

*"We love, learn and succeed
following Jesus"*

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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;

Safeguarding Parents Leaflet

[20097821 \(stbasilsprimary.halton.sch.uk\)](https://stbasilsprimary.halton.sch.uk/20097821)



Child Friendly Leaflet

[20095039 \(stbasilsprimary.halton.sch.uk\)](https://stbasilsprimary.halton.sch.uk/20095039)



Designated Leads for Safeguarding at St Basils:

Mrs Sheppard (HT)

Mrs O'Donnell (DHT)

Mrs Bond/Miss Yearley (Family Liaison & Welfare Officers)

Miss Abbot/Mrs Jones (SENCO)

Mrs McCabe (Attendance)

Mr Duffy (Pupil Welfare Governor)

Attendance update

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

You can view your child's absence record via the School Gateway App. You access this via the reporting tab and then Attendance, it will give you your child's attendance rating.

Thank you for your co-operation.

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

Week commencing 08.01.24

Well done to class 4CG with the highest rate of attendance!!



FSAR	1DD	2LG	3NC	3AW	4CG	4GS	5JS	6CH	6KL
96.8	95.8	94.8	89.9	92.1	98.6	96.5	94.7	95.9	92.4

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Y6 Trip to Lowe House - Tuesday 23rd January

Y2 Collective Worship - Friday 26th January

NSPCC Number Day - Friday 2nd February

Y1 Collective Worship - Wednesday 7th February

School Closes for half term break - Friday 9th February 3.20pm

Please check for updates on future newsletters

Thank you!

School Meals week commencing 22.01.23 is Week 3 Menu



WEEK 3	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN DISH	Quorn chicken pasta bake	Beef burger on a bun	Roast of the day with roast potatoes and gravy	Pasta Bolognese & garlic bread	Fish of the day with chips
VEGETARIAN MAIN DISH	Quorn pinwheels & potato wedges	Vegetable curry with 50/50 rice	Cauliflower and broccoli bake	BBQ and bean wrap	Veggie nuggets with chips
ACCOMPANIMENTS 	Seasonal vegetables Salad bar	Seasonal vegetables Salad bar	Seasonal vegetables Salad bar	Seasonal vegetables Salad bar	Seasonal vegetables Salad bar
DESSERTS	Rice pudding	Jelly	Chocolate biscuits	Apple Flapjack	Oaty Biscuits
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	Cheese	Tuna	Beans	Tuna	Cheese and Beans



MENU



Quench your thirst with free fresh drinking water available daily



- MEAT FREE MONDAY



- 1 OF YOUR 5 A DAY



- CHEF'S CHOICE



Family Breakfast

Every Morning
8:15am-8:40am



St Basil's welcomes all parents/carers to join their children for breakfast from 8:15 every morning in the Key Stage 1 Hall.

- All children must be accompanied by an adult
- No advance booking needed.

Top Tips for...

MANAGING SCREEN TIME

According to the latest stats, people aged between 8 and 17 spend four hours on digital devices during an average day. Obviously, a new year is ideal for fresh starts and renewed efforts – so lots of families are trying to cut down their combined screen time right now, creating more moments to connect with each other and relying less on gadgets to have fun. Our top tips on reducing screen time are for everyone, so you can get your whole family involved in turning over a new leaf this year!

GET OUT AND ABOUT

If the weather's decent, spend some time in the garden or go for a walk. Even a stroll to the local shop would do: the main thing is getting some fresh air and a break from your screen.

TRY A TIMED TRIAL

When you're taking a screen break to do a different activity or a chore, turn it into a game by setting yourself a timer. Can you complete your task before the alarm goes off?

GO DIGITAL DETOX

Challenge yourself and your family to take time off from screens, finding other things to do. You could start off with half a day, then build up to a full day or even an entire weekend.

LEAD BY EXAMPLE

Let your family see you successfully managing your own screen time. You'll be showing them the way, and it might stop some of those grumbles when you do want to go online.

