

# NEWSLETTER



## Welcome

Happy Friday!

We've had another busy week in school. Our Year 1 football team had an exciting day on Wednesday when they visited Finch Farm for the EFC Football Festival. The children played amazingly, working collaboratively as a team. They had a fantastic time and even met the Everton Women's Team!

This morning we had a Family Learning workshop for Reception and their parents - where everyone was very creative and produced some lovely arts and crafts pieces to take home. Next Friday, Family Learning will be working with our year 1 and 2 families from 2pm-3pm.

We are looking forward to our Autumn Parents' Evening next Wednesday 19th October. Make sure you have booked an appointment so that you can find out how your child has settled into their new class #proudparenttime

Next week we are having our second Character Curriculum session. Everyone in school enjoyed the first afternoon and we are sure next week's will prove to be just as successful!

To celebrate all the children's hard work this half term, 'Marble Rewards' will be happening across school - watch our ParentApp for more information next week.

In the meantime, I hope you all enjoy a lovely weekend, whatever the weather, whether you stay in or go out for adventures!

See you all on Monday,  
Mrs R

**Strive to Achieve**

## Welcome to the World Isabelle Grace

We have some very exciting news to share with you! We would like to congratulate Mr Catt and his wife on the arrival of their beautiful daughter Isabelle Grace.

Welcome to the world Isabelle Grace, we can't wait to meet you! 🥰



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## Dates for your Diary....

- 19th October - Parents' Evening
- 20th October - Year 1 and 2 Victorian Day
- 21st October - Last day in school - Break up for half-term
- 7th November - Year 5 & 6 Grosvenor Museum Trip
- 8th November - Braiswick school Photos
- 15th November - Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 Cinema Trip

Goodbye  
&  
GOOD LUCK

Miss Regan

In November we will be saying goodbye to Miss Regan, a valued member of our admin team. After 3 and a half years at Halsnead, Miss Regan will be moving on to pastures new. We will miss her and wish her well for the future!

## Attendance for this Week

Week beginning **10th October 2022.**

Congratulations to **2S** who achieved **96.7%** attendance — well done!

Overall school attendance was **92.7%**

OUR ATTENDANCE TARGET IS: **97%**

Year 2 - Miss Spencer	96.7
Year 5 - Mr Owen and Miss Neale	95.8
Year 5 and 6 - Mr Doherty	95.7
Year 4 - Miss Thorneycroft	94.8
Year 1 and 2 - Mrs Thomas	92.8
Year 3 and 4 - Mrs Kendall	92
Year 1 - Mrs Wills	91.5
Reception - Miss Lucas	90.3
Year 3 - Miss Keenan	89.6
Year 6 - Mr Lenaghan	88.3

## School Admission Procedures for 2023

The deadline for **Secondary** Applications is fast approaching; **31st October 2022.**

The deadline for **Reception** Applications is **15th January 2023.**

For further information, please see the attached School Admissions posters on how to apply.



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# HOLIDAY FINES

Please find attached Knowsley's policy on taking holidays during term time. From **31st October 2022**, Halsnead will be implementing this procedure.



KAB's are offering a holiday club over October Half Term. If you require more information on times, prices and how to book please see the attached poster.

## Parents' Evening

Please remember Parents' Evening will be taking place next week on **Wednesday 19th October 2022** from 3.30pm-7.00pm. Appointments can be made by either telephone call or face to face. If you haven't done so already, please return your permission slips as soon as possible.

## YEAR 1 FOOTBALL COMPETITION

On Wednesday our Year 1 children had the opportunity to play in the EFC Football Festival at Finch Farm. The children were brilliant, coming 3rd overall in the competition! As well as showcasing their footballing skills, the boys and girls displayed all of our Halsnead values in abundance! Well done children - we are very proud of you!



## HALLOWEEN TREATS

We have many Spooktacular Halloween Treats for the children to take part in!

### The Halloween Hamper (full of frightful goodies!)

£1 for a strip of raffle tickets to enter the draw with a chance to win.



### Guess How Many Sweets

50p to guess. The closest estimate will get to take the terrifying treats home with them!



### Name the Bear

£1 to name the Build a Bear. Whoever chooses the correct name, will take this cuddly, fluffy bear home with them.



Please send your child into school with money in order for them to take part. The winners will be announced on **Monday 31st October**, after the half term.

## HEALTH AND SAFETY NOTICE

Please note, dogs are not allowed on the school premises at any time. We need to ensure that the safety of our children is paramount.

# Are you thinking about taking your child out of school for a holiday in term time?

## Authorising holiday in term time

Taking a child on holiday in term time is called a leave of absence.

Parents/Carers do not have the right to take their children out of school during term time. They may receive a Fixed Penalty Notice for taking holidays without the Headteacher's permission.

Before taking a child out of school during term time, parents/carers should complete a leave of absence request form, at least four weeks before the leave is taken. They should return it to the schools' Headteacher.

The Headteacher/Principal must authorise any holiday requests in term time. Theirs is the final decision.

The Headteacher can only grant a request for leave in exceptional circumstances. Schools do not consider holidays an exception.

