



# 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 performances and we hope that many of you will be able to join us for these events. We also have our Christmas raffles 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 like to mention our Nursery and Reception children, who wowed our whole school this morning with their dress rehearsal for the Christmas nativity. You are all in for a treat next week!

Have a lovely weekend,



Merry Christmas

Happy New Year!







THE FIRST CHRISTMAS  
BY  
MARIAN SWINGER

IT NEVER SNOWS AT CHRISTMAS IN THAT DRY AND DUSTY LAND.  
INSTEAD OF FREEZING BLIZZARDS, THERE ARE PALMS AND DRIFTING SANDS,  
AND YEARS AGO A STABLE AND A MOST UNUSUAL STAR  
AND THREE WISE MEN WHO FOLLOWED IT, BY CAMEL, NOT BY CAR,  
WHILE, SLEEPY ON THE QUIET HILLS, A SHEPHERD GAVE A CRY.  
HE'D SEEN A CROWD OF ANGELS IN THE SILENT STARLIT SKY.  
IN THE STABLE, OX AND ASS STOOD VERY STILL AND CALM  
AND GAZED UPON THE BABY, SAFE AND SNUG IN MARY'S ARMS.  
AND JOSEPH, LOST IN SHADOWS, FACE LIT BY AN OIL LAMP'S GLOW  
STOOD WONDERING, THAT FIRST CHRISTMAS DAY, TWO THOUSAND YEARS AGO.





What do other parents say about it?

- 97% of parents would recommend it
- 89% feel more confident as a parent

*"I'm so glad I did this programme. Do it!"*

*"This was the best thing I could possibly have done to help me be a better mum"*

What do I get on a HENRY programme?

Every parent joining a HENRY programme receives a HENRY toolkit which includes everything you'll need during the programme and helpful resources to use in your family.

The HENRY toolkit will help you give your child a great start in life, get the whole family involved, and keep track of how well you're doing.



The HENRY Parent Toolkit - free to everyone joining a HENRY programme

How can I join a programme?

HENRY programmes are running locally. Talk to your local Children's Centre or Family Hub, Early Intervention or Family Support Service to find out more, help you decide if you would enjoy it, or to join a programme.

To Book on to next course  
Call Hilltop/HUYTON - 443-5301  
Call Jubilee/HUYTON - 443-5633  
Call Star/Kirkby - 443 - 5633

Parents can be simply added to an updated waiting list on the above telephone numbers.  
Parents will receive a call prior to the start.

For more information about HENRY go to:

- [www.henry.org.uk](http://www.henry.org.uk)
- @HENRYHealthy
- [facebook.com/HENRY.HealthyFamilies](https://www.facebook.com/HENRY.HealthyFamilies)
- 01865 302973



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Healthy Start, Brighter Future

## A great start for babies and young children

Everyone wants the best for their children, but it can be hard to know what to do as a parent in the early years. That's where HENRY comes in.

The HENRY programme is free to join and helps you give your child the best possible start in life.



*"This programme changed my life."*

[www.henry.org.uk](http://www.henry.org.uk)

### About the programme

The programme is for parents or carers of children aged 0 to 5 years old. It is free to join.

Everyone wants the best for their children, but with so much conflicting advice it can be hard to know what to do for the best as a parent, especially in the early years.



The HENRY *Healthy Families: Right from the Start* programme is running locally. Join the thousands of families across the country who have benefited from the support and tips it provides for young families.

Research shows that the key ingredients to ensuring babies and young children have a healthy start in life are:

- Parenting confidence
- Physical activity for little ones
- What children and families eat
- Family lifestyle habits
- Enjoying life as a family

The programme covers these 5 themes across 8 weeks and provides everything you need to help get your little one off to a great start.

### Sessions

Each session helps you provide a healthy, happy, supportive environment for the whole family.

**Session 1** - Decide what changes you want to make and set your own goals

**Session 2** - How to juggle life with young children so you all get what you need

**Session 3** - How to respond to children's needs without giving in to all their demands

**Session 4** - Positive mealtime tips for a happy family and reducing mealtime stress

**Session 5** - Ideas for active play to help children learn, develop and stay happy

**Session 6** - Food groups, food labels, portion sizes for under 5s, first foods, and snack swaps

**Session 7** - Understanding and managing your child's behaviour for a happier home

**Session 8** - Celebrate your success as a parent and plan the future for your family

*"I highly recommend it. It was brilliant."*



### Is the HENRY programme for me?

The HENRY programme can help everyone with a baby or young child. Every parent who joins learns something new and useful.



