



# NEWSLETTER



## Welcome

Welcome to our Friday newsletter. As we enter December it has been really nice to hear Christmas singing echoing through our school corridors as we all prepare for our Christmas celebrations. The children are all working really hard to practice for our special Christmas carol events coming up soon. Today we had our first ever Christmas bauble service at school. It was lovely to feel the sense of community and togetherness that Christmas brings about as each child from our school contributed towards decorating our Christmas tree. It was a lovely reminder of what Christmas is all about - bringing families and friends together to celebrate.

I would like to say a big thank you to all who have contributed towards our Christmas Fair events by bringing in donations and gifts today. If you haven't yet been able to contribute we would welcome any contributions over the coming weeks.

Our Christmas Fair events have all gone live on our Lets Localise platform today. You will all receive a parentapp letter today with details on how to sign up. Please sign up to as many as you can, as all money raised will go towards our school fund to enable us to put on special trips and events for children throughout the year. We have a Christmas Raffle, Online Bingo and Quiz and a 'Water into Wine' online stall!

We have some more special sporting mentions in our newsletter this week, with lots of sports teams going out and representing our school so well in many different competitions. I would also like to mention our Year 3 and 4 children who went on a Science trip this week. The children really enjoyed the visit and showed our school values throughout.

Thank you all for your continued support. 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.

## NASAL FLU VACCINATIONS

If your child was absent on the day of the nasal flu vaccinations and you would still like them to receive one, the immunisation team will be returning to school on **Wednesday 8th December**. Please follow the link below to complete the eConsent form.

<https://forms.merseycare.nhs.uk/flu-vaccination>

## Sporting Events

A huge well done to all of our children who participated in sporting events this week. On Monday some of our juniors took part in a Kurling competition at Altbridge and yesterday years 5 and 6 went to Kirkby High school for an Athletics Competition and years 3 and 4 went to Palace Fields for a Dodgeball Tournament. All of the children represented Halshead in an excellent manner by displaying our school values throughout. Well done everyone!

## Kid's Club Payments

If your child attends Breakfast and/or Kid's Club, please ensure that any outstanding payments are up to date to avoid losing your place in January.

## Reading Records

Please ensure that your child brings their Reading Record into school everyday.

## Attendance for this Week

Week beginning **29th November 2021**.

Congratulations to **1 and 2 T** who achieved **95.1%** attendance — well done!

Overall school attendance was **87.2%**

OUR ATTENDANCE TARGET IS: **97%**

<b>Year 1 and 2 - Mrs Thomas</b>	<b>95.1</b>
<b>Year 2 - Miss Spencer</b>	<b>91.2</b>
<b>Reception - Miss Lucas</b>	<b>91.1</b>
<b>Year 3 - Miss Keenan</b>	<b>90.2</b>
<b>Year 5 and 6 - Mr Doherty</b>	<b>88.4</b>
<b>Year 6 - Mr Owen</b>	<b>87.7</b>
<b>Year 5 - Mr Lenaghan</b>	<b>87.1</b>
<b>Year 3 and 4 - Mrs Elwill &amp; Mrs Westoby</b>	<b>86.2</b>
<b>Reception - Mrs Wills</b>	<b>85.3</b>
<b>Year 4 - Mrs Redmond</b>	<b>80.1</b>
<b>Year 1 - Mrs Kendall</b>	<b>77</b>



## Year 5 & 6 Liverpool War Museum

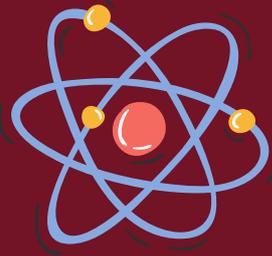
Last week, year 5 and 6 went on their school trip to the Liverpool War Museum. The children were complimented on their impeccable behaviour throughout the day. Well done everyone, we are very proud!

## Year 3 & 4 Trip - The Catalyst Museum

On Wednesday, years 3 and 4 spent a fantastic day at the Catalyst Museum in Widnes. They were immersed in the wonderful world of science and enjoyed their time in the galleries exploring the exhibitions - ask your child about the maggots!

The children also participated in a workshop where they became scientists. They conducted their own experiments to discover whether liquids were acids or alkalis. They did this by making sure they were safe, made predictions, carried out fair tests and recorded their findings.

The children showed all our school values throughout the day. They were polite and very well behaved - they did themselves and their teachers proud. Well done years 3 and 4!!



