



Welcome to Year 5

Halifax Primary School | Meet the Teachers

Staff

Teachers

- Mr Burch and Mr Harvey

LSAs

- Mrs Green and Miss Lotani

Learning Lead for Y5/6

- Mrs Kirby

How to express concerns

You can contact us however is easiest for you:

- Contact us directly on Class Dojo
- Note in your Child's Home School Diary

If you send in a note or letter, please remind your child to show us this.

- Call the office (we will contact you when we are next available)

Please ensure any absence or appointment notes go through the school office and not on Class Dojo.



Timetable

PE and Swimming Days

- In all of Autumn Term and Summer 2 - Outdoor PE will be on Mondays and Indoor PE will be on Tuesdays.
- In Spring Term and Summer 1 – Outdoor PE will be on Mondays and Swimming or Indoor PE (depending on which class is doing which) will be on Wednesdays.
- **Children are expected to wear their PE kit to school on PE days, longhair must be tied up and all jewellery must be removed.**

Swimming

- Swimming for Y5 will be at Crown Pools and be in Spring Term and Summer 1.
- Boys will need a towel, trunks and a hat; girls will need a one-piece costume, towel and a hat. After a number of weeks, the children will need an additional t-shirt and shorts to put over the top of their trunks or costumes.



The school day

- The gates open at 8:25am.
- Children can come into school from 8:35am.
- The gates close at 8:45am
- Break time will be at 10:30am to 10:50 and lunchtime will be from 12:30pm - 1:25pm.
- The school day will finish at 3:15pm.
- Children will come into school and leave through the KS2 gate and enter our classrooms by the relevant fire doors.



Attendance and Punctuality

Good attendance and punctuality is a skill for life and the best way to embed this skill in our children is to promote high expectations as soon as they start school.

When we are thinking about attendance '***Helping Each Other to Aim High***' means that we all aspire for our children to be in school, on time, ready to learn every day. We will update you each week on how we're doing.

Statutory Guidance from the government regarding school attendance comes into force from **19th August 2024**. Please find more information in the dining hall.

Did you know that children are only in school for 190 days a year? That leaves 175 days for family time, holidays and routine medical appointments.



ATTENDANCE	LOST LEARNING
100%	Nothing missed Everything gained
99.5%	1 DAY 5 LESSONS WITHIN EXPECTATION
99%	2 DAYS 10 LESSONS WITHIN EXPECTATION
98%	4 DAYS 20 LESSONS WITHIN EXPECTATION
97.99%	Over 4 DAYS Over 20 LESSONS BELOW EXPECTATION CATCH UP REQUIRED
95%	9.5 DAYS 45 LESSONS WORRYING, CHANCES OF FALLING BEHIND IMPACTING ON SUCCESS
92%	15 DAYS 70 LESSONS LESS LIKELY TO SUCCEED & HARDER TO MAKE PROGRESS
90%	19 DAYS 95 LESSONS LIKELY TO HAVE A DETRIMENTAL EFFECT ON ACHIEVEMENT & LIFE CHANCES

In most areas of life a score of 80% or 90% would be considered good or even excellent, but not when it comes to school attendance.

If you have concerns about your child's attendance and would like to discuss these, please speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance.



Our School Uniform

We encourage children to wear our uniform as this promotes a feeling of belonging to the community of Halifax School and also prepares them for the world of work.

[School Uniform - School Website](#)

What Your Child Will Need for School

Uniform

White or blue polo shirt
Royal blue jumper or cardigan (school logo optional)
Grey or black trousers or shorts
Grey or black skirt or pinafore
Blue and white summer dress
White or dark socks or tights
Black school shoes, black ankle boots or black trainers
Water bottle
Appropriate coat (provided all year round)
Wellington boots (a pair to be left in school)
Sunhat and sun cream (for warm weather)
Discreet hair bows and bands in blue or white
One pair of stud earrings can be worn



If you would like your child to have a Halifax jumper or cardigan, these can be purchased from **PMG Schoolwear, 40 Westgate Street, Ipswich, IP1 3ED**

PE Kit

Plain white t-shirt (school logo optional)
Plain black or navy shorts (unbranded)
Plain black or navy tracksuit (unbranded)
Trainers

Please ensure that long hair is tied up and earrings are removed for PE and swimming lessons.

PLEASE NAME EVERYTHING CLEARLY

Make up, nail varnish and jewellery, other than one pair of stud earrings, are not part of the school uniform.