If you have at least one child under 5 years old and can answer 'yes' to any of the questions below then HENRY is for you:

- Would you like to feel more confident as a parent?
- Would you like some support to give your child a healthy start?
- Do you wish your child would eat more fruit and vegetables?
- Would you like to reduce mealtime stress?
- Would you like to enjoy being active together as a family more often?
- Are you interested in some ideas to get children away from the TV?

### What is HENRY?

HENRY is a UK charity working to give babies and young children a healthy start in life.



# Do you have a child under 5?

Would you like to:

- feel more confident as a parent?
- reduce mealtime stress?
- enjoy being active as a family more often?
- encourage your child away from screens and TV?
- see your child eat more fruit and vegetables?
- gain ideas to help with family routines?

*"I would recommend this course to anyone with young children. It has become a vital tool in my life!"*

Free HENRY programme starting soon:

Hilltop/Star and Jubilee Early Years Children's Centre's  
Bedford Close, Huyton, L36 1XH. - Twigg Lane Huyton, St  
Andrews View, Kirkby.

Book by - 443 5301 and 443 5633



PARENT TALK - SUPPORT FOR PARENTS FROM ACTION FOR CHILDREN



Parent Talk - Support for Parents from Action For Children

We're on hand to support parents, when they need us. Find answers to your questions in our advice articles, or speak to one of our parenting coaches.

[parents.actionforchildren.org.uk](http://parents.actionforchildren.org.uk)

HOW FANTASTIC DID ALL OUR CHILDREN LOOKED IN THEIR CHRISTMAS JUMPERS



# MERRY CHRISTMAS

## Raffle Events

### *Christmas online raffle*

**OUR CHRISTMAS ONLINE RAFFLE IS NOW LIVE. PLEASE SIGN UP HERE TO BUY TICKETS: [HTTPS://WWW.LETSLOCALISE.CO.UK/ENTERTAINMENT-DETAILS-VIEW?EVENTID=13042](https://www.letslocalise.co.uk/entertainment-details-view?eventid=13042)**

**WE HAVE FANTASTIC HAMPER PRIZES. ALL MONEY RAISED WILL GO TOWARDS FUNDING TRIPS AND EXPERIENCES FOR OUR CHILDREN. PLEASE SHARE THIS WITH ANYONE YOU KNOW WHO CAN SUPPORT. WE ALSO HAVE OUR WATER INTO WINE STALL. CHOOSE A BOTTLE YOU WOULD LIKE TO PURCHASE AND FIND OUT IF IT IS WATER OR WINE!**

**[HTTPS://WWW.LETSLOCALISE.CO.UK/SCHOOL-SHOP-DETAILS-VIEW?EVENTID=10660](https://www.letslocalise.co.uk/school-shop-details-view?eventid=10660)**

**GOOD LUCK EVERYONE!**

### *Children's Christmas raffle*

**ON WEDNESDAY THE 21ST DECEMBER WE ARE HAVING OUR CHILDREN'S BIG PRESENT RAFFLE. TICKETS ARE 50P A STRIP.**





# VALUE AWARDS

Robbie Respect



Colleen Collaboration



Andy Aspiration



India Integrity



Keiron Kindness



Rosie Resilience



**Our School Values** - Respect, Resilience, Aspiration, Collaboration, Integrity, Kindness  
**Half Term Value** - Integrity  
**Value Behaviour of the Week** - We are role models to others.

## Nursery - Mrs Hoang

**Joseph** - For showing resilience this week when using scissors. You continued to snip your work until you were able to cut around it! Well done Joseph.

**Jimmy** - You have had a wonderful week. You have enjoyed accessing all the different areas and have built some wonderful sandcastles!

## Reception - Miss Lucas

**Evelyn P** - Evelyn, you have shown Rosie Resilience in the bucket loads this week! You have applied a 'never give up' attitude to all aspects of school life! You have been working extremely hard with your singing and getting ready for your nativity show, and this 'can do' attitude has been seen in your writing! Well done superstar, keep up the fantastic work!

**Olivia O'N** - Olivia, I'm going to have to change your name to Rosie Resilience because you are JUST LIKE HER! You have shown a 'can do' attitude to your writing, maths, singing and even putting on your tricky gloves! Not once have you given up. It has been a joy seeing you proud of your achievements, no matter how big or small. Well done, you are a star!

