



# NEWSLETTER



## Welcome

Welcome to our Friday newsletter. I want to begin by sharing a photograph of our school Christmas tree.

We had our Christmas Bauble Assembly last week, where every child in school hung a decoration on our tree. The service was a lovely reminder of the importance of family, friends and community at Christmas. We are all proud to be part of such a wonderful school community and our beautiful tree reminds us all of that every day.

We have many exciting Christmas events happening next week. All children have been practising for our Christmas carol concerts and we hope that many of you will be able to wrap up warm and join us for these events. We also have our virtual Christmas Fair taking place. Please sign up to the events outlined in the newsletter below if you haven't already done so.

There has been a lot of exciting learning happening across school this week. It has been great to be visited by so many children showing off work they are proud of. Please continue to encourage your child to talk about learning at home. I would also like to mention our Year 3 children who have been swimming each Friday morning. The children have shown resilience and determination each week and all children have made excellent progress.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mr Catt



**Strive to Achieve**

## School Admission Procedures - Primary Closing Date

Please note that the closing date for Reception place applications for the September 2022 intake is fast approaching; **15th January 2022**. Please follow the link to apply online:

<https://parentportal.knowsley.gov.uk/web/portal/pages/home>

Please see the attached poster for more information.

## PARENT GOVERNOR Vacancy

Please see attached an advert that we posted on our school website regarding a Parent Governor vacancy. This will commence in 2022.

## VIRTUAL SCHOOL HEALTH DROP-IN SESSION

School Health Knowsley are offering a virtual drop-in session for parents and carers via the Attend Anywhere, AA, portal on **14.12.21** between **10:00am** and **11:00am**.

You can follow this link to access the session:

<https://nhs.vc/schoolnursesknowsleyma norfarm>

Please also find more information regarding their services and how to access the portal, on the poster attached to the newsletter.

## Attendance for this Week

Week beginning **6th December 2021**.

Congratulations to **3K** who achieved **96.3%** attendance — well done!

Overall school attendance was **90.3%**

OUR ATTENDANCE TARGET IS: **97%**

Year 3 - Miss Keenan	96.3
Year 1 and 2 - Mrs Thomas	93.9
Year 3 and 4 - Mrs Elwill & Mrs Westoby	93.7
Reception - Miss Lucas	92.0
Year 5 and 6 - Mr Doherty	91.4
Year 2 - Miss Spencer	91.3
Year 5 - Mr Lenaghan	90.3
Year 1 - Mrs Kendall	88.3
Year 6 - Mr Owen	87.3
Year 4 - Mrs Redmond	85.3
Reception - Mrs Wills	80.5



**The Heath Family (NW)**  
A Multi-Academy Trust



# MRS WESTOBY



Mrs Westoby will be leaving us at the end of term. She will be taking up a post with the local authority, specialising in the teaching of ICT. I'm sure, like us, you will want to wish her every success and happiness for the future.

We would like to thank Mrs Westoby for her many years of dedicated service at Halsnead Primary School and we will be very sad to see her leave us.

Mrs Elwill will continue to teach, alongside our new teacher Miss Thorneycroft, who the children have met this week. We are really excited to welcome her to our wonderful team.

We  
Will  
Miss  
You!

## Extra Curricular Clubs

Please note that the extra curricular clubs we have been running have now finished. There will be **no** clubs next week or the following Monday 20th or Tuesday 21st December.

After Christmas, new clubs will be introduced. More information will follow in January.



# Christmas

## at Halsnead



### Tuesday 14th December

Carol Service on the junior playground – 1.45pm for the children (1K, 1/2T and 2S)

### Wednesday 15th December

Carol Service on the junior playground – 1.45pm for the children (Y3, Y4 Y5 and Y6)

### Thursday 16th December

Carol Service on the infant playground – 1.30pm (EYFS – Nursery, RW and RL)

**Carol Services** - Fundraiser for our local Willowbrook Hospice. Parents will be invited and served with hot drinks and mince pies. Parents or Carers who have attended the service can take their child/children home afterwards.

### Friday 17th December

'Breakfast with Santa' in classroom at 9.00am

### Monday 20th December

Panto AM – Aladdin

Party Day - Children to wear party clothes and bring into school any pre-packaged/dated food – crisps, sausage rolls, cakes biscuits etc

### Tuesday 21st December

AM – Values Assembly (Parents invited – more information to follow).

**School closes for Christmas. Your child will finish at the normal time.**

**School will return on Wednesday 5th January 2022 for the Spring term.**



# Halsnead Primary School Virtual Winter Fayre!

## Online Quiz Night

17th December @7:00 pm  
(Registration closes @6:00 pm)

Join us for a fun, family quiz night!