AGREE TECH-FREE ZONES

Nominate some spots at home where devices aren't allowed. Anywhere your family gathers together, like at the table or in the living room, could become a 'no phone zone'.

HOLD A SCREEN TIME AMNESTY

As a family, agree specific windows when it's OK to use devices. This should help everyone to balance time on phones or gaming with enjoying quality moments together.

BE MINDFUL OF TIME

Stay aware of how long you've been on your device for. Controlling how much time you spend in potentially stressful areas of the internet – like social media platforms – can also boost your wellbeing.

'PARK' PHONES OVERNIGHT

Set up an overnight charging station for everyone's devices – preferably away from bedrooms. That means less temptation for late-night scrolling.

SWITCH ON DND

Research shows that micro-distractions like message alerts and push notifications can chip away at our concentration levels. Put devices on 'do not disturb' until you're less busy.

TAKE A FAMILY TECH BREAK

Set aside certain times when the whole family puts their gadgets away and enjoys an activity together: playing a board game, going for a walk or just having a chat.

SOCIALISE WITHOUT SCREENS

When you're with friends, try not to automatically involve phones, TVs or other tech. Having company can be loads more fun if your attention isn't being split.

WIND DOWN PROPERLY

Try staying off phones, consoles, tablets and so on just before you go to sleep. Reading or just getting comfy in bed for a while can give you a much more restful night.

Meet Our Expert

Minds Ahead design and deliver the UK's only specialist postgraduate mental health qualifications. They also provide training and support to education organisations and local authorities – empowering school leaders and staff with the knowledge and tools to shape their settings into inclusive communities where the mental health of pupils and personnel is prioritised.



DEVICE BOX

The National College



National Online Safety

#WakeUpWednesday



NUMBER DAY

Friday 2nd February

Come to school dressed as a number or wear items that have a number on.

Please donate £1 for the NSPCC on this day.

NSPCC

Parents and carers are welcome to stay and enjoy some maths activities in class with their child on this day 9:00-10:00




**Number
Day 2024**






As the borough of Halton turns 50, we have created a list of 50 Quirky Things you can only do in Halton. Download the leaflet and start discovering our 50 quirky things. Don't forget to share your selfies or pictures of yourself doing any of the 50 Quirky Things, then POST and TAG Visit Halton's Social Media using the hashtag #HaltonHighlights for a chance to win a prize.



