities.

- ✓ Support other parents in a fun group setting
- ✓ Learn new skills
- ✓ Paid expenses for travel
- ✓ Make a valuable difference in your community

### Find out more

email: [parenting@halton.gov.uk](mailto:parenting@halton.gov.uk) | telephone: 0151 511 6757



EMPOWERING PARENTS  
EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES

Proud to be working in partnership with Halton Family Hubs

To find your nearest Family Hub visit [www.haltonfamilyhubs.co.uk](http://www.haltonfamilyhubs.co.uk)  
email: [familyhubs@halton.gov.uk](mailto:familyhubs@halton.gov.uk)





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★ To mark 20 years of serving the community we invite you to celebrate with us this half term. We will be holding 2 events for families. ★

## Thursday 20th February Birthday Baby & Toddler Drop In 9.30am-11.30am

Booking is not required.  
Families with children aged 0-2 years are invited to drop in and join us for a Birthday themed play session.

Healthy Child Drop in and Breast Feeding Group will be on, with a host of activities, for our under 2's in the creche room, throughout the morning... and of course cake!

\*Please note, that while older children are welcome, these activities are aimed at the 0-2 age range.

## Thursday 20th February 1.15pm-3.15pm Big Birthday Celebration

Booking required - 30 available places for families registered with Halton Family Hubs.  
You are invited to join us for traditional birthday entertainment, party food and cake and birthday themed activities for children aged 3+.

Please feel free to wear your party clothes or fancy dress if you wish  
\*All children must be accompanied by adults, who must stay onsite during the activity

**Free tickets** are available from Halton Lodge Family Hub Reception from Monday 10th February from 9.30am

\*Tickets will be allocated on a first come, first served basis and must be booked at reception. No telephone bookings will be taken



Halton Lodge is turning 20!

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

★ In January/February 2005 Halton Lodge Children Centre and Ladybirds Nursery opened its doors to children and families across Runcorn.

Previously known as Jolly Giraffe the CC primarily focused on families with children under 4 years.

In 2023 Halton Lodge CC was transformed into Halton Lodge Family Hub expanding services from 0-4's to 0-19's (25 with SEND).

[www.haltonfamilyhubs.co.uk](http://www.haltonfamilyhubs.co.uk)



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## New Junior Players Wanted!

Runcorn Cricket Club - located on Moughland Lane - are looking for new players for the 2025 season. We have spaces in all our junior squads from Under 9s to Under 15s.



To register for a FREE taster session, scan the QR Code or message us at: <https://www.facebook.com/runcornjcc>



### What can you expect?

- 🔥 Free Taster Session
- 🔥 ECB qualified coaches
- 🔥 Excellent practice facilities
- 🔥 Family friendly club
- 🔥 Opportunity to play in matches
- 🔥 Make new friends
- 🔥 All equipment provided
- 🔥 Indoor and outdoor training
- 🔥 Social events (trip to Old Trafford)



# BEECHWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL



**SCHOOL HUB**

## Beechwood Primary School WEEK 1

	CHOICE 1	CHOICE 2	CHOICE 3	SOMETHING SWEET
<b>Monday</b>	Cheese & Tomato Pizza served with Hand Cut Potato Wedges and Seasonal Veg	Pasta with Homemade Tomato Sauce served with Garlic Bread and Seasonal Veg	Jacket Potato filled with Cheese, Tuna, Cheese & Beans or Beans served with Mixed Salad	Balloon Waffles with Whipped Cream <b>NEW</b> or Smoothy Style Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit
<b>Tuesday</b>	Homemade Pasta Bolognese served with Garlic Bread and Seasonal Veg <b>IMPROVED</b>	Salmon Goujons served with Potato Wedges and Seasonal Veg	Jacket Potato filled with Cheese, Tuna, Cheese & Beans or Beans served with Mixed Salad	Homemade Double Chocolate Chip Cookies or Smoothy Style Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit
<b>Wednesday</b>	Home Roasted Chicken Dinner & Yorkshire Pudding served with Homemade Roasted Potatoes, Seasonal Veg and Gravy	Homemade Cheddar Cheese & Bean Puff served with Homemade Roasted Potatoes and Seasonal Veg	Assorted Wraps filled with Ham, Cheese or Tuna served with Crunchy Nachos	Homemade Shortbread or Smoothy Style Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit
<b>Thursday</b>	Fresh Pork Sausage served with Creamed Potato and Baked Beans	Vegetable Sausage served with Creamed Potato and Baked Beans	Jacket Potato filled with Cheese, Tuna, Cheese & Beans or Beans served with Mixed Salad	Homemade Victoria Sponge Bun <b>NEW</b> or Smoothy Style Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit
<b>Friday</b>	Fish Fingers served with Sticky Fries, Seasonal Veg and Tomato Ketchup	Cheesy Pasta Bake served with Garlic Bread and Seasonal Veg	Jacket Potato filled with Cheese, Tuna, Cheese & Beans or Beans served with Mixed Salad	Chocolate Mousse <b>NEW</b> or Smoothy Style Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit

Available daily fresh fruit or salad. Autumn 2024  
If you have any questions about food [allergies](#) please speak to the kitchen team who will be happy to help.

