St.Basil's Catholic Primary School

"We love, learn and succeed following Jesus"

OCTOBER 2026

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Thursday 22nd October - School closes for children at 3.20pm for end of Autumn 1 term
Friday 23rd October - INSET Day
Monday 2nd November - School reopens for children and staff for Autumn 2 term
Thursday 5th November - Photographs for Reception and Year 6 Children (If you would like to have a family photograph with siblings please come to school from 8.15am until 8.45am)

Please check for updates on future newsletters
Thank you!

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE (Colour coded in line with the traffic light system)

Week Commencing 12.10.26

Well done to class 3CG and 4RS, with the highest rate of attendance!!



FSDR	1KL	2AW	3CG	4RS	5MB	6CH
97	93.5	96.4	98.3	98.3	92.4	91.5

Attendance

Please be aware that students who have an attendance of below 90% will not have their absences authorised unless medical evidence is provided.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Safeguarding:

At St. Basil's Catholic Primary School we are committed to providing a nurturing, caring and safe learning environment where pupils thrive, are confident, happy and secure. **If you have any safeguarding concerns, then please speak to one of our Designated Safeguarding Leads.**

For further information about Safeguarding at St Basils please see the following documents by either clicking the link or scanning the QR code;

Designated Leads for Safeguarding at St Basils:

Mrs Sheppard (HT)

Mrs O'Donnell (DHT)

Mrs Bond (Family Liaison & Welfare Officer)

Miss Abbott/Mrs Jones (SENCO)

Mr Hartley (Teacher)

Mrs McCabe (Attendance)

Mr Duffy (Pupil Welfare Governor)

Safeguarding Parents Leaflet

30453980 (stbasilsprimary.halton.sch.uk)

Child Friendly Leaflets

30454295 (stbasilsprimary.halton.sch.uk) **Foundation stage to Year 4**

30454296 (stbasilsprimary.halton.sch.uk) **Years 5 & 6**

SCHOOL MEALS MENU W/C 02.11.26 IS WEEK 2

WEEK 2	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main dish	Margherita pizza with baked potato wedges	Chicken tikka masala with 50/50 rice	Roast chicken with new potatoes & gravy	Italian pasta bolognese	Crispy battered fish & chunky chips
Vegetarian Main dish	Meat free sausage ragu with wholemeal pasta	Quorn™ lasagne with herby dough balls	Creamy Quorn™ pie with new potatoes	Vegetable stir fry with chicken style pieces and noodles	Vegetarian burger with chunky chips
Accompaniments	Peas & coleslaw Salad bar	Carrots & green beans Salad bar	Broccoli & cauliflower Salad bar	Sweetcorn & carrots Salad bar	Peas & baked beans Salad bar
Desserts	Lemon shortbread	Chilled mango & coconut rice pudding	Banana bread	Fresh fruit & ice cream	Fruit in jelly
Fresh fruit or yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt
Jacket potato and sandwich selection	Jacket potato and sandwich selection	Jacket potato and sandwich selection	Jacket potato and sandwich selection	Jacket potato and sandwich selection	Jacket potato and sandwich selection



YEAR 6 - IMPORTANT INOFRMATION

A reminder that the deadline to apply for secondary school places is 31st October 2026. If you have not already done so it is important that you apply before the deadline as late applications are processed after on-time applications and can result in an offer being made to a non-preference school.

Parents can apply online at the link Synergy - Enquiry and if anyone is having difficulties applying online.

Children in Need

From Monday 2nd November we will have raffle tickets on sale for a chance to win a large Pudsey Bear teddy. Tickets will be a £1 a strip, with all monies raised donated to Children in need.

Thank you for your support.



BBC CHILDREN IN NEED

Poppy Appeal

The children will have the opportunity to purchase poppies and other remembrance items in class from Monday 19th October. The suggested minimum donations are 20p for a poppy, snap bands £1, wristbands, pencils and keyrings 50p.

Thank you.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Check our school website galleries

to see everything we have learnt this half term at

St Basil's







Live Simply Award

CAFOD A better world needs all of us

Over the last three years since Autumn term 2023, our whole school community has worked incredibly hard on the nine actions from our Action plan, to become a Live Simply school. On 18th May, Mrs Sheppard, Mrs Dooley and some of our KS2 children met online with Margaret Hodgson from CAFOD, for our Live Simply assessment. We were thrilled to achieve the Live Simply Award and this afternoon we were presented with our plaque by Justine Silcock from CAFOD.

However, this is not the end of our brilliant achievement. Many of our actions, including the Cereal domino challenge for the Foodbank and Recycle for School project, have now become part of our normal school life. We pledge to always continue to work hard to **live simply, live sustainably and live in solidarity.**



ARE YOU A SMART TRICK OR TREATER?

Stay in areas that are lit with streetlights - take a torch with you just in case



Although Hallowe'en is supposed to be spooky, be careful not to frighten elderly people





Don't enter any house, stay on the doorstep

only go to houses where you or your friends know the residents





Always go trick or treating with an adult

Be visible





Throwing eggs and flour is anti-social behaviour and will get you into trouble



Stay with your friends. Don't split into smaller groups unless an adult goes with you

Don't knock on doors where there is a sign saying No trick or treat here





Don't talk to strangers on the street

Cheshire Constabulary

Graphics courtesy of Essex Police

HALTON LIBRARIES

OCTOBER HALF TERM EVENTS

MONDAY 26TH OCTOBER

Spooky Rhyme Time
Halton Lea, 11:00am-11:45am

Pumpkin Paper Plate Wreaths
Widnes, 11:00am-12:30pm

Monster Face Craft
Halton Lea, 2:00pm-3:30pm

Lego Club (Creepers and Zombies)
Ditton, 2:00pm-5:00pm

Creative Writing Workshop (Bookable)
Postcard to the future (7-11 years)
Widnes
10:30am-12.30pm, 2:00pm -4:00pm