## KOOTH AND QWELL

## Adult Mental Health Services in Knowsley

Kooth and Qwell have been commissioned in Knowsley to provide a safe and anonymous mental health and wellbeing service. There are no costs, no waiting lists, no referrals and no criteria required to access the service, which is accredited by the British Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy (BACP) and delivered by Kooth plc, the UK's largest digital mental health provider.

Kooth is now available for children and young people aged 11-18 and Qwell is available for anyone aged 19+.

The service encourages peer to peer support via moderated discussion forums and self-help through engaging with our online magazine and activities. Our services also give adults and young people the opportunity to access online text-based counselling and support from qualified counsellors and emotional wellbeing practitioners who are available from 12 noon to 10pm on a weekday and from 6pm to 10pm on a Saturday and Sunday.

You can access Kooth via [Kooth.com](https://www.kooth.com) and you can access Qwell via [Qwell.io](https://www.qwell.io)

If you have any questions, please feel free to get in touch at [parents@kooth.com](mailto:parents@kooth.com) or take a look at our overview video on [Kooth.com](https://www.kooth.com)

You can still access support over the holiday period

We're online every day including **Christmas Day**  
Sign up for free at [Qwell.io](https://www.Qwell.io)

One to one professional support    Helpful articles    Community support    Self-help tools

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# Christmas

## at Halsnead

### Friday 10th December

Children to wear own clothes wearing a 'Christmas Jumper'  
Christmas Dinner – Please note: This will be the only option.  
Please see the flyer attached for more information.



### 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)

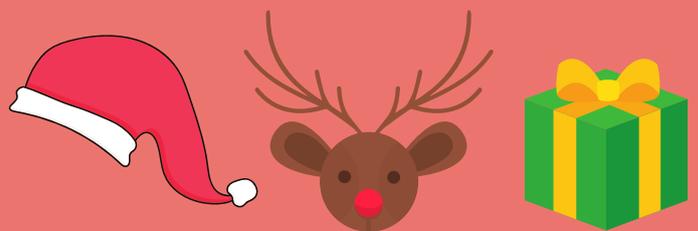
### Thursday 16th December

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



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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



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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



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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



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# Christmas lunch

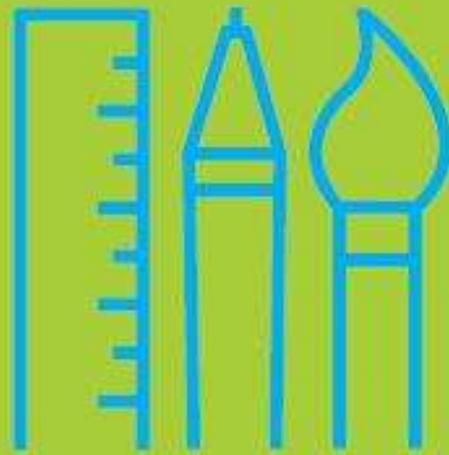


**10th** December

Traditional roast turkey dinner with all the trimmings, carton drink and ice cream

just **£2.10**





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**





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

**Half Term Value** - Resilience

**Value Behaviour of the Week** - We enjoy a challenge and approach hard work with a positive attitude.

### Nursery - Mrs Hoang

**Charlie T:** Charlie, you have been the perfect example of resilience the past couple of weeks. You have challenged yourself many times. It is such a delight to see you working so hard. Well done Charlie.

**Elsie McF:** Elsie, you are such a kind and caring young lady. You are a role model to all the children in our nursery. I have watched you be so inviting to all our new children who come for a visit. Well done Elsie.

### Reception - Miss Lucas

**Mason R:** What a joyful week you've had Mason! Every day you come in with a big, gorgeous smile on your face and a drive to succeed. You are a very supportive friend and we have seen this a lot this week with your words of encouragement to others, 'It's ok to get it wrong. You try and try again!' You say to everyone. We have been learning our Christmas songs this week and you don't know some of them, but that hasn't stopped you from having a go and trying your best! Rosie Resilience shines out of you Mason, well done!

**Teddy B:** Teddy, you are a little twin to Rosie Resilience! There isn't a day that goes by without you giving kind words of encouragement to your friends and adults in the room. You have worked incredibly hard on your writing this week Ted and we have seen the impact! It's been lovely seeing you not give up and hearing you say, 'I'll try again like Rosie Resilience.' Keep up the brilliant work Teddy, we are all so proud!

### Reception - Mrs Wills

**Carter D:** What a great week you have had in RW Carter. You have shown great resilience in all aspects of our learning, just like Rosie. You enjoy new challenges and give 100% to make sure you achieve. You are a good role model to your friends and help them to solve problems and succeed. You can explain how you have solved a problem and demonstrate this to others; it is so lovely to see how proud you are of your success and what a kind friend you have been to everyone. Well done, Carter.