**SCHOOL HUB**

## Beechwood Primary School WEEK 2

	CHOICE 1	CHOICE 2	CHOICE 3	SOMETHING SWEET
<b>Monday</b>	Pepperoni Pizza served with Herby Potatoes and Baked Beans	Veggie Muggish served with Herby Potatoes and Baked Beans	Jacket Potato filled with Cheese, Tuna, Cheese & Beans or Beans served with Mixed Salad	or Smoothy Style Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit
<b>Tuesday</b>	Beef Burger topped with Cheese in a Soft Bun served with Homemade Wedges, Seasonal Veg and Ketchup	Veggie Grill Burger in a Bun served with Homemade Wedges, Seasonal Veg and Ketchup	Jacket Potato filled with Cheese, Tuna, Cheese & Beans or Beans served with Mixed Salad	Strawberry Fruit Smoothie or Smoothy Style Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit
<b>Wednesday</b>	Roast Beef & Yorkshire Pudding served with Homemade Roasted Potatoes, Seasonal Veg and Gravy	Cauliflower Cheese Baked Yorkshire Pudding served with Homemade Roasted Potatoes, Seasonal Veg and Gravy	Assorted Wraps filled with Ham, Cheese or Tuna served with Crunchy Nachos	Frozen Yoghurt or Smoothy Style Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit
<b>Thursday</b>	BBQ Chicken Melt Baguette with Nachos served with Seasonal Veg <b>NEW</b>	BBQ Quorn Meat Baguette with Nachos served with Seasonal Veg <b>NEW</b>	Jacket Potato filled with Cheese, Tuna, Cheese & Beans or Beans served with Mixed Salad	Hot Jam & Cinnamon Sponge and Caramel or Smoothy Style Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit
<b>Friday</b>	Fish Fingers served with Sticky Fries and Baked Beans	Roasted Vegetable Pasta with Homemade Tomato Sauce served with Peas	Jacket Potato filled with Cheese, Tuna, Cheese & Beans or Beans served with Mixed Salad	Homemade <del>Apple</del> Dodger or Smoothy Style Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit

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## Beechwood Primary School WEEK 3

	CHOICE 1	CHOICE 2	CHOICE 3	SOMETHING SWEET
<b>Monday</b>	Cheese & Tomato Pizza served with 1/2 Jacket Potato and Seasonal Veg	Vegetarian Pasta Bolognese served with Garlic Bread and Seasonal Veg <b>IMPROVED</b>	Jacket Potato filled with Cheese, Tuna, Cheese & Beans or Beans served with Mixed Salad	Strawberry Ice Cream Sponge Roll or Smoothy Style Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit
<b>Tuesday</b>	Crispy Chicken Burger in a Bun served with Crispy Potato Wedges and Baked Beans	Roasted Vegetable Wrap served with Crispy Potato Wedges and Mixed Salad	Jacket Potato filled with Cheese, Tuna, Cheese & Beans or Beans served with Mixed Salad	Rice Crispy Cake or Smoothy Style Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit
<b>Wednesday</b>	Sliced Ham & Yorkshire Pudding served with Herby Potatoes and Seasonal Veg	Homemade Mac 'n' Cheese served with Herby Potatoes and Seasonal Veg <b>NEW</b>	Assorted Wraps filled with Ham, Cheese or Tuna served with Crunchy Nachos	Iced Sprinkle Cupcake or Smoothy Style Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit
<b>Thursday</b>	Chicken Korma served with Rice, Naan Bread and Seasonal Veg	Roasted Vegetable Burrito served with Nachos and Mixed Salad	Jacket Potato filled with Cheese, Tuna, Cheese & Beans or Beans served with Mixed Salad	American Pancakes with Berries <b>NEW</b> or Smoothy Style Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit
<b>Friday</b>	Fish Fingers served with Sticky Fries, Seasonal Veg and Tomato Ketchup	Vegetarian Chili served with Steamed Rice and Seasonal Veg	Jacket Potato filled with Cheese, Tuna, Cheese & Beans or Beans served with Mixed Salad	Homemade Lemon Drizzle Cake <b>IMPROVED</b> or Smoothy Style Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit

