



# Head's Weekly Newsletter

## Week 8



### Message from the Headteacher

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Dear Students, Families, Colleagues and Friends

Welcome to the last issue of the