



Friday 8th December 2023

Halwin Headlines

Christmas tunes can be heard all around the school, the elves are hiding and advent calendars are being opened. The children all looked great in their Christmas jumpers today—thank you to those who have already donated, you can still make a donation to Save the Children on Parentpay. It's been a busy week of Christmas concert rehearsals, Friends of Halwin events and the amazing Christmas Fair and grotto this afternoon. Thank you to everyone involved in the planning, preparation and running of the event—we really appreciate your support and for working so hard to raise money for the school.

Thank you to the parents who joined pre-school for their Christmas Stay and Play on Thursday, it was a lovely festive afternoon.

The Bikeability leaders were super impressed with the Year 5 and 6 children's behaviour and cycling skills on Monday and Wednesday. Congratulations to all the pupils who took part and were successful in completing the level 2 Bikeability programme. The children have been presented with certificates and badges today.

We are all still working hard in lessons and this week, Kingfishers have been learning how to add and subtract fractions and recapping on the patterns in various times tables. Year 3 and 4 enjoyed creating animations using the imotion app. Year 2 have been counting faces and vertices on 3D shapes and Robins have been writing their own versions of How To Catch A Star by Oliver Jeffers.

Congratulations to Rupert (Owls), Amelia B and Mia (Kingfishers) for reaching their Autumn 2 reading target on Accelerated Reader. Superstars!

It's great to see everyone working hard on their homework using Maths Whizz and Times Tables Rockstars. A huge well done to the following children who have reached the Maths Whizz Hall of Fame this week by completing 3 blue and 3 red gems:

Kingfishers: Penny, Amelia B, Sam, Ruben, Eli, Dennis, Connor, Rebekah, Gabriel and Amelia F-R

Owls: Amber, Benjamin, Paisley and Rupert

Finally it will be a busy week next week, please ensure you read the diary dates and notices sections of the newsletter carefully to ensure you don't miss anything!

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 92%

See below for the attendance for each class last week.

Robins: 85%

Owls: 91%

Kingfishers: 99%

Congratulations
Kingfishers!



Next week's lunch menu **week 1**



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	Kasper
Owls	Alfie R
Kingfishers	Nicholas

Confidence	Ruben
Aspiration	Valencia
Resilience	Ruby
Enjoyment	Benjamin

Team Points

Blue — 62

Red — 72

Green — 123

Yellow — 106

Thank you! We raised £35 for Children in Need with our non-uniform day last week.



Halwin Christmas Celebration

2:30pm
and
6pm!

Thursday 14th
December
2023!

Refreshments
available!

at
Halwin
School
hall!



Notices and Events



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.

Don't forget to request your seats for the Christmas celebration using the link on the newsletter email.

PE Advent Calendar

Join in with other Crofty children taking part in a sporty advent by following this link:

<https://tinyurl.com/CroftyAdvent>

Staffing

We would like to wish Mrs Blewitt best wishes as she goes on maternity leave in January. We are pleased to have employed Mrs Laura Roadley to teach Owls with Mrs Carr whilst Mrs Blewitt is on Maternity leave. Mrs Roadley comes to us with lots of experience including having worked at Halwin School previously and she is looking forward to meeting everyone.

Miss Sweeney will be leaving us at Christmas for an exciting new role and we would like to wish her all the best for the future.

We have employed Miss Williams as a TA and she will be responsible for wrap-around care and is excited to meet everyone.

Children's Voice—The Big Ambition | Children's Commissioner for England (childrenscommissioner.gov.uk)

The Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza, has launched **The Big Ambition**, a national survey of children and young people across England.

The Big Ambition aims to hear from children across England on what they think is important! In the lead up to the next General Election, the Children's Commissioner wants to take children's thoughts, opinions and ideas to decision-makers, to make sure that the Government hears young people's voices on what they think needs to be done to make children's lives better in England.

The Big Ambition survey is available at www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/the-big-ambition/ and will be open until Friday 15th December.

Diary dates



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

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TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS

Visit play.ttrockstars.com and practise your times tables. Improve your accuracy and speed to become a Rockstar!

**FORGOTTEN YOUR
LOGIN?**

Ask your teacher for your details to score points for your class!

PRO TIP

Click on 'Settings' then Hide the Clock and Scoring to concentrate and beat your best score!

← Go Back



Game Settings



Game Settings

Hide Practise clock



Hide scoring



**LOG IN EACH WEEK AND
HELP YOUR CLASS BE TOP
OF THE CHARTS**

