

NEWSLETTER



Welcome

How are we half-way through the academic year already? Thank you for all your continued support. As ever, we have had lots going on this half-term: snow days, reading challenges, Growing up Great afternoon, author sessions, volleyball, bikeability, swimming lessons (to name a few). Unfortunately, attendance figures have been incredibly low, and we are aware that there has been lots of illness. We hope children and families are recovered and will return after half-term refreshed.

Please read some important information below regarding pupil absence:

We always ask for medical information so we can authorise absences. If your child's attendance is below 90%, you **MUST** provide medical evidence for us to authorise their absence. We appreciate that getting a doctor's appointment can be difficult, so medical evidence will include free prescriptions from Care at the Chemist.

See below for information:

What is Care at the Chemist?

Care at the Chemist is a scheme that allows you to obtain medicines and advice for certain illnesses from your local pharmacy without having to go to your doctors first. If you do not pay for your prescriptions you will not have to pay for any medicines supplied through the scheme.

Local chemists where this scheme is available include:

Boots Pharmacy, Old Colliery Road

Care Pharmacy, Sugar Lane, Prescot

Finally, we have some news regarding our staff: this half term, on her due date of 19th January, Miss Lucas welcomed her beautiful baby girl, Quinn, into the world. The family are all doing brilliantly.

As well as this, after many years, the beloved Mrs Brown has announced her retirement. She has had a huge impact on the Halsnead community and been a constant for generations of families. Mrs Brown will be with us for the rest of the spring term, finishing on 28th March 2024.



ATTENDANCE



Group Analysis by Attendance Category

Period: 05/02/2024 to 09/02/2024

Scope: Reg Group Rec+RH+Y1+Y2+1&2A+3N+3/4T+4K+Y5 and 6+Y6+5K

Number of Sessions

Group	Presents	AEA	Authorised Absences	Unauthorised Absences	Possible	% Attend
Reception/Lucas	151	0	17	2	170	88.8
Reception/Hoang	142	0	8	0	150	94.7
Y1	190	0	20	10	220	86.4
Y2	223	10	27	10	270	86.3
Year 1/2	195	0	23	2	220	88.6
Year 3	182	10	12	36	240	80.0
Year 3/4	197	0	14	9	220	89.5
Year 4K	228	10	36	6	280	85.0
Y5 and 6	232	0	44	4	280	82.9
Y6	230	10	18	2	260	92.3
Year 5K	288	0	12	10	310	92.9
Totals	2258	40	231	91	2620	87.7



My VOICE MATTERS

Place2Be's
**CHILDREN'S
MENTAL HEALTH
WEEK**

TALKING TO YOUR CHILD ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH

Are you a parent or carer who wants to talk to your child about mental health?

This Children's Mental Health Week we want all children and young people, whoever they are, and wherever they are in the world, to be able to say – and believe – “My Voice Matters”.

We visited primary and secondary schools to ask students what they wanted from the week – to help shape the activities we create for schools, the messaging we give to teachers, the tips we give to other children, and the advice we give to parents, carers and families.



LOOKING FOR FREE PRACTICAL ADVICE TO HELP YOU SUPPORT YOUR CHILD?

Parenting Smart, Place2Be's site for parents and carers, is full of expert advice and tips on supporting primary-age children, and managing their behaviour, and act on their views.

[PARENTINGSMART.ORG.UK](https://parentingsmart.org.uk)

Here's what children and young people told us they need from you:

- ① We don't need to have 'one-off' conversations about our mental health – sometimes a chat on a journey or at bedtime is enough.
- ② I need to know it's okay to talk to you about any and all of my feelings. Please hear what I have to say, without interrupting me.
- ③ Please listen to me carefully and acknowledge how I am feeling – it might seem silly to you but what I am going through is important to me.
- ④ Playing with pets can make me feel better. Same with playing football, basketball or whatever type of sport I am into.
- ⑤ Don't compare my experiences to your own when you were a child.
- ⑥ Sometimes I just need you to listen and hear what I'm saying – I don't always need answers (or lectures)
- ⑦ Please don't worry about trying to fix things for me – I often just need to know you are there for me and understand what I am going through.
- ⑧ If you are open with me about your feelings, this can help me to be more open about mine.
- ⑨ Sometimes I don't want to talk. Please trust that I will come to you (or another grown-up or someone my own age) when I'm ready. Sometimes it's easier for me to talk to someone nearer my own age – my siblings, cousins, friends, younger teachers at school - because they 'get it'.
- ⑩ Sometimes a hug is all it takes to make me feel supported.



WHAT MATTERS TO YOU? CREATIVE VIDEO ACTIVITIES FOR FAMILIES

These wellbeing activities can help children and young people think about and share what matters to them.

For primary children: bit.ly/3PzCGI8

For secondary children: bit.ly/3LBD2wk

CONVERSATION STARTERS

Some ways to start a conversation with your child about mental health could be...

