St.Basil's Catholic Primary School

"We love, learn and succeed following Jesus"

NOVEMBER 2026

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Friday 20th November - Whole school trip to Chester Zoo
Friday 27th November - Y5 Advent Celebration of the Word at Church 2pm (Parent/ Carer welcome)
Tuesday 1st December to Friday 4th December - Y3/Y4 Swimming
Friday 4th December - Y5 Trip to Heaven Sent
Tuesday 8th December to Friday 11th December - Y3/Y4 Swimming
Tuesday 15th December - Rainbow Unit Visit to CAFT
Friday 18th December - School closes at 3.20pm for end of Autumn 2 term

Please check for updates on future newsletters
Thank you!

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

Week Commencing 02.11.26

Well done to class FSDR with the highest rate of attendance!!



FSDR	1KL	2AW	3CG	4RS	5MB	6CH
98	96.5	96.4	94.2	94.8	95.2	93.9

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 16.11.26 IS WEEK 1

WEEK 1	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main dish	Creamy tomato pasta	Mediterranean chicken wrap with savoury rice	Deli day	Pork meatballs with wholemeal pasta	Crispy fish fingers with chunky chips
Vegetarian Main dish	Vegetarian bolognese	Cheese & bean wrap with potatoes of the day	Quorn™ fillet with roast potatoes & gravy	Vegetarian korma with 50/50 rice	Breaded vegetable fingers served with chips
Accompaniments	Peas & broccoli Salad bar	Roasted vegetables Salad bar	Carrots & cauliflower Salad bar	Green beans & sweetcorn Salad bar	Peas & baked beans Salad bar
Desserts	Ginger biscuit	Lemon drizzle cake	Apple & oat cookie	Chocolate muffin	Summer berries with whip
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	Jacket potato & todays choice of filling	Jacket potato & todays choice of filling	Jacket potato & todays choice of filling	Jacket potato & todays choice of filling	Jacket potato & todays choice of filling



Important Note for Preschool and EYFS Parent/Carers only

Subject: EYFS Playground Improvement Works

Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to let you know that improvement works to our EYFS playground will begin on **Wednesday 18th November 2026**.

While these exciting improvements are being carried out, access to the EYFS classroom will be restricted. We anticipate that the work will take approximately **one week**, although this may be subject to weather conditions and the progress of the project.

During this period, we kindly ask for your patience and understanding, as there **may** be some temporary changes to drop-off and collection arrangements. Although we do not anticipate this, we will keep parents and carers up to date should there be any changes. Staff will be on hand to guide families and ensure that children can continue to enter and leave school safely.

We appreciate that building work can cause some inconvenience, and we are grateful for your support while these improvements are completed. The enhanced outdoor area will provide even better opportunities for learning, play and development for our youngest children.

We will keep you updated should there be any significant changes to the timescale or arrangements.

Thank you for your co-operation and understanding.

Kind regards,

Children in Need

Thank you to all who bought tickets for a chance to win Pudsey Bear.

We raised an amazing £173.00 for Children In Need!

We had two Pudsey Bear's up for grabs this time and the winners are……



Rosie from Y3 and Brody from Rainbow Unit!!

Congratulations to our winners and thank you so much for all of your support!

BBC CHILDREN IN NEED

St. Basil's
Catholic Primary School

OPEN EVENING

MONDAY 9TH NOVEMBER AND MONDAY 7TH DECEMBER 2026
4 - 4:45 PM

For children due to start Reception in September 2027 and prospective Pre School children.



Mellors

MEXICAN FIESTA



A WORLD OF FUN WITH FOOD

NACHO AVERAGE LUNCH...18TH NOVEMBER

MAIN

Marinated spicy tinga Chicken with green herb rice & slaw

Vegetable Quesadilla & slaw

DESSERT

Choco flan
Mexican fruit salad - sweet Chilli lime seasoning (pineapple, mango, watermelon, apple)

Christmas Diary Dates

Monday 7th December - Y3/Y4 Christmas Performance PM
Tuesday 8th December - Y3/Y4 Christmas Performance PM
Wednesday 9th December - EYFS Christmas Performance AM & PM
Thursday 10th December - Y1/Y2 Christmas Performance AM & PM
Friday 11th December - Christmas Jumper Day / Christmas Coffee Afternoon
Tuesday 15th December - Rainbow Unit Christmas trip to CAFT
Tueaday 15th December - Christmas Dinner
Wednesday 16th December - Christmas Parties (PM)
Thursday 17th December - Christmas Disco (PM)
Friday 18th December - School closes for all staff and pupils 3.20pm

(Tickets for performances will be issued due course)




CHRISTMAS
BINGO
For Y3 to Y6 pupils
Tuesday 15th December
KS2 Hall - 3:20 - 5:00
BINGO
12 17 43 58 71
5 23 37 52 68
9 28 49 63
14 32 45 60 75
6 27 41 56 72
£2.50
for 5+ games
BINGO
3 20 36 51 66
11 24 39 54 69
8 30 57 70
15 29 44 59 73
7 22 42 55 74
Music & Prizes!
Come join the fun!
All Year 3 to Year 6
pupils welcome!

HALTON BOROUGH COUNCIL



BEST START IN LIFE

HELP WITH CHILDCARE COSTS
Children aged 9 months to 4 years

Working parents may be eligible

- Up to **30 funded hours per week** towards childcare costs

Important Deadline

Apply by **31st December 2026** to receive funding from **January 2027**

- Applications received after **31st December 2026** will not be eligible for the Spring Term

To be eligible for funding from January 2027

Both criteria must be met

- Child is at least **9 months old by 31st December 2026**
- Working parents have applied for and received an eligibility code with a start date before 31st December 2026
  If you have any questions, speak to your childcare provider

Don't forget

If you already receive 30 hours funding you **MUST re-confirm eligibility every 3 months** otherwise the funding will stop

Universal Entitlement

All **3 and 4 year olds** are entitled to **15 hours of childcare per week** from the term after their 3rd birthday
(Parents do not need to be working)

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)

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

November 2, 2026

- Tinned Vegetables
- Tinned Potatoes
- Tinned Spaghetti
- Tinned Fruit
- Jam
- Pasta 'n' Sauce
- 1l Carton Juice
- Deodorant