## Year 1 - Mrs Wills

**Adam D** - Adam I am impressed with how you are developing your resilience. It is wonderful to see you focusing on completing your work and striving to complete it within each lesson. Just like Rosie Resilience you are enjoying new challenges, even when you find them tricky. Keep trying your best Adam, you can do it.

**Violet M-W** - Well done Violet, you are becoming more resilient with each day. Just like Rosie you are kind to your friends and keep going until you have completed tasks. It is lovely to see you developing your confidence and understanding too. Keep working hard Violet.

## Year 1 & 2 - Mrs Thomas

**Bonnie:** Well done Bonnie for showing great resilience with your work. It is lovely to see how hard you are trying to improve your sentences. You have pulled your socks up and risen to the challenge. Keep up the good work Bonnie!

**Joel:** Joel, it is wonderful to see how hard you have worked on your handwriting, English and Science. Learning and discussing about the human body and healthy eating is definitely a favourite of yours! Well done on showing such resilience, keep going Joel, you've got this!

## Year 2 - Miss Spencer

**Bella** - For your fabulous reading, you have been working so hard to progress and you have! I am so proud of you! I am blown away with the progress you have made so far this year.

**Erin** - Erin embodies the Halshead values, particularly respect. She is a role model to others and always lends an ear to a friend in need. She puts 100% into everything that she does and never fails to make us smile. I was really impressed with her determined attitude to do well in her writing! Well done, Erin, keep it up!



## **Year 3 - Miss Keenan**

**Lennon** - resilience - Lennon, in your English this week you have displayed amazing resilience. You have been able to look over your work and pick up on errors that may be present. You do not let this deter you and you continue writing with enthusiasm and perseverance. I am so proud of how much effort you have put in this English write up, well done!

**Indi** - resilience - Where do I begin? Your handwriting, your ideas, your resilience! I could talk about these things all in abundance! The level of effort you have put in to your effort 'The Polar Express' has been outstanding and one of your best pieces to date! I am so proud of how hard you are trying and it is really paying off! Well done!

## **Year 3 & 4 - Mrs Kendall**

**Ashna** - for showing great resilience since starting Halsnead! You have gone from strength to strength. Always keen to contribute your ideas to the class discussions. We are so lucky to have you.

**Sofia-Lilly** - for always trying your best in everything you do! Rosie resilience is so proud of you! You show resilience in everything you do! Keep up the great work!

## **Year 4 - Miss Thorneycroft**

**Evie G** - Wow! What a super week you have had. Your willingness to get stuck in and step out of your comfort zone has really impressed me this week, especially in maths! You have shown resilience when things get tough.

**Aaron F** - Is Rosie resilience your middle name? You have flourished this week! You have rolled your sleeves up and got stuck in! When things have become tricky you have asked for help and learnt from your mistakes. I am so proud of how far you have come. Well done!

## **Year 5 - Mr Owen and Miss Neale**

**Kerry-Rose**- Kerry-Rose has had a brilliant week in Year 5! She has been working hard, trying her best and being a kind friend to all. She has shown resilience in her handwriting, always looking to improve it and make it better. Well done, Kerry-Rose!

**Isla** - Isla has shown resilience in abundance this week in her maths! We have been learning very tricky long multiplication and she hasn't given up with it, finally mastering it this wheel- well done Isla, I am so proud of you!

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

**Isla**- has impressed me with her amazing confidence this week. She agreed to sing a solo part in the Xmas carol and performed in front of all KS2 this week. We were blown away by her vocals; she is a superstar! Alongside this she really impressed me with her fractions work this week. Well done, Isla, keep it up!

**Dalton**- has had a fantastic week. He showed great resilience with his fractions work and really pushed himself, even when faced with challenges. He is also the master of puns and keeps us entertained with his witty jokes in class. Well done, Dalton, keep it up!

## **Year 6-Mr Lenaghan**

**Natalia** - We are nearing the end of Natalia's first full-term with us as part of our Halsnead family and what a wonderful first term it has been for her. She arrived with very little English and found it very difficult to settle in due to the language barrier with her peers and during lessons. However, this little superstar has worked so so hard to develop her English, which has taken a tremendous amount of resilience. We are so proud of her and look forward to even more remarkable progress throughout the rest of the year.

**Lydia** - Lydia has really stood out this week for the hard work she has put into her lessons, particularly her writing and maths. She has taken a conscientious approach to her writing, really thinking deeply about the purpose of the writing, identifying what she wants to write and then working on how to edit and improve it. This has been a wonderful process to observe during our lessons and it is evidently improving the standard of her writing.