

Newsletter

Friday 10th October 2025

Halsnead Primary School Newsletter

Parents' Evening

Our Parents' Evening will take place on Tuesday 21st and Wednesday 22nd October, from 3:30pm – 5:30pm. Please make sure you have booked your appointment — meeting with every parent/carer is an important part of ensuring children's success in school.

World Mental Health Day

Thank you for supporting World Mental Health Day. If you would ever like to talk about your child's wellbeing, please contact your class teacher. They can offer advice and signpost you to further support if needed.

Swimming

We are incredibly proud of how our pupils are showing aspiration and resilience during swimming lessons. Please remember that swimming is part of the National Curriculum, and all children are expected to take part. Recently, we've noticed a few children not bringing their kits or opting out — please help us by ensuring your child is prepared for their lessons.

Next week's swimming schedule:

Reception – Monday or Tuesday (your class teacher will confirm via Dojo)

2W – Day to be confirmed via Dojo

3L – Daily lessons (bring kit every day)

3–4H – Daily lessons (bring kit every day)

4K – Daily lessons (bring kit every day)

5K – Daily lessons (bring kit every day)



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Open Evening

We are holding our Open Evening on Thursday 16th October, 4:00–6:00pm, for families with children due to start Reception. Please see the attached flyer for details and share it with anyone who may be interested in joining our Halsnead community.

Attendance

Attendance has dipped slightly this week, and we continue to focus on punctuality. While we understand that children can be unwell at times, please ensure you contact the office to report any absences. We ask for your continued support in ensuring your child attends school every day and arrives on time. Please also avoid booking holidays during term time — we have a two-week break at the end of May and beginning of June, which provides an excellent opportunity for family holidays at reduced cost.

Support a Great Cause!

Eliza from year 6 (with a little help from her friends Indie and Poppy) has been busy crafting beautiful handmade bracelets to raise money for a good cause - UNICEF. Each bracelet costs just £1, and every purchase helps support her fundraising goal. The bracelets will be on sale on Monday — let's show our support and help her make a difference!



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Term Dates

2025–2026–2027 Academic Year

Autumn Term

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

Spring Term

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

Summer Term

- First Day: Monday 13th April 2026
 - Close: Friday 22nd May 2026
 - Half Term: Monday 25th May – Friday 5th June 2026
 - Reopen: Monday 8th June 2026
 - Close: Thursday 16th July 2026
- 2026–2027 Academic Year

Autumn Term

- First Day: Wednesday 2nd September 2026
- Close: Friday 23rd October 2026
- Half Term: Monday 26th – Friday 30th October 2026
- Reopen: Monday 2nd November 2026
- Close: Friday 18th December 2026

Spring Term

- First Day: Monday 4th January 2027
- Close: Friday 12th February 2027
- Half Term: Monday 15th – Friday 19th February 2027
- Reopen: Monday 22nd February 2027
- Close: Thursday 25th March 2027

Summer Term

- First Day: Monday 12th April 2027
- Close: Friday 28th May 2027
- Half Term: Monday 31st May – Friday 11th June 2027 (second week includes INSET days and one additional day off)
- Reopen: Monday 14th June 2027
- Close: Wednesday 21st July 2027