## Issuing a Fixed Penalty Notice

Parents/Carers must make sure their child attends school regularly.

Parents/Carers can be issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice (fine).

The Council can consider issuing a fine when a child has five days or more in a row.

Fixed Penalty Notices are:

- £60 per child per parent if paid within 21 days of the issue of the notice
- £120 per child per parent if paid between 21 and 28 days of the issue of the notice

If parents/carers don't pay the fine within 28 days, we will send your case to our Legal Services team. This will be for prosecution in the Magistrates' Court. The prosecution is for failing to make sure your child attends school regularly. It is not for non-payment of the fine.

Parents/carers will receive a letter to confirm this.

# Poetry Corner

## A Poem for Thought

### People need People

People need people,  
To walk to  
To talk to  
To cry and rely on,  
People will always need people.  
To love and to miss  
To hug and to kiss,  
It's useful to have other people.  
To whom to moan  
If you're all alone,  
It's so hard to share  
When no one is there.  
There's not much to do  
When there's no one but you.  
People will always need people.

To please  
To tease  
To put you at ease,  
People will always need people.  
To make life appealing  
And give life some meaning,  
It's useful to have other people.  
If you need a change  
To whom will you turn.  
If you need a lesson  
From whom will you learn.  
If you need to play  
You'll know why I say  
People will always need people.

October is Black History Month and with that in mind, this week's poem is by a famous British poet – Benjamin Zephaniah.

Dr Benjamin Obadiah Iqbal Zephaniah was born and raised in Birmingham, England. He cannot remember a time when he was not creating poetry. His poetry is strongly influenced by the music and poetry of Jamaica and what he calls 'street politics'. His first real public performance was in church when he was 10 years old, by the time he was 15 he had developed a strong following in his home town of Handsworth where he had gained a reputation as a young poet who was capable of speaking on local and international issues.

This poem should remind you of our values **Kindness and Respect** – can you spot why?

As girlfriends  
As boyfriends  
From Bombay  
To Ostend,  
People will always need people-  
To have friendly fights with  
And share tasty bites with,  
It's useful to have other people.  
People live in families  
Gangs, posses and packs,  
It seems we need company  
Before we relax,  
So stop making enemies  
And let's face the facts,  
People will always need people,  
Yes  
People will always need people.

*Benjamin Zephaniah*



Exciting news!

Kabs are delivering a half term activity and fun club at your school.

We have a wide range of fun teambuilding, problem solving tasks, sports, games, movies, Arts & Crafts, forest school & survival activities, Inflatable fun sessions, with an end of week disco and so much more!!

Please follow the link <https://kabs-fitness.co.uk/product/halsnead-holiday-club/> to book your place. Limited places are available on a first come first served basis. So, get booked on and let's have a half term to remember.

What you need?

Make sure you have registered on the kabs website- [kabs-fitness.co.uk](https://kabs-fitness.co.uk) If you already use our wrap around care and have registered then you don't need to do this, then just book on the link.

Lunch: -

Bring a packed lunch! Snacks however will be provided. (No energy drinks!)

Timings: -

09.00-14.45

Days: -

Monday 24th October to Thursday 27th October.

Cost: -

1 day- £16

Full 4 days- £55

Clothing: -

Sportswear, tracksuit, and something warm. (Including a coat)

For more information please visit our website [kabs-fitness.co.uk](https://kabs-fitness.co.uk)

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Parents of year 6 Children  
**It's time to apply for a secondary school place (year 7)**  
**September 2023 Intake**

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

**CLOSING DATE 31ST OCTOBER 2022**

- If your child is currently in year 6 of primary school or their date of birth falls on or between 1 September 2011 and 31 August 2012, now is the time to apply for a year 7 secondary school place for September 2023.
- There is no automatic transfer – everyone must apply between 12 September 2022 and 31 October 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 Secondary Education, Information for Parents' prospectus.

For further advice, contact Knowsley School Admissions Team

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Knowsley Council





Parents of pre school children  
**It's time to apply for a school reception class place  
September 2023 Intake**

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

**CLOSING DATE 15TH JANUARY 2023**

- If your child's date of birth falls on or between 1 September 2018 and 31 August 2019, now is the time to apply for a reception class place in school for September 2023.
- There is no automatic transfer from nursery – everyone must apply between 12 September 2022 and 15 January 2023 by completing the application form of the Local Authority in which you live.
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# VALUE AWARDS



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

**Half Term Value** - Respect

**Value Behaviour of the Week:** We respect school property. We use our hands and feet kindly.

## Nursery - Mrs Hoang

**Gabriella J:** Gabriella - You have settled well into our nursery this week. You have shown respect and followed our daily routines. You are a superstar well done.

**Alexia B:** Alexia - You have been a fantastic role model to other children. You have most definitely been like Robbie Respect and led by example. We are very proud of you well done.

## Reception - Miss Lucas

**Olivia R:** Olivia, you have gone above and beyond this week. Just like Robbie Respect, you have had your listening ears on and have used kind words to help others understand the importance of listening. You have shown you are respectful through your words and actions, and you have been brilliant at looking after and respecting the resources and toys we have in school. Well done Liv, we are very proud of you!

