



Friday 1st December 2023

Halwin Headlines

Thank you all again for your understanding with the unexpected snow day yesterday. We really appreciate your support and hope you had a fun day in the snow!

I really can't believe it is December already! Halwin is beginning to look and feel very festive and the children are getting very excited. Please check the diary dates later in the newsletter for upcoming events. Thank you very much to the Suksta family for the kind donation of our Christmas Tree. We would love to invite Halwin families to create a decoration for the tree.

Today, we opened our first new book from our special book advent calendar. As we open them during the advent period, all the new books will be shared in classrooms and available in the library for children to read in school and to borrow and quiz using Accelerated Reader for those on the programme.

Your children may have mentioned that they completed end of term Maths assessments this week. They all worked really hard and should be proud of themselves. These assessments help us with our planning for next term to ensure we are covering any gaps or misconceptions the children may have.

Congratulations to Year 5 and 6 who have successfully completed their Sports Leader Training with Tom Studd and we look forward to rolling out some of the games they developed with the younger children in the playground.

This week, Kingfishers have been comparing our locality with that of an Alpine region in Geography and Owls have been making yummy wraps in DT and using their cutting, snipping, spreading and grating skills. Robins have been creating watercolour pictures in the style of Henri Rousseau and designing vegetable soup to make in forest school! Fledgings have been improving their speech and language skills in the role play area.

Congratulations to Ethan, Eli, Lloyd, Jowan and Amelia F-R for reaching their Autumn 2 reading target on Accelerated Reader. Superstars!

Finally, pre-school parents are invited to a Christmas Stay and Play on Thursday 7th December for Christmas activities and festive fun.

Have a lovely weekend.

Get in touch

You can contact us via phone or email.

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Wrap-Around Care
Booking Link attached.

Attendance

We aim for all our children to have at least 97% attendance throughout the year.

Overall attendance for this week was 91.6%

See below for the attendance for each class last week.

Robins: 95%

Owls: 88%

Kingfishers: 93%

Congratulations

Robins!



Next week's lunch menu **week 3**



Halwin Heroes



This year we will be celebrating our Star of the Week and CARE champions every week!

Confidence Aspiration Resilience Enjoyment

	Star of the Week
Robins	Zephyr
Owls	Kerra
Kingfishers	Amelia B

Confidence	Sam
Aspiration	Harry
Resilience	Sorrel
Enjoyment	Henry

Team Points

Blue— 53

Red— 70

Green— 97

Yellow— 29

Maths Whizz Hall of Fame:

Kingfishers: Amelia B, Alex, Eli, Catoriz, Sam, Dennis, Gabriel and Amelia F-R

Owls: Rupert

England Rocks—Times Tables RockStars Competition

Most Valuable Player: Penny

2nd Most Valuable Player: Gabriel

3rd Most Valuable Player: Lillian

Halwin Christmas Celebration

2:30pm
and
6pm!

Thursday 14th
December
2023!

Refreshments
available!

at
Halwin
School
hall!



Notices and Events



FoH Evening Wreath Making Event

Postponed to Tuesday 5th December due to the snow

Zen Educate Christmas Card Competition

Thank you for all the amazing entries already! There is still time to enter! Our local supply teacher agency, Zen Educate, is running a Christmas Card competition and would love Halwin children to enter. Prizes include a game for the winning children and Amazon vouchers for the school! Children will have brought home a template to design their own snow globe for the competition. More available at the school office if needed. Entries should be returned to school by the 6th December if you would like to enter.

Bikeability

We have been lucky to secure a Bikeability trainer for next week. Year 5 and 6 have received letters with further details. Please reply and ensure children have a roadworthy bike, helmet and warm clothes.

Dress Down and Donate

Tuesday 5th December will be a non-uniform day for donations towards the Friends of Halwin Christmas Fair. Donations of chocolates, toiletries, gifts, or other tombola items would be much appreciated. Donations can be handed to class teachers or left in the front entrance lobby.

Christmas Lunch (13th Dec) and Christmas Celebration Event (14th Dec)

Children may wear Christmas Jumpers or Party Clothes all day on Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th December.

Thank you to the FoH for arranging and funding a Magician to visit Halwin in the afternoon after our Christmas Lunch.

Poppy Appeal—Thank you!

Thank you very much for your generous donations for the poppy appeal. Halwin School raised an impressive £98.94 for the Royal British Legion charity.

Welcome

Welcome to Miss Williams who has joined us as a TA. She will also be running after-school care.

Choir

Due to the snow day yesterday, the final choir session of the term will be next Thursday 7th December.

Diary dates



Tuesday 5th December	Elfridges (FOH) Non Uniform Day Christmas Fair donations
Thursday 7th December	Community Christmas Event (FOH) Pre-school Stay and Play 1.30pm– 3pm
Friday 8th December	Christmas Fair (FOH) Christmas Jumper Day (Save the Children)
Wednesday 13th December	Christmas lunch Magician
Thursday 14th December	Christmas Celebration 2.30pm and 6pm
Tuesday 19th December	End of term No after school care
Thursday 4th January	Start of Spring Term
Monday 19th February	INSET day—school closed to pupils