£1/family



### Family Christmas Quiz

<https://www.letslocalise.co.uk/entertainment-details-view?eventId=12194>

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# Halsnead Primary School Virtual Winter Fayre!

## Online Raffle

Draw: 17th December @1:30 pm

Get a chance (or more) to win one  
of the great prizes!

£1/ticket



### Online Christmas Raffle

<https://www.letslocalise.co.uk/entertainment-details-view?eventId=12193>

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# Halsnead Primary School Virtual Winter Fayre!

## Online Water Into Wine Game

Pick your lucky number(s) and buy your bottle(s) from the shop.  
Are you getting water or wine?  
Competition closes on **17th December** (or until stock lasts)

£1/bottle



### Water into Wine Event

<https://www.letslocalise.co.uk/school-shop-details-view?eventId=10410>

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# Halsnead Primary School Virtual Winter Fayre!

## Online Bingo Night

16th December @7:00 pm

Our Christmas Bingo is back!  
We'll be playing 2 games,  
make sure you sign up for both!

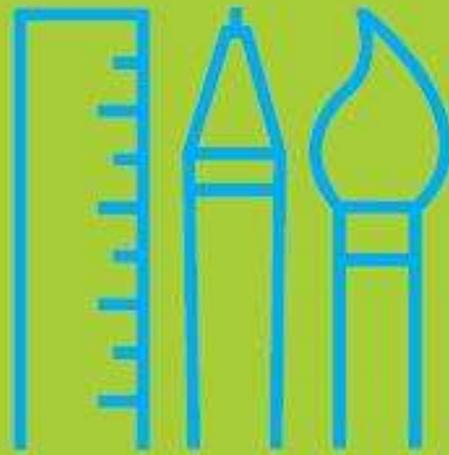
£1/game



### Family Christmas Bingo

<https://www.letslocalise.co.uk/entertainment-details-view?eventId=12195>

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Parents of pre school children  
**It's time to apply for a school reception class place**  
**September 2022 Intake**

Knowsley residents - Apply online by visiting [www.knowsley.gov.uk](http://www.knowsley.gov.uk)

**CLOSING DATE 15TH JANUARY 2022**

- If your child's date of birth falls on or between 1 September 2017 and 31 August 2018, now is the time to apply for a reception class place in school for September 2022.
- There is no automatic transfer from nursery – everyone must apply between 12 September 2021 and 15 January 2022 by completing the application form of the Local Authority in which you live.
- Knowsley residents should apply by accessing the online application portal via the Knowsley website [www.knowsley.gov.uk](http://www.knowsley.gov.uk).
- It is the responsibility of the parent/carer to ensure they have read the admission policy of each school they are considering applying for and provided all the information required to support their application – this may include completing a supplementary information form with some individual schools where requested.
- For full information about the application and allocation process and admission policies for individual schools, visit the school admission pages at [www.knowsley.gov.uk](http://www.knowsley.gov.uk) and access the 'Knowsley Primary Education, Information for Parents' prospectus.

For further advice, contact Knowsley School Admissions Team

**Email: [schooladmissions@knowsley.gov.uk](mailto:schooladmissions@knowsley.gov.uk)**

**Tel: (0151) 443 3372 / 5143 / 5142**



## HALSNEAD PRIMARY SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY

### VACANCY FOR PARENT GOVERNOR (February 2022 or sooner subject to vetting process)

#### *What are we looking for?*

Our school Governing Body is made up of Trust Appointed, Parent, Staff and Associate Governors. Our Governors may come to us through a variety of routes and with a range of different backgrounds, skills and experiences, but they are all volunteers who work together for the benefit of the School and are the link between the School and the community it serves. We are currently looking for a Parent Governor and would be delighted to hear from anyone who has:

- time and commitment to spare
- an interest in the performance of the school
- a desire to contribute to and represent the community
- an open and enquiring mind
- the ability to look at issues objectively
- the confidence to ask questions and join in debate
- a willingness to listen and make informed judgements
- the ability to work well with others

If you match the above description, you may be the very person to become a Parent Governor at Halsnead Primary School.

#### *What can we offer?*

- A chance to develop skills in strategic management
- The opportunity to work with our team of governors and staff in improving our School
- Training to develop an understanding of specific School management issues
- A sense of achievement in making a difference to our School
- The pleasure of helping students reach their potential

#### *What is the Governing Body's Role?*

- oversight of the finances for the school
- decide on the number of staff
- decide on the level of pay for teachers
- help to decide the priorities for the school when the school improvement plan is being developed
- ensure the national curriculum is taught to all pupils
- set targets for pupil achievement
- publish national test and exam results
- compare the performance of their school to similar schools
- receive information about the quality of teaching in the school
- have a published strategy for dealing with parental complaints and concerns
- ensure health and safety issues are addressed
- set the times of school sessions
- consult the Principal when making decisions
- ask challenging questions
- help develop school policies and procedures
- consider the repair and maintenance of school buildings
- consider the use of school premises outside school hours
- appoint committees of governors to look at specific issues such as finance, staffing, inclusion.

