

# Newsletter

09.01.25

## Halsnead Primary School Newsletter

### Welcome Back

Welcome back – we seem to have developed a habit of starting the new year with trickier weather conditions.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us navigate these safely.

### School Value: Integrity

Our value this half term is Integrity. We have been talking with the children about what integrity looks like in practice: doing the right thing even when no one is watching, telling the truth, and treating others with kindness and respect.

### Homework

We are continuing to focus on homework and will be awarding Homework Hero certificates in assembly each week.

Homework is kept short, simple and focused on strong foundations that help children become successful learners. It encourages learning beyond the classroom and builds independence. For older children, it also supports their transition to high school.

Please encourage your child to complete their homework. Each class has age-appropriate incentives in place to reward effort.

Homework will typically include:

- Reading
- Spelling/phonics
- Maths (number or times tables)

### Clubs This Half Term

All clubs run from 3:15–4:00 unless stated otherwise.

- Times Tables Rock Stars (Years 3–6) – Monday
- Colouring and Mindfulness (Years 3–6) – Monday
- Lego Club (Years 1–2) – Tuesday
- Martial Arts Club (Years 1–6) – Friday, 3:15–4:15
- This will be opened to Reception children after Easter.



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### **Pastoral Drop-In**

Our pastoral drop-in takes place on Tuesday. Please see the attached flyer and contact the school office by phone or email to book an appointment.

### **Attendance**

Attendance remains a key priority for us as a school, and currently sits well below the national figure. We want to work closely with families to understand any barriers and to support improved attendance.

If you are able to get your child into school, please do. Time away from school can make returning more difficult, impact social and emotional wellbeing, and lead to gaps in learning.

### **Parents' Evening**

Parents' evening will take place on 9th and 10th February. Further details will follow.

### **Census Day – 15th January**

On Census Day, lunches are £1. Pupil numbers on this day are used to calculate school funding, so it is important that children are in school. This funding directly supports pupils' education, wellbeing and experiences.

### **Parent/Carer Workshops**

Please see the attached flyers for upcoming workshops. All sessions run from 2:00–3:00pm.

- Early Years Communication and Language – Monday 12th January
- Year 1 Phonics – Monday 19th January
- Year 2 Phonics – Monday 26th January
- Reception – Monday 23rd February
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### **Primary School Applications**

The deadline for primary school applications is 15th January. If you, or someone you know, has questions about the application process, please contact the school and we will be happy to help.