TUESDAY 27TH OCTOBER

Spooky Rhyme Time
Runcorn and Ditton, 11:00-11:45am

Tmesis Theatre 'The Wondershelf' Performance
Halton Lea, 11:00am-12:00pm and 1:00pm-2:00pm
*Perfect for curious minds and dreamers under the age of 11 years

Monster Face Craft
Widnes, 11:00am-12:30pm

Lego Club (Creepers and Zombies)
Widnes and Halton Lea,
2:00pm-5:00pm

Creative Writing Workshop (Bookable)
Postcard to the future (7-11 years)
Halton Lea
10:30am-12.30pm, 2:00pm -4:00pm

WEDNESDAY 28TH OCTOBER

Spooky Rhyme Time
Widnes, 11.00-11.45am

Pumpkin Paper Plate Wreaths
Halton Lea, 11:00am-12.30pm

FREE PACKED LUNCHES
and Spooky Booknics
Widnes and Halton Lea,
12:00pm-2:00pm

THURSDAY 29TH OCTOBER

Spooky Rhyme Time
Halton Lea, 11.00-11.45am

Crafty Cauldron Painting
Widnes, 11:00am-12:30pm

Pumpkin Paper Plate Wreaths
Ditton, 2:00pm-3:30pm

Lego Club
Runcorn, 2:00pm-5:00pm

Brilliant builds
Widnes, Halton Lea and Ditton
2:00pm-5:00pm

FRIDAY 30TH OCTOBER

Spooky Rhyme Time
Widnes, 11:00am-11.45am

Monster Face Craft
Ditton, 11:00am-12:30pm

Crafty Cauldron Painting
Halton Lea, 11:00am-12.30pm

TRADE AND PLAY
FIDGET AND SQUISHY SWAP
Widnes and Halton Lea,
1:30pm-3:00pm
(Including – make your own trading board)

SATURDAY 31ST OCTOBER

Spooky Saturday Stories
Widnes and Halton Lea
11:00am-11:45am
(Children are welcome to come dressed up)

Paper Cup Ghosts
Halton Lea and Widnes,
12:00pm-1:00pm

For more information see our website and social media pages
www.halton.gov.uk/libraries

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Parent / Carer Training Programme 2026 - 2027

Shine Therapy Services has been commissioned by Halton Borough Council to deliver a training programme specifically for the parents / carers of children and young people resident within the Borough.

The programme aims to empower parents / carers with knowledge that can be applied practically in the care and support of children and young people.

The training sessions to be delivered are set out in the table below. Please see Eventbrite for full details and to book tickets. No admittance without Eventbrite ticket.

23/09/2026	Toileting and Developing Continence
05/10/2026	Blank Levels
17/10/2026	Introduction to Sensory Processing Differences and Challenges + Introduction to Sensory Lifestyles
21/10/2026	Visuals for Understanding + Low Tec Augmentative and Alternate Communication (AAC)
25/11/2026	Intensive Interaction
16/01/2027	Restrictive Eating and Mealtime Challenges
26/01/2027	Play
10/02/2027	Toileting and Developing Continence
02/03/2027	Talking Mats + Social Stories + Comic Strip Conversations
16/03/2027	Visuals for Understanding + Low Tec Augmentative and Alternate Communication (AAC)

eventbrite

www.halton.gov.uk/schooladmissions

Admission to **Secondary School** September **2027**

If your child is in Year 6 they are eligible to apply for Year 7 class in September 2027, and you can apply NOW:

- You must complete a preference form online at **School admissions website**, where you will be given a receipt
- A paper copy of the preference form can also be requested from **schooladmissions@halton.gov.uk** or at any Halton Direct Link Office
- All **online** applicants will receive their offer of a school place electronically on the 1st March 2027
- Offer letters will be posted on 1st March 2027 to applicants who submitted a paper preference form
- **Don't leave it too late** – you are likely to miss out on the school place you want if you apply late. **Deadline is 31st October 2026**



Closing date for Secondary School Applications: 31st October 2026

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www.halton.gov.uk/schooladmissions

Admission to Primary School September 2027

If your child was born between 01/09/2022 and 31/08/2023 they are eligible to start Reception class in September 2027, and you can apply NOW:

- You must complete a preference form **online** at School admissions website, where you will be given a receipt
- A paper copy of the preference form can also be requested from **schooladmissions@halton.gov.uk**
- All **online** applicants will receive their offer of a school place electronically on the 16th April 2027
- Offer letters will be posted on the 16th April 2027 to applicants who submitted a paper preference form
- **Don't leave it too late** – you are likely to miss out on the school place you want if you apply late. **Deadline is 15th Jan 2027**



Closing date for Primary School Applications: 15th January 2027

HALTON BOROUGH COUNCIL

Widnes Foodbank
Together with Trussell

We are taking donations in school which can be left in the basket located near the school office.

Thank you for your support!

Donate Food



Our foodbank relies on your goodwill and support. Over 90% of the food distributed by foodbanks in the Trussell network is donated by the public – that's why your food donations are absolutely vital to our ability to give everyone referred to us a balanced and nutritious three day supply of food.

Items we currently need

- Tinned Vegetables
- Tinned Potatoes
- Tinned Spaghetti
- Tinned Fruit
- Jam
- Long Grain Rice
- Deodorant
- Washing Up Liquid
- Coffee