Our School Uniform (continued)

PE Kit (to be worn on PE Days)

- Plain white t-shirt
- Plain black or dark blue shorts
- Trainers
- Plain dark tracksuit for cold weather

Swimming

- One piece costume for girls, swimming trunks for boys
- Swimming cap and Towel
- After a number of weeks, the children will need an additional t-shirt and shorts to put over the top of their trunks or costumes.

Art Apron or Old T-Shirt

- Please provide your child with a named art apron or an old t-shirt that can be used as a protective layer.

Nail Varnish and make up is not considered suitable for school and jewellery should not be worn, children will be asked to remove this as soon as possible.

It is helpful to name all clothing that comes to school.



Curriculum

- **Autumn term – ‘World War 2’**
 - We will be learning about World War 2: placing this in the context of conflict in history and then thinking about how it started, key people and key events.
- **Spring term– ‘Exploring Ipswich’**
 - We will look at the area around us, in more detail, understanding key people, places and events.
- **Summer term – ‘Ancient Greece’**
 - We will apply all our learning of historical skills, using sources of information, to explore Ancient Greece.



Year group Expectations

Our school rules (**Be Safe, Be Responsible, Be Respectful and Be Caring**) frame our high expectations in Year 5.

- With the children, we will decide on expectations that are consistent across the year group, regardless of room or adults.
- We have high expectations of them to set an example to the younger children.
- The children will be expected to show effort, resilience, pride and a positive attitude to their learning.
- We expect honesty and politeness at all times.
- We have a zero tolerance policy on lack of respect, which will result in the use of the tracker in line with the school's behaviour policy.

We appreciate your support with this.



Trips & Residential Visits

In terms of residential, our current plan is that the children will have an overnight trip at Hallowtree towards the end of June—however, the dates for this will be confirmed when the children return in September.

As part of our work to provide an engaging curriculum, we endeavour to provide a range of trips and experiences to enrich the learning of all of our pupils.

As you can appreciate, the provision of these events does involve a significant amount of additional planning and costings and we will always strive to provide as much notice as possible to gain consent, deposits and balance payments. Therefore, in order to help us continue to provide these experiences, deadlines for consent and payment must be met.

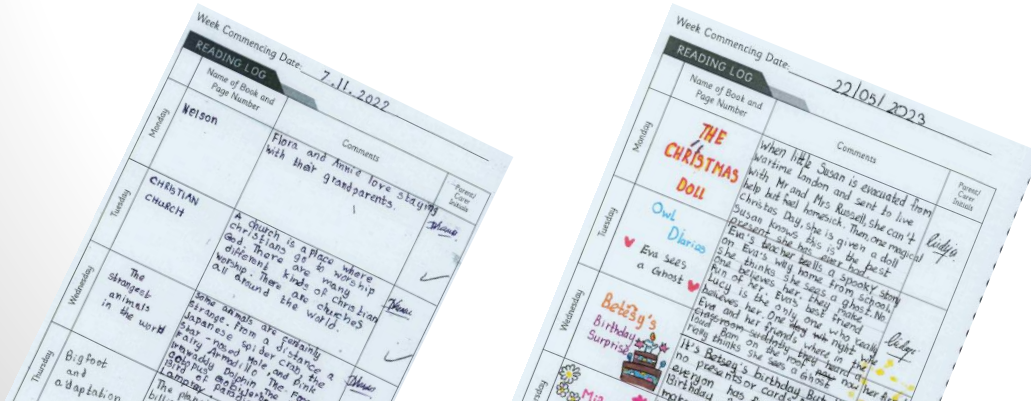


Homework expectations

What and When?

- A minimum of 5 reads each week, with a detailed comment written by the child and signed by an adult.
 - Reads will be checked every Monday.
- Spelling practise in preparation for a spelling test on Fridays.
 - New spellings will be shared via Class Dojo on Fridays and tested the following Friday.
- Regular practise of times tables and associated division facts.
- In the Summer term, an extra piece of homework to consolidate learning.

Homework is important to consolidate in-school learning. When homework is not handed in, late or incomplete, consequences may be given.



Helping your child

- It's the usual!
- Early nights, supporting at home with reads, restricting technology if it distracts...
- We understand this can sometimes be hard – especially the early nights – but it really does help the children's frame of mind in school.

We thank you in advance for your support and very much look forward to next year. 😊



Any questions

- We hope that any questions that you might have had have been answered but if you have any further questions, worries or concerns, please do come and speak to us!

