

Newsletter

Friday 12th September 2025

Halsnead Primary School Newsletter

It has been wonderful to see so many children starting the year strongly with homework, reading and spellings. Your support in encouraging these important routines is greatly appreciated. A gentle reminder that children should bring a healthy snack to school – fruit or low sugar cereal bars are recommended.

Attendance and School Holidays

We have seen a significant increase in holiday requests, which is having a very detrimental impact on school attendance. This, in turn, affects pupils' learning, well-being and routines. In Knowsley, taking a child on holiday during term time without prior consent from the Head of School is considered an unauthorised absence. Parents can receive a fine (Penalty Notice). The fine starts at £60 per parent, per child, and increases to £120 if not paid within 21 days. Failure to cooperate with the council may result in further legal action. If your child is unable to attend school for any reason, it is essential that the school office is informed.

Term Dates 2025–2026

Autumn Term

First Day of Term: Tuesday 2nd September 2025
Close: Friday 24th October 2025
Half Term: Monday 27th – Friday 31st October 2025
Open: Monday 3rd November 2025
Close: Friday 19th December 2025

Spring Term

First Day of Term: Monday 5th January 2026
Close: Friday 13th February 2026
Half Term: Monday 16th – Friday 20th February 2026
Open: Monday 23rd February 2026
Close: Wednesday 1st April 2026

Summer Term

First Day of Term: Monday 13th April 2026
Close: Friday 22nd May 2026
Half Term: Monday 25th May – Friday 5th June 2026
Open: Monday 8th June 2026
Close: Thursday 16th July 2026



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Pupil Leadership

We are continuing to improve playtimes. Following some impressive speeches, play leaders have been elected from classes 6L and 5–6D. Well done to all those who put themselves forward; you demonstrated our current value of aspiration. We are planning to broaden the range of activities available during playtimes in order to increase children's activity and engagement.

We have also elected our new pupil council members. Each child was given the opportunity to vote, and we discussed the importance of democracy. Congratulations to all the children who showed aspiration by applying for these roles.

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Reminder: No Additional Toys or Jewellery in School

We kindly remind parents and carers that children should not bring any toys from home into school. This includes all personal sensory toys. If a sensory toy is required for support, it will be provided by the class teacher or SENCO.

Additionally, children should not wear any jewellery or bracelets to school, as these can become lost or pose a safety risk during the school day.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us maintain a focused and safe learning environment for all our pupils.



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We, as ever, appreciate all of your support and feedback and hope you have a lovely weekend. Let us make every day count by having the children in school and on time tomorrow.



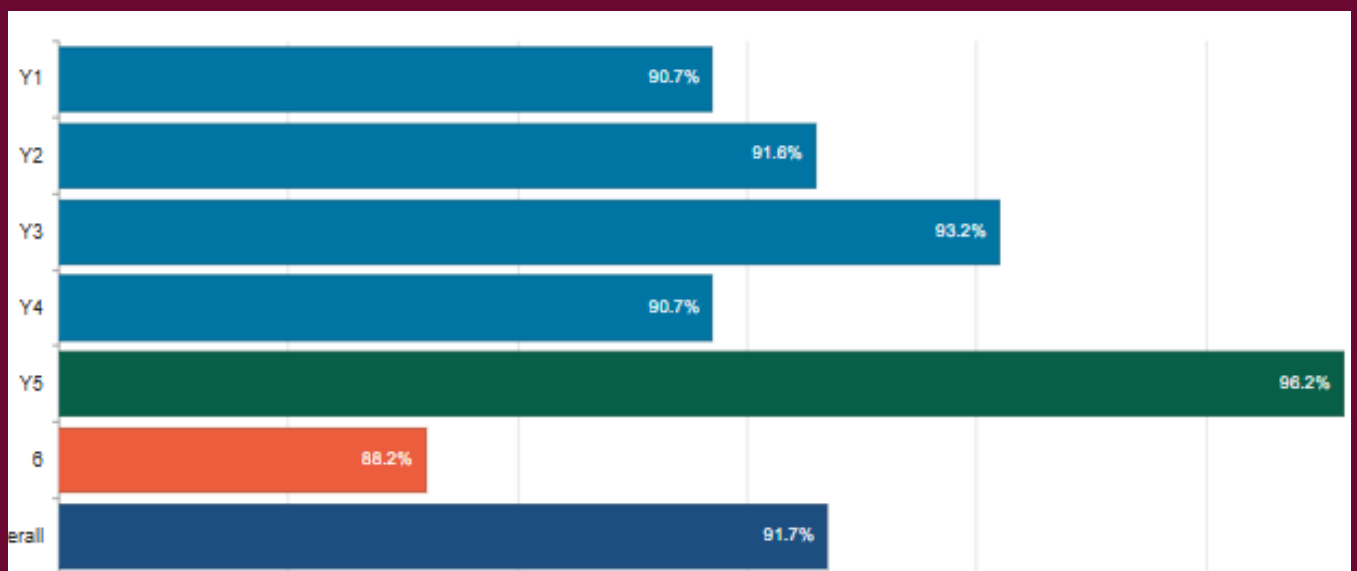
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Weekly menu

15/09/25	Main Meal	Vegetarian Option	
Monday	Pork meatballs in sauce, pasta and garlic bread	Quorn meatballs in sauce, pasta and garlic bread	Jacket potato/sandwich
Tuesday	Chicken Wrap, cous cous and salad	Quorn Wrap, cous cous and salad	Jacket potato/sandwich
Wednesday	Chicken Tikka, boiled rice and naan bread	Quorn tikka, boiled rice and naan bread	Jacket potato/sandwich
Thursday	Roast gammon, roast potato, veg and gravy	Quorn fillet, roast potato, veg and gravy	Jacket potato/sandwich
Friday	Fish and chips with peas, sweetcorn or beans	Quorn nuggets and chips with peas, sweetcorn and beans	Jacket potato/sandwich

Weekly Attendance





Parents of pre school children It's timetoapplyforaschool receptionclassplace September 2026 Intake

Knowsley residents - Apply online by visiting www.knowsley.gov.uk

CLOSING DATE 15h JANUARY 2026

- If your child's date of birth falls on or between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022, now is the time to apply for a reception class place in school for September 2026.
- There is no automatic transfer from nursery – everyone must apply between 12 September 2025 and 15 January 2026 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 .
- 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 and access the 'Knowsley Primary Admission Composite Prospectus'.

For further advice, contact Knowsley School Admissions Service

Email: schooladmissions@knowsley.gov.uk

Tel: (0151) 443 5143 / 5142 / 3372



Parents of year 6 Children It's time to apply for a secondary school place (year 7) September 2026 Intake

Knowsley residents – Apply online by visiting www.knowsley.gov.uk

CLOSING DATE 31st OCTOBER 2025

- If your child is currently in year 6 of primary school or their date of birth falls on or between 1 September 2014 and 31 August 2015, now is the time to apply for a year 7 secondary school place for September 2026.
- There is no automatic transfer – everyone must apply between 12 September 2025 and 31 October 2025 by completing the application form of the Local Authority in which you live.
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