50 QUIRKY THINGS YOU CAN ONLY DO IN HALTON



1 TAKE A SELFIE WITH A GIANT	2 SEE A TRY SCORED BY A VIKING	3 EXPERIENCE VIEWS FIT FOR A KING	4 BE VICTORIOUS AND GRAB A PHOTO WITH THE CHALLENGE CUP	5 SLALOM DOWN A SKI SLOPE	6 MEET THE MAD HATTER IN A CHURCH	7 CYCLE ALONG THE PENNEY ON THE TRANS PENNINE TRAIL	8 SING ALONG TO A SHOW AT AN AWARDS-WINNING THEATRE	9 RIDE ON A VIRTUAL REALITY ROLLERCOASTER	10 DEVOUR TASTY GELATO AND DRINK AUTHENTIC ITALIAN COFFEE
11 TRY THE BURRITOS, BRATWURSTS, CRAFT & CASK ALES UNDER AN ARCHWAY	12 STROLL UNDER STATUESQUE SCOTS, CORSIKAN AND LODGEPOLE PINES	13 GET INSPIRED AND HANDS-ON IN A SCIENCE LAB	14 SEEK A HIDDEN BEACH	15 GLIDE INTO A COOL EXPERIENCE	16 TAKE A WALK ON THE WILD SIDE	17 DANCE TO THE BEAT OF THE SUMMER OF 1990	18 CROSS THE FAMOUS BRIDGE TO DISCOVER THE WHOLE REGION	19 FLUTTER THROUGH A BUTTERFLY HOUSE	20 STEP ON THE STAGE WHERE GARY BARLOW TOOK HIS FIRST STEPS TO STARDOM
21 GO FULL STEAM ON A MINIATURE LOCOMOTIVE	22 VISIT THE VENUE OF ONE OF THE LARGEST DANCE MUSIC FESTIVALS	23 TUNE IN TO THE STORE WHERE THE GREATS GET THEIR GUITARS	24 RECORD YOUR OWN HIT SONG	25 EXPLORE A CAMPUS FULL OF WORLD CLASS INNOVATION	26 HAVE A PICNIC IN A PARK THAT REIGNS SUPREME	27 LICK YOUR WAY THROUGH 12 DELICIOUS FLAVOURS	28 VISIT THE VILLAGE & BIRTHPLACE OF LEWIS CARROLL	29 HIKE AROUND A BEACHSIDE LIGHTHOUSE	30 LOOK OUT FOR BUDDHIST MONKS
31 AIRWALK HIGHER THAN A PHOENIX	32 MARVEL AT THE MOST EXCAVATED MONASTIC SITE IN EUROPE	33 GET ROARSOME AND SEE A DINOSAUR FOOTPRINT	34 GET 360° VIEWS FROM THE TOP OF CATALYST	35 ACT SAINTLY AND TRAVEL TO A PRIORY	36 STEP UP TO A FAMOUS PULPIT	37 LOOK OUT FOR RAIDING ABBEYS AND STAND PROUD NEXT TO THE VICTORIA CROSS STATUE	38 APPRECIATE THE ARTISTRY AT HAZELHURST STUDIOS	39 SCALE NEW HEIGHTS AND CLIMB HIGHER	40 TAKE A BREATHER AT THE TRAVELLER'S REST STONE SEAT
41 PAT & SIT ON THE FAMOUS PIGS	42 ESCAPE TO AN ISLAND TO MEET A FAIRY AND A HOG	43 WALK OVER THE BRIDGEWATER CANAL	44 VISIT THE CHURCH FOUNDED BY ETHELFLEDA	45 TAKE A WALK TO A GRADE II LISTED WATER TOWER	46 PEEK INTO THE MAYOR'S PARLOUR	47 HAVE A TEA PARTY ON THE ALFRESCO TERRACE	48 TAKE A RANGER TOUR AROUND AN ECO PARK	49 SEE WHERE THE BLACKSMITH GRIFFIN IS BURIED	50 SEE THE SETS OF TWO PINTS OF LAGER AND A

CELEBRATE 50 YEARS OF HALTON

BY COMPLETING ALL OF OUR 50 QUIRKY THINGS TO SEE AND DO...

QUIRKY THINGS YOU CAN ONLY DO IN HALTON

Discover Halton's 50 quirky sites in the borough of Halton and discover a range of fascinating historical, cultural heritage and beautiful natural landscapes that you can only see in Halton. Whether you're a history buff, a nature enthusiast, or simply looking for a genuine Halton experience, you'll find something to see and do in Halton.