**Jonathon A-V:** Jonathon, you have worked very hard this week! You have shown Robbie Respect through your words and actions, and you have shown you have the best listening ears! Every day you greet everyone with a cheerful 'good morning' and big smile! You have been helping tidy up our classroom lots this week and have shown you can respect and take care of our class toys! Well done Jonathon, we are really proud of you!

## Year 1 - Mrs Wills

**Oliver G:** Oliver - I am so impressed by your enthusiasm for learning. Every day you give each lesson 100%. You share your thinking and relish the challenge of all learning experiences. You show excellent manners, just like Robbie Respect you are always polite and thoughtful. We are so lucky to have you as a member of our class. What a star you have been. Keep up the good work.

**Ava T:** Ava - You always show perfect manners in all areas of school life. When listening and learning you are so focused and attentive. You are always ready to contribute to whole class discussions. You are respectful to all members of our school family and can be trusted to carry out important roles within the classroom. It is wonderful to have you as a role model to others in our class. Keep smiling. Well done, Ava.

## Year 1 & 2 - Mrs Thomas

**Logan McC:** Logan you have been amazing this week! Not only have you shown respect in abundance, but you have also dug deep and displayed great resilience. Well done for following instructions, listening and trying your absolute best - be proud of what you are achieving!

**Farleigh McA:** Farleigh you are working your socks off! I can see how determined you are to do well. Keep listening and working hard and you will achieve great things. Well done Farleigh, you're doing great!

## Year 2 - Miss Spencer

**Amelia Rose S:** Amelia, I cannot put into words how proud I am of you. You have been making the right choice all week, and I've lost count of how many times different members of staff have told me about your super hard work! Keep it up!

**Bella H:** Bella has been superb this week! She has been using magnet eyes lots to ensure she understands the lesson and had her listening ears switched on. Keep this up Bella, I am very proud of you!



# VALUE AWARDS



## Year 3 - Miss Keenan

**Charlie S:** - Respect - Charlie is a shining light within our classroom. He is the most well mannered young man I have ever met. He is always offering a helping hand and sprinkles kindness and respect around like confetti. It is a joy to have him within our classroom.

**Sophia G:** - Respect - Where to start? Sophia is an asset to our class. She shows what true respect really is and always leads with kindness and of course a beautiful smile. She always listens to instructions first time and enjoys helping everyone around her while displaying impeccable manners.

## Year 3 & 4 - Mrs Kendall

**Sienna L:** For always going above and beyond to help our class be the best it can be. You are super organised and love to do little jobs around school. You can always be trusted to do them to the best of your ability because you have such a good understanding of respect! Well done Sienna! You are a superstar!

**Charlie B:** For showing Robbie Respect in everything you do! You are the perfect role model for Robbie Respect and I can always rely on you to set a perfect example to others. Thank you Charlie for being such a pleasure to have in our class

## Year 4 - Miss Thorneycroft

**Larna S:** Larna, much like Robbie, you have your listening ears switched on when you are learning. Your fantastic listening skills have enabled you to strive to achieve and you have really put yourself out of your comfort zone. Well done, you are a shining example of Robbie Respect.

**Isabelle R:** Isabella, what a super week you have had! You have shown respect in all elements of school life and encouraged others to do the same. You are a wonderful student to teach and a perfect example of a Halsnead pupil. Great job!

## Year 5 - Mr Owen and Miss Neale

**Ava R:** Ava has had a fantastic week in school. She has shown our value of respect by always helping her friends in class and outside of class. Her behaviour in class is always exemplary and she is a fantastic role model. Keep working hard Ava, we know you can do it!

**Matthew H:** Matthew has had a fantastic start to year 5 and has really impressed his teachers. He has a brilliant attitude to learning and is always wanting to try his hardest and please everyone. He is a wonderful friend and classmate. Well done Matthew!

## Year 5 & 6 - Mr Doherty

**Dean T:** Dean has had a phenomenal week. Dean always uploads our school values and impresses me on the daily. Dean has been extra kind this week, listening to his peers when they are upset and helping cheer them up. He also demonstrated great resilience during assessment week. Well done Dean, keep up the good work.

**Lily-Ann H:** Lily-Ann has blown me away this week. She has made good choices and shown great respect to adults around the school. Lily never fails to make us smile and has shown a great attitude to learning this week. Well done Lily, keep it up!

## Year 6 - Mr Lenaghan

**Holly G:** Holly has been an outstanding member of the class this week, displaying the behaviours and attitudes we expect to see in Y6. She has shown role-model qualities. The considerable time, thought and effort she has put into her writing and practice tests this week has made her stand out - keep it going, Holly!

**Freya D:** This young lady has shown aspiration in abundance this week. She has been so determined to do her best in her practice tests and the level of detail she put into each answer was a joy to see. Not only this, but she has taken the role of a 'mini-teacher' in the classroom: ensuring children at her table are reading at home, telling children to put their hands up and supporting others around her.