TELL ME ABOUT
YOUR DAY

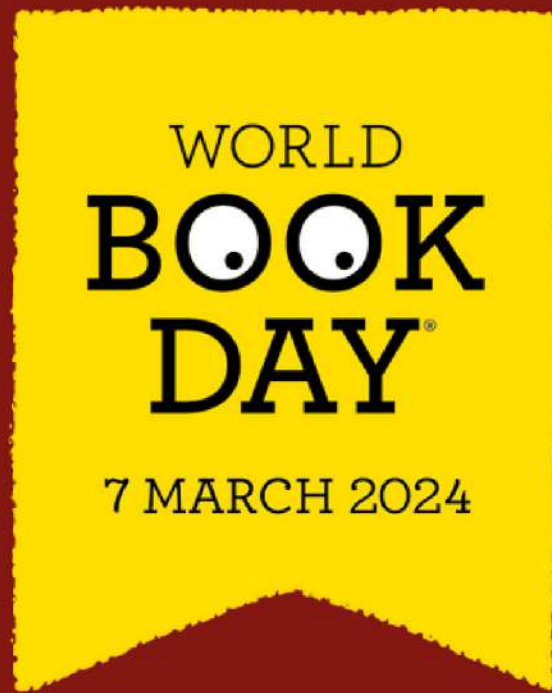
WHAT WAS THE BEST
THING ABOUT
TODAY?

WHAT IS THE BIGGEST
STRESS / WORRY IN YOUR
LIFE RIGHT NOW?

WHAT'S YOUR
ONLINE LIFE LIKE?

WHO WOULD YOU TALK
TO IF YOU WERE FEELING
WORRIED ABOUT YOUR
MENTAL HEALTH?

WHAT CAN I
DO TO HELP
YOU?



It's that time of year again!

World Book Day is just around the corner - Thursday 7th March.

The Library Assistants are planning a day of fun and exciting book related activities and would like to keep up Halsnead tradition and invite children to either dress up in a costume or bring in a prop/accessory of a chosen book character on the day!

Some ideas for props or accessories might be....

a wand for a magician.

a broom for a witch like the characters in Room on a Broom or
The Worst Witch

a bag - for Jack and the Beanstalk

a diary for Diary of a Wimpy Kid

a map to represent an explorer

a suitcase for The Journey or The Suitcase Kid

a rucksack for The Boy at the Back of the Class

a soft toy like a sloth to represent a non-fiction book about The Rainforest.... the list is endless, be as creative as you like!

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Mrs Leah

We would like to say well done to all the Nursery children for an amazing half-term! They have all settled so well into our class routine and they are demonstrating our school values everyday- they are working hard to keep our nursery tidy, showing super listening and kindness to their friends. Well done super stars!

Mrs Hoang/Miss Bell

Reception, this half term Miss Hoang and Miss Bell have been so impressed with you all! You've all shown kindness and sharing to your friends. What a lovely class you are. We have seen you all try so hard in your learning. Keep up the amazing work and we can't wait to see you after half term. Have a lovely week off!

Year 1 - Mrs Wills

What another excellent half term you have had 1W. You have all shown integrity and are all developing your independence as learners. I am blown away with your great enthusiasm and resilience. Every day you bring sunshine to our classroom and much fun. I would love to see everyone back in class next term so we can win our special attendance afternoon. Enjoy your half term break, we are now halfway through our Year 1 journey.

Year 1 & 2 - Miss Addy

Well done for an amazing half term, I am so proud of you all! You have all worked hard on showing integrity every day, being selfless and doing the right thing even when you think no-one is watching! You are becoming more responsible, polite and conscientious individuals each day. You have all worked hard and produced some amazing work that has blown our socks off! We hope you all have a lovely week off and we are already looking forward to seeing you back at school!

Year 2 - Miss Heslegrave

What an amazing half term we've had! You have all worked so hard and shown integrity in everything we have done. You are all becoming much more independent and show kindness to each other every day. I am so proud of you all! Have a lovely week off, I'm already looking forward to seeing you in a week! Well done year 2!

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Year 3-Miss Neale

3N- wow! What an eventful half term we have had. I am so proud of how hard you have all been working, you have blown my socks off! Have a lovely half term and come back ready to learn and get even more dojos than before! Miss Neale x

Year 3&4-Miss Thorneycroft

Well done 3/4T. You've all worked really hard this half term and come on in leaps and bounds. I'm so impressed with all the progress you have made. Great work, keep it up.

Year 4-Mrs Kendall

Wow 4K what a brilliant half term we have had. Each and every one of you have shown me how resilient you can be in every subject, it makes me so proud! Have a brilliant half term break and come back refreshed and ready to go again!

Year5-Miss Keenan

5K what a fantastic half term! You have worked your socks off and have shown our school values every single day without fail! It has been so much fun learning all our new material and having a laugh along the way! Enjoy your well-deserved break!

Year 5&6-Mr Doherty

5/6D - You have had an amazing half term. I have been impressed by your determined attitudes to do well in all that you did. Enjoy your half term - relax, refresh and get ready for another fun filled term ahead.

Year 6-Mr Leneghan

6L what can I say... you have all been superstars this half-term! I am extremely proud of the resilience you have shown in your work and your determination in our dance. Can't wait to see you all back and ready to learn more after the break!