1. CHILDE OF HALE
A Childe of Hale from 1200-1400 AD...
1000-1400

2. DCKL STADIUM
Home of the English Hockey club...
1950-1952

3. HALTON CASTLE
A Norman Castle...
1066-1067

4. WISHES WINGS
A place where you can see...
1950-1952

5. RUNCORN SKI CENTRE
A ski centre...
1950-1952

6. MINATURE RAILWAY
A miniature railway...
1950-1952

7. DARESBURY DARY
A dairy...
1950-1952

8. DINOSAUR'S FOOTPRINT
A dinosaur footprint...
1950-1952

9. UFTON COMMUNITY CENTRE
A community centre...
1950-1952

10. NORTON WATER TOWER
A water tower...
1950-1952

11. SOCIETY TAP ROOMS
A tap room...
1950-1952

12. TRANS PENNING TRAIL
A trail...
1950-1952

13. THE BRINDLEY
A canal...
1950-1952

14. VR WAREHOUSE
A VR warehouse...
1950-1952

15. ESPOSITO'S CAFE
A cafe...
1950-1952

16. PLANET ICE
An ice creamery...
1950-1952

17. BUTTERFLY HOUSE
A butterfly house...
1950-1952

18. HBB LEGION CLUB
A legion club...
1950-1952

19. PICKERING'S PASTURE
A pasture...
1950-1952

20. SPIKE ISLAND
An island...
1950-1952

21. SILVER JULIAE BRIDGE
A bridge...
1950-1952

22. OGGLET SHORE
A shore...
1950-1952

23. CATALYST
A catalyst...
1950-1952

24. DARESBURY FIRMS
Firms...
1950-1952

25. DARESBURY VILLAGE
A village...
1950-1952

26. THE OBSERVATORY GALLERY
A gallery...
1950-1952

27. TRAVELLER'S REST STONE
A stone...
1950-1952

28. MAYOR'S PARLOUR
A parlour...
1950-1952

29. CREAMFIELDS
Fields...
1950-1952

30. THE LIGHTHOUSE
A lighthouse...
1950-1952

31. ST CHRISTOPHER STATUE
A statue...
1950-1952

32. NORTON PIG STATUE
A pig statue...
1950-1952

33. ALFRESCO TERRACE
A terrace...
1950-1952

34. ST MICHAEL'S EGG FARM
An egg farm...
1950-1952

35. THE STUDIO
A studio...
1950-1952

36. THE BUDDHIST TEMPLE
A temple...
1950-1952

37. FAMOUS PULPIT
A pulpit...
1950-1952

38. WYGG ISLAND
An island...
1950-1952

39. ST MICHAEL'S EGG FARM
An egg farm...
1950-1952

40. VICTORIA PARK
A park...
1950-1952

41. MORTON FRODOY
A frodo...
1950-1952

42. HAZLEHURST STUDIOS
Studios...
1950-1952

43. ALL SAINTS CHURCH
A church...
1950-1952

44. TWO PINTS OF LAGER AND A PACKET OF ORSPY TV SETS
A pub...
1950-1952

WIN A PRIZE EVERY MONTH FOR 12 MONTHS!

Take a picture of yourself doing any of the 50 Quirky Things, then POST and TAG Visit Halton's Social Media using the hashtag #HaltonQuirkyThings

A lucky winner will be chosen randomly each month and win one Prize from a Barrow of Barrow While Rewards. So, what are you waiting for? Get snapping and sharing all of the 50 Quirky Things that you've seen and done!

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"You can visit the following link for more information on Halton turning 50"

[Halton 50 | Visit Halton](https://www.visithalton.co.uk)



BASIL TOTS PLAYGROUP

WEDNESDAY MORNINGS
9AM - 10.30AM

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You are always welcome to any mass within St Wilfrid's Parish, timetable is below

Mass & Service Times

Sunday Mass Times

Saturday Vigil	St Bede	5.00pm
	St Basil	5.00pm
Sunday	St Bede	9.00am
	St Michael	9.30am
	St John Fisher	10.30am
	St Bede	11.15am
	St Bede	4.00pm

Weekday Mass Times (see parish newsletter for weekday variations)

<p>Monday</p> <p>St Basil</p> <p>9.00am Exposition & Morning Prayer</p> <p>9.30am Holy Mass</p>
<p>Tuesday</p> <p>St Bede</p> <p>11.30am Exposition & Holy Rosary</p> <p>12 Noon Holy Mass</p>
<p>Wednesday</p> <p>St Bede</p> <p>6.30pm Exposition & Evening Prayer</p> <p>7.00pm Holy Mass</p>
<p>Thursday</p> <p>St Michael</p> <p>11.30am Exposition & Holy Rosary</p> <p>12 Noon Holy Mass</p>
<p>Friday</p> <p>St John Fisher</p> <p>9.00am Exposition & Morning Prayer</p> <p>9.30am Holy Mass</p>
<p>Saturday</p> <p>10.00am Holy Mass</p> <p>10.30am Confessions and Holy Rosary</p>

St Bede's Church is open for private prayer Monday to Friday 10.00am - 13:00pm