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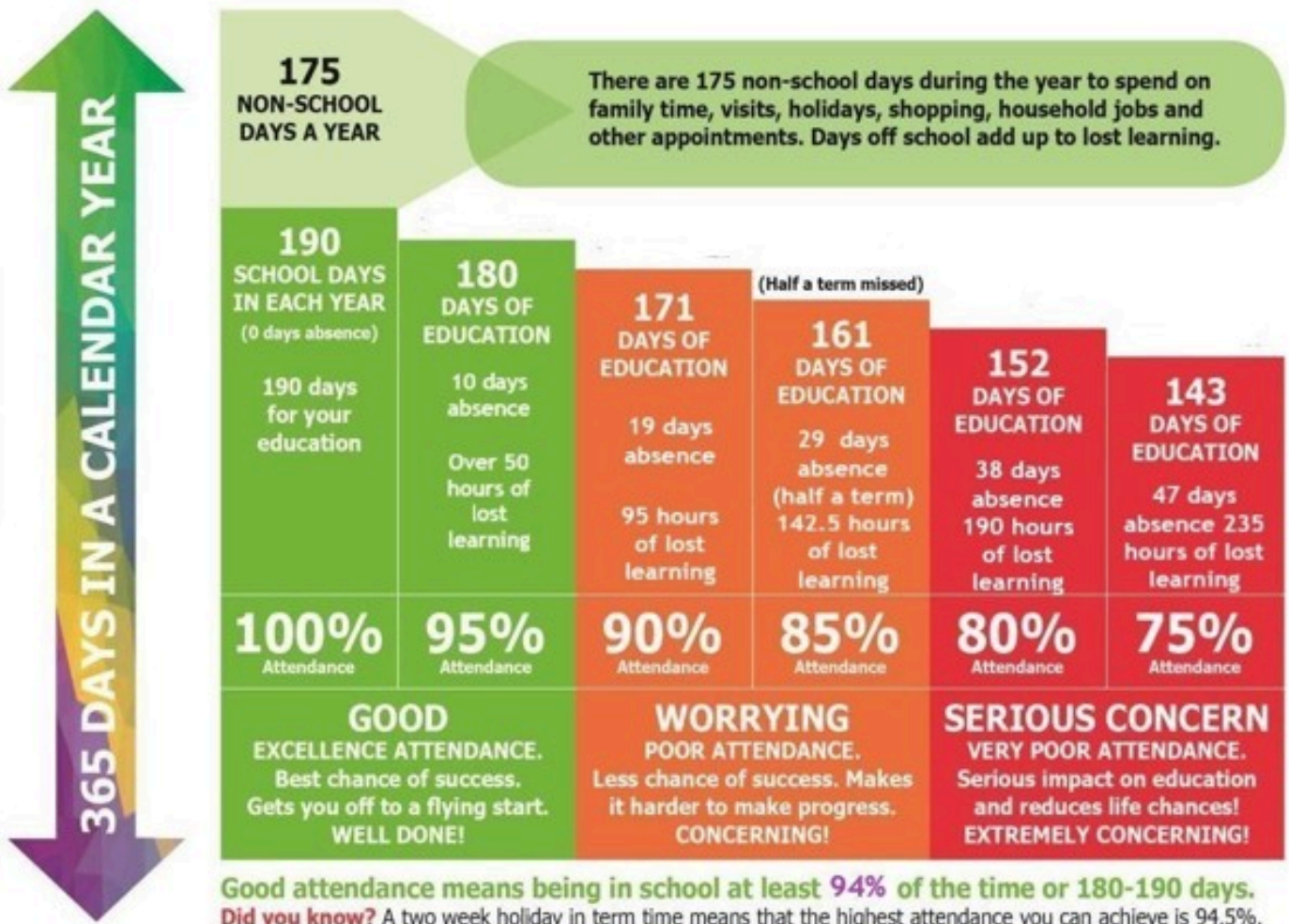


## ATTENDANCE

Following on from the latest information shared with parents and carers regarding attendance, this image highlights the importance of every minute in school.

### EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS

Don't miss out on the education you deserve.





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*Recently, we have noticed a significant increase in the number of vehicles parking in an unsafe manner during drop-off and pick-up times. We understand that the school's location may pose challenges when it comes to finding suitable parking spots. However, we kindly ask that you remain mindful and considerate of others when parking your vehicles.*



## TACKLING ILLEGAL PARKING

Parking illegally or inconsiderately can create significant problems for other road users and pedestrians, particularly those with push chairs or using mobility scooters.