If you are interested, please contact Amanda Tyrell, Administrator, at Halsnead Primary School, Pennywood Drive, Prescott L35 3TX, 0151 477 8130 or by email [ATyrell@HPS.theheathfamily.org.uk](mailto:ATyrell@HPS.theheathfamily.org.uk) for an application form (closing date: Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021) The Heath Family (NW) is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of students and the post is subject to a satisfactory Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check (formerly Criminal Records Bureau). Further information about DBS checks can be found at [www.gov.uk/crb-criminal-records-bureau-check](http://www.gov.uk/crb-criminal-records-bureau-check).

# Attending your appointment by video



School Nurses - Knowsley - Manor Farm Team 4

## Video calling is convenient and easy to use

Instead of travelling to your appointment, you will enter the online waiting area, using the link below.

The service will see that you have arrived, and a provider will join your call when ready.

There is no need to create an account.

Video calls are secure and your privacy is protected.



## How do I attend my video appointment?

Go to: <https://nhs.vc/schoolnursesknowsleymanorfarm>

## What do I need to make a video call?

- ✓ **A device** for making a video call, such as a smartphone, tablet, or computer with a webcam and speaker (often built into laptops).
- ✓ **A reliable internet connection** (wired, WiFi or mobile data).  
If you can watch a video online, you should be able to make a video call.
- ✓ **A private, well-lit area** for your consultation, where you will not be disturbed.

- ✓ Use the latest version of **Chrome, Safari,** or **Edge** for best video calling performance.



Google Chrome  
Windows, Android,  
MacOS



Apple Safari  
MacOS, iOS,  
iPadOS



Microsoft Edge  
Windows

## What do I need to know?

### Is it secure / confidential?

You have your own private video room that only authorised providers can enter.

No information you enter is stored.

Calls are not recorded.

### How much does a video call cost?

The video call is free except for your internet usage.

**Tip!** If you can, connect to a Wi-Fi network to avoid using your mobile data.

### How much internet data will I use?

The video call doesn't use data while you are waiting for someone to join you.

After the call connects, it uses a similar amount of data to Skype® or FaceTime®.

## How do I make my video call?

1. Open your web browser and type the service's web address into the address bar (not the search box).

2. Depending on the available controls you may either:

- Click the **Start Video call** button and select your Waiting Area, or



- Click **Enter Waiting Area**.



3. If asked, allow your browser to access your camera and microphone.

4. Follow the on-screen prompts to start your video call.

5. To end the call, click **End**.



**Tip!** Many call issues can be fixed by clicking **Refresh**.



**Tip!** If a **Test call** button is available, make a test call before your appointment to check your setup.

1. Click the **Test call** button to run a quick test:



2. If asked, allow your browser to access your camera and microphone. The **Video call setup** runs through four testing stages: microphone, camera, connection, and speaker.



## What do I do if something's not working?

Visit <https://england.nhs.attendanywhere.com/troubleshooting>

### More information

Visit <https://nhs.attendanywhere.com/callers>



Robbie Respect



Colleen Collaboration



Andy Aspiration



India Integrity



Keiron Kindness



Rosie Resilience



**Our School Values** - Respect, Resilience, Aspiration, Collaboration, Integrity, Kindness

**Half Term Value** - Resilience

**Value Behaviour of the Week** - We persevere and keep going when things are hard.

### Nursery - Mrs Hoang

**Sandee G:** Sandee has had a fabulous week in Nursery. She has shown resilience and has come in each day with a positive attitude and smile on her face. Well done Sandee.

**Roman C:** Roman, Keiron Kindness has shone out of you this week! You have made the right choices and have been a super star. Well done!

### Reception - Miss Lucas

**Ivy S:** Ivy, you have shown great resilience this week in your phonics! You try and try and try again, no matter how tricky you find it. Just like Rosie Resilience, you understand that it is good to make mistakes because that means we are learning! Not only have you shown Rosie Resilience this week, but you have also shown Keiron Kindness by supporting your friends in their learning and encouraging them to keep on trying. Well done Ivy! We are so proud!

**Adam D:** Adam, you have shown Rosie Resilience this week in your speaking and phonics! Just like Rosie Resilience, you understand that learning something new takes time and it's ok to make mistakes along the way. This week you have tried your very best in phonics and you have tried even more with your marvellous speaking! Well done Adam, you are a superstar!