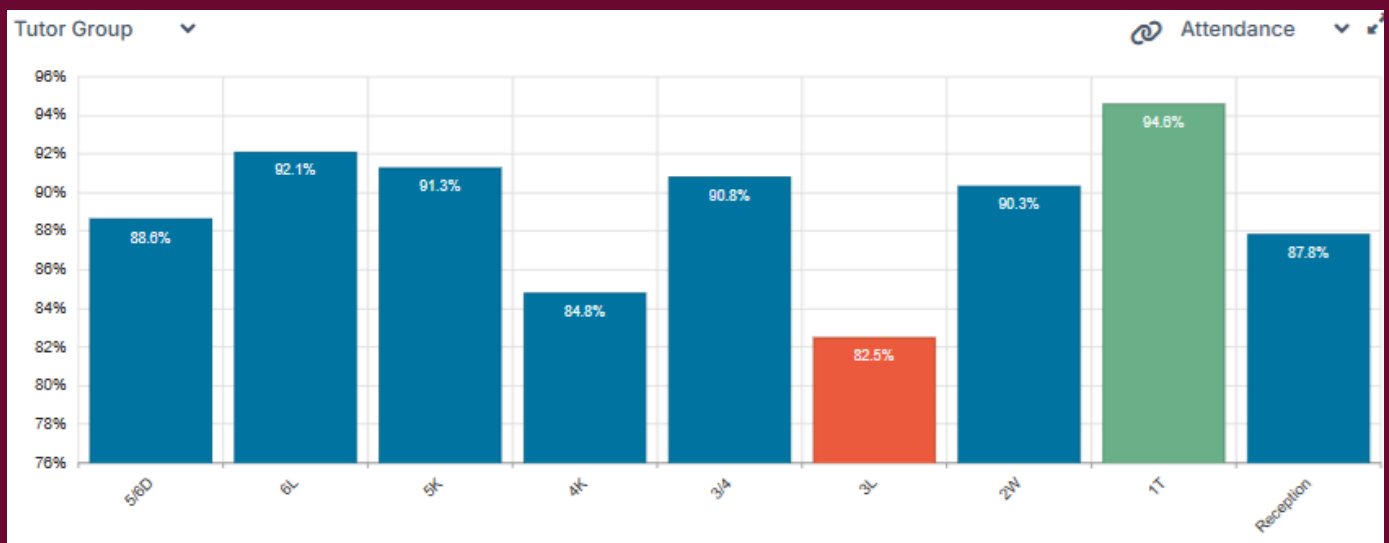


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## Weekly menu

12.01.26	Main Meal	Vegetarian Option	
Monday	Pork Meatballs Pasta and Garlic Bread	Quorn Meatballs Pasta and Garlic Bread	Jacket potato/sandwich
Tuesday	Chicken Wrap (BBQ Sauce) Rice and Salad	Quorn Wrap, Rice and Salad	Jacket potato/sandwich
Wednesday	Roast Chicken Dinner	Roast Quorn Dinner	Jacket potato/sandwich
Thursday	Census Day-Pizza, sweet potato fries and fruit pot	Veg Lasagne	Jacket potato/sandwich
Friday	Fish, Chips and Peas/Sweetcorn	Macaroni Cheese and Garlic Bread	Jacket potato/sandwich

## Attendance 05.01.26-09.01.26





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PASTORAL  
**DROP-IN**

**Need a chat? We're here to help**

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**Do you have any worries or questions about your child?**

**You might want to talk about:**

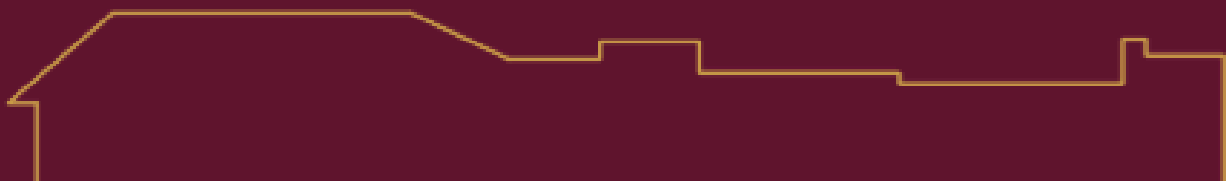
- Your child's wellbeing or happiness
- Attendance or routines
- Changes at home or school
- Anything else that's on your mind

Our Pastoral Drop-In is a chance to talk things through in a supportive, confidential space.

**Please contact the school office to book a slot**

 0151 459 3973

 [inquiries@hps.theheathfamily.org.uk](mailto:inquiries@hps.theheathfamily.org.uk)



# Phonics Parent Workshops

Join us for a fun and informative session where we'll explore all things phonics and show you how we teach early reading in school.

You'll have the chance to:

- ✦ Learn simple strategies to support reading at home
- ✦ See how phonics helps children become confident readers
- ✦ Read together with your child during our special shared-reading time
- ✦ Ask questions and chat with staff

We would love to see as many families as possible – come along and find out how you can make early reading fun and successful for your child!

**Year 1 - Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

**Year 2 - Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

**Reception - Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2026**





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## **EYFS Communication and Language workshop**

Come and join us for an engaging session all about how we support communication and language in EYFS.

During the workshop, you will:

- ✦ Discover how we build speaking, listening and early conversation skills
- ✦ Learn simple, fun ideas you can use at home
- ✦ See how we encourage children to develop confidence in expressing themselves
- ✦ Enjoy special talk and play activities with your child
- ✦ Ask questions and chat with staff

We'd love to see you there – come along and find out how we can work together to support your child's early communication skills!

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

**2pm-3pm**





# Spring Party Day



**15th January**

Cheese & Tomato pizza,  
Sweet potato fries & fruit pot.

**£1**