### Parking enforcement

In Cheshire East, Cheshire West and Chester, and Warrington

The enforcement of yellow lines, time-limited parking and other parking restrictions in Cheshire is entirely the responsibility of the local authorities and their parking enforcement teams.

<b>Report online:</b>
<b>Cheshire East Council</b> <a href="http://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk">www.cheshireeast.gov.uk</a>
<b>Cheshire West and Chester Council</b> <a href="http://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk">www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk</a>
<b>Warrington Borough Council</b> <a href="http://www.warrington.gov.uk">www.warrington.gov.uk</a>

### In Halton (Widnes and Runcorn)

The enforcement of yellow lines, time-limited parking and other parking restrictions in Halton is the responsibility Cheshire Police. To report this please phone **101**.

### Obstruction

A vehicle causing an obstruction is one which has been parked and left unattended in such a way that it is considered to be a hazard to pedestrians or other road users. For example, a car parked on a bend in the road. This also includes blocking free passage to pedestrians and blocking access to private or public property.

If you need to contact the police because a vehicle is causing a safety hazard or an obstruction on a public road, please contact Cheshire Police on the non-emergency number, **101**.

### Do not report illegal parking via social media.

All road users need to be aware of and adhere to parking restrictions:

- No parking on bends
- No parking on zigzag lines
- Do not obstruct a resident's driveway
- Do not park on double lines
- Do not park on 'time-limited' single lines
- Do not cause an obstruction



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Sign up to [cheshirepolicealert.co.uk](http://cheshirepolicealert.co.uk)  
Follow us on twitter: @CheshirePolice  
[Facebook.com/Cheshirepolice](https://www.facebook.com/Cheshirepolice)







## TERM TIME HOLIDAYS

We have seen an increase in applications for Term Time holidays. As you will have read in letters sent by Mrs Kidd last accademic year, the laws around this have changed and become much tighter. I appreciate the difficulties, yet unless there is an exceptional reason, we are not allowed to authorise holidays and fines have to be issued.



### Should I keep my child off school?

#### Yes

##### Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

#### No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

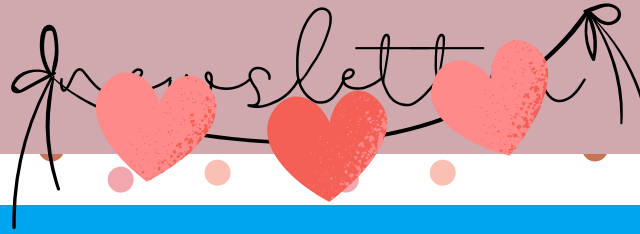
Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



SCAN ME

#### Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minftec>.



## 7 Top Tips to Support Reading at Home

Shared reading is a great way to develop children's language and communication and to boost their reading skills. Regular reading routines can offer lots of opportunities for learning during school closures.

- 1 Concentrate on reading quality (it isn't all about reading lots!)



Don't worry too much about the 'what' and 'how' of reading each day. Books are great—but leaflets, comics, recipes and instructions on a webpage can all be great too. Following a recipe to make some cupcakes is valuable reading. Be on the lookout for reading, wherever it is!

- 2 Ask your child lots of questions



All reading matters. Shared reading is about 'reading with', not just 'reading to' (even for older children). So, ask lots of 'Wh' questions, such as Who? What? When? Where? Why? Try them when talking about books: for example, 'what do you think Harry is feeling?'

- 3 Ask your child to make predictions about what they have read



If it is a book, look at the front cover—or the last chapter—and talk about what might happen next. Look for clues in the book and be a reading detective! For example, 'can you see the bear on the front cover? Where do you think he will go?'

- 4 Ask your child to summarise what they have read



When you've finished reading, talk about what happened. Acting out the things that happened in the story or describing the big idea of a chapter is really fun and maximises learning. For example, 'can you remember all the things that happened on the bear hunt?'

- 5 Ask your child to write about what they have read



Write, or draw pictures, from anything you've read! Big writing and pictures are even more fun. For example, use an old roll of wallpaper to make a treasure map with clues from the stories you've read together.

- 6 Read and discuss reading with friends or family



Make books a part of the family. Encourage your child to share them with a relative or friend, over a video call. Laugh about them when you are making meals together. For example, 'I hope the tiger doesn't come to tea today!'

- 7 Maintain the motivation to read



Talk about the joy of reading whenever you can. Your child is on an amazing journey to becoming a reader. Put them in the driving seat and have fun on the way! For example, 'choose your favourite story for bedtime tonight.'