### Reception - Mrs Willis

**Violet M-S:** Violet, it is fabulous to see how resilient you have become. It is lovely to see how you try out new challenges every day with a smile on your face and strive to achieve success in all areas of learning. You are always very busy in our classroom especially in the creative area, where your scissors never seem to stop! You are always kind to your peers and like to help them find the resources they need. Well done, Violet.

**Vincent Y:** Well, Vincent I am very impressed with your developing resilience. You have a great determination to succeed! You face new challenges with great relish and never stop trying. You will find new ways to solve problems and happily explain your solutions to others. You are very supportive and caring to your friends, encouraging them to join in activities you are enjoying. What a star you are Vincent.

### Year 1 - Mrs Kendall

**Delilah F:** For her fabulous resilient attitude in everything she does. Delilah, you are kind, thoughtful, hardworking and a real pleasure to have as part of our class. Thank you

**Dolce D:** For coming back to school with a bang! Your resilience and hard work has been amazing this week! I am so proud of how hard you have worked every day, in every lesson! What a superstar!

### Year 1 & 2 - Mrs Thomas

**Isabelle W:** This week, Isabelle has demonstrated so many of our school values, in particular; respect, integrity and resilience. She has shown great maturity and took everything in her stride. Isabelle, I am very proud of how far you have come since September; the quality of your work is showing how hard you are working and how you are embracing new challenges. Well done, keep up the amazing work Isabelle!

**Brayden B:** Brayden has really got stuck in this week. His work is always beautifully presented, but this week Brayden has shown resilience with problem solving in maths, spelling in English and has even spent his own time learning our favourite continent song! Keep up the fabulous work and singing Brayden!

## **Year 2 - Miss Spencer**

**Isla D:** Isla is so committed to her work. She takes her time, reads it back and always looks for improvements. I love to see how proud of herself she is when she sits back and looks at what she has achieved. Keep it up Isla - I am so proud of you!

**Georgie B:** Georgie always shows resilience in and out of the classroom. He likes to reassure his friends by reminding them that mistakes are good as we learn from them. He is always motivated and has a great attitude towards his learning. Well done Georgie - I am so proud!

## **Year 3 - Miss Keenan**

**Eva R:** - Resilience - Eva shows resilience in everything she does. She always enjoys giving everything her best try and knows that with success comes failure. Eva always enjoys getting questions wrong so that she can learn from them and apply her new knowledge to further her understanding.

**Isabella R:** - Resilience - Isabella shows great resilience in every aspect of school life. In the morning, she can easily come in and pick up on key knowledge and apply it to her independent work. Even if Isabella finds something challenging, she doesn't give up, she tries and tries again. I am so proud of you, Isabella!

## **Year 3 & 4 - Mrs Elwill and Mrs Westoby**

**Ava-Mae J:** Ava-Mae, you have settled into our school beautifully. You display lovely manners inside the classroom and around our school. You have strived to produce work you are proud of, displaying our value of resilience. Well done Ava-Mae, keep it up!

**Ruby M:** Ruby - What an amazing half-term you have had! You have impressed me more and more each week. Your hard work and determination is paying off and the work you have produced is something we are all so proud of. Well done Ruby, keep it up!

## **Year 4 - Mrs Redmond**

**Ryan F:** You have been on fire this week, Ryan! You have worked your socks off. I have been so proud of your aspiration and determination. Your creativity in English has been very impressive - well done!

**AJ G:** AJ - You have had a super week. You have worked conscientiously in all lessons. I have been so pleased with your positive attitude to learning and your enthusiasm towards your reading in class - well done!

## **Year 5 - Mr Lenaghan**

**Joel J:** Joel has shown a lot resilience with his problem-solving in maths recently and it has been great to see the pride and joy he has now when he completes our problems. He didn't give up in the beginning when he was finding them tricky, he simply told himself that he can't do them...yet! Look at him now though - he is being a systematic problem-solver!

**Dean T:** What a brilliant week Dean has had in class. He has been amazing in English by trying so hard with his writing and producing some fantastic adjectives for our expanded noun phrases. Not only that, but he has learnt and retained our square numbers song and can recite the first 10 square numbers without hesitation.

## **Year 5 & 6 - Mr Doherty**

**Olivia G:** For being really resilient after a tough week last week. Also, for always being a positive member of the class.

**Freya D:** For showing great resilience with her attendance this week and always wanting to help around the school. Well done Freya.

## **Year 6 - Mr Owen**

**Taylor McN:** I have been so impressed with Taylor's attitude towards his work this week. He has shown good focus and good resilience, particularly when tackling fractions. He has also worked hard on his writing and the progress he is making is great to see! Well done Taylor.

**Scarlett A:** Scarlett has shown an incredible amount of focus, collaboration, hard-work and resilience this week. She really has stood out for producing some amazing pieces of work through the effort that she has been putting into everything that she does. I am so proud Scarlett! Keep it up!