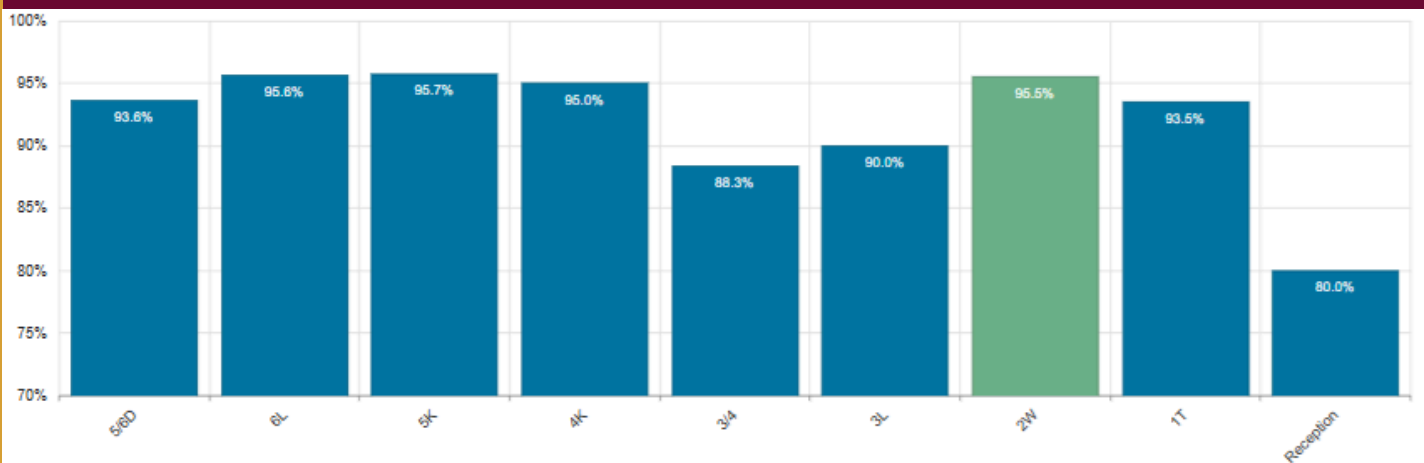


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Weekly menu

06/10/25	Main Meal	Vegetarian Option	
Monday	Pizza, wedgers beans and spaghetti	Macaroni cheese and garlic bread	Jacket potato/sandwich
Tuesday	Full English breakfast	Quorn Full English breakfast	Jacket potato/sandwich
Wednesday	Pasta Bolognese and garlic bread	Veg Lasagne and garlic bread	Jacket potato/sandwich
Thursday	Roast Chicken, roast potato's veg and gravy	Quorn fillet, roast potato's veg and gravy	Jacket potato/sandwich
Friday	Fish in better, chips with peas, sweetcorn or beans	Veg fingers, chips with peas, sweetcorn or beans	Jacket potato/sandwich



ATTENDANCE

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RECEPTION OPEN EVENING

16TH OCTOBER 2025 4PM - 6PM

Highlighted Benefits:

- ✓ Wrap around care
- ✓ 30 hours nursery
- ✓ Thrive
- ✓ Large football pitch
- ✓ Wide range of clubs
- ✓ Fun Exciting Learning Environment


Ofsted
Good
Provider

"This is a school where all pupils are welcome, irrespective of their faith or background. **Pupils feel happy and safe at school.**"



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 Contact us for more info **0151 459 3973**

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HALSNEAD PRIMARY SCHOOL

PARTY HALLOWEEN

AFTERSCHOOL CLUB 3.13PM TILL 5.30PM

£6

OCTOBER
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HALLOWEEN GAMES & CRAFTS | PUMPKIN DECORATING | TRICK-OR-TREAT
SNACKS

PAY VIA MYCHILDATSCHOOL APP



Knowsley Council

EDUCATION PENALTY NOTICES

A Guide for Parents/Carers

September 2024

Every moment in school counts and days missed add up quickly. Evidence shows that pupils who have good [attendance](#) enjoy better wellbeing and school performance than those who do not.

There are only a few circumstances where a child is allowed to miss [school](#), such as illness or where the school has given permission because of an exceptional circumstance.

However, if your child misses' school without a good reason, local councils and schools can intervene, and you may be issued a fine.

It is important to acknowledge that children with long-term medical or more serious mental health conditions, and those with [special educational needs and disabilities](#) may face additional barriers.

For children who face complex barriers to attendance, schools should have sensitive conversations with children and families and work with them to put support in place for their individual needs.

How much could I be fined if my child misses' school?

In most cases, schools and local authorities will try and provide support to help you improve your child's attendance first, but if this is not effective or the absence is for

unauthorised term time holiday, parents may face paying a fine.

Currently, it is the responsibility of the local authority to decide when to issue fines to parents, meaning the process varies from council to council.

However, under the new national framework, all schools will be required to consider a fine when a child has missed 10 or more sessions (5 days) for unauthorised reasons.

From August 2024, the fine for school absences across the country will be **£80 if paid within 21 days**, or **£160 if paid within 28 days**. If this is the second penalty notice within a three-year period, the requirement legal would be **£160 between day 1-28**

This rate is in line with inflation and is the first increase since 2012.

In the case of repeated fines, if a parent receives a second fine for the same child within any three-year period, this will be charged at the higher rate of £160.

Fines per parent will be capped to two fines within any three-year period. Once this limit has been reached, other action like a parenting order or prosecution will be considered.

If you are prosecuted and attend court because your child has not been attending school, you could get a fine of up to £2,500.

HOW IS A PENALTY NOTICE ISSUED?

By post, to your home address.

HOW DO I PAY?

Details of payment arrangements will be included on the Education Penalty Notice. You cannot pay in part or in instalments.

CAN I APPEAL?

There is no right of appeal once a notice has been issued, but you can discuss with the school/ School Attendance Service when you have received an Education Penalty Notice.

WHAT HAPPENS IF I DO NOT PAY?

You have up to 28 days to pay the Penalty Notice in full. After which the authority has a statutory duty to consider instigating legal proceedings.

If proven, this can result in a range of fines up to £2500 and/or a range of disposals such as parenting orders or community sentences.

What if my child needs to miss school?

Your child must attend every day that the school is open, unless:

- Your child is too ill to attend that day.

- You have asked in advance and been given permission by the school for your child to be absent on that day due to exceptional circumstances.
- Your child cannot attend school on that day because it is a day you are taking part in religious observance.
- Your local authority is responsible for arranging your child's transport to school and it is not available on that day or has not been provided yet.
- You are a gypsy/traveller family with no fixed abode, and you are required to travel for work that day meaning your child cannot attend their usual school.

WHAT SHOULD I DO IF MY CHILD IS TRUANTING?

- Talk to them to find out why.
- Try to understand what is happening to your child and help them to resolve the problem.
- Contact the school to discuss the situation and look for solutions

For most pupils, the best place to be during term-time is in school, surrounded by the support of their friends and teachers.

This is important not just for your child's learning, but also for their overall wellbeing, wider development, and their mental health.

USEFUL CONTACTS:

If you have any queries regarding your child's attendance or wish to discuss an Education Penalty Notice you have received, then please contact:

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