**Emily F F L:** Well done Emily, you are really showing everyone in Reception how resilient you really are. What a great week you have had. It is so lovely to see how you face new challenges and how you are so determined to succeed. You relish the challenges of learning to read and always use 'Fred talk' successfully. You are so like our value character Rosie Resilience as you try your best and love to gain stickers. I am very proud of you. What a star you have been.

### Year 1 - Mrs Kendall

**Aisla G:** For being a superstar in everything she does. Aisla shows all of our values every day. It is lovely to have her as part of our class and to see her confidence growing each day. Keep up the great work, I'm sure you will be on Santa's good list!

**Logan McC:** For his amazing work ethic in English and maths. Not only have you been a superstar in the classroom you have been writing your own number sentences at home and bringing them in to show me. Your hard work and super attitude will make sure you have a great year in year 1. I am so proud of you! Keep it up!

### Year 1 & 2 - Mrs Thomas

**Gabriella B:** This week, Gabriella has tried her absolute best in all her subjects. She has faced into new challenges with bravery and took onboard feedback to help her grow. Gabriella, I am extremely proud of your positive attitude and courage - well done.

**Poppy I:** Poppy is well-deserving of this week's value star due to her fantastic resilience, especially in her maths and English. She has learnt from previous mistakes and applied her new found knowledge. Sometimes, school days can be compared to climbing a mountain and Poppy has certainly worn her hiking boots this week! Poppy, well done, I am so, so proud of you, keep up the great work!

# VALUE AWARDS

## Year 2 - Miss Spencer

**Georgie S:** I am so proud of Georgie! He has been working so hard when reading and didn't give up when he felt challenged. Keep up the amazing work!

**Sofia-Lilly H:** Sofia has shown resilience this week during English. She is working hard to improve her presentation by editing and fixing her letter formation. Keep it up Sof!

## Year 3 - Miss Keenan

**Daniel McL:** - Resilience - Daniel has shown superb resilience the past few weeks when writing up our big writing piece. He has tried his best every day to get all his learning into his piece and didn't give up when he was finding it tricky. Well done, Daniel!

**Jacob C:** - Resilience - Jacob has been amazing this half term. He has shown consistent resilience in everything he does within school. He aims for excellence within all lessons. You are a true role model who shows so much integrity in everything you do.

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

**Ellie W:** For showing resilience in your maths work and trying hard to work independently. Keep up the great attitude and keep working hard. Remember we never give up, if something is a bit tricky, that is when we learn best!

**Jude H:** Jude has shown great resilience when completing his final English write up. He has persevered and used amazing adjectives throughout to really bring his story to life. We are so proud of all the hard work you have done this week. Well done!

## Year 4 - Mrs Redmond

**Bobby S:** I'm so proud of you Bobby! This week you found your voice... you have worked hard in all that you have done; participated exceptionally well during our trip to the Catalyst Museum and always shown Rosie Resilience! Well done you!

**Isabella D:** Isabella - You are a little ray of sunshine. Your enthusiasm for everything you are asked to do is lovely to see. Thank you for ALWAYS giving 100% to every task and ALWAYS wearing a bright smile in class and around school!

## Year 5 - Mr Lenaghan

**Bobby H:** Bobby has blown us away with his knowledge of science this week, looking at microorganisms and the helpful and harmful effects of them. It is clear he has been doing his research and reading at home and we are so pleased to see this! He has also been trying extremely hard with his handwriting.

**Harley F:** Harley has worked extremely hard this week on writing his narrative in English. He has been focused on adding detail and description and we are really impressed with the time, care and consideration he has been taking in his work.

## Year 5 & 6 - Mr Doherty

**Leighton N:** Leighton has really impressed me this week with his resilient attitude during writing. Leighton listened and acted on feedback given and produced a piece of work he should be very proud of. Well done Leighton, keep it up!

**Lydia M:** Lydia has worked tremendously hard this week when working on her fractions. She showed a great attitude when faced with difficult challenges. You are our very own Rosie Resilience, well done Lydia, keep it up!

## Year 6 - Mr Owen

**Clayton R:** Clayton has shown incredible resilience this week and has impressed both Miss Wright and Mr Owen. He has always worn his wonderful smile and completed work to the best of his ability. What a star!

**Alfie S:** Alfie has shown such an improvement in his attitude towards school and learning this week. He has taken pride in his work and has been excited to show people what he has produced. I could not be prouder of Alfie this week and hope this continues in the future. Well done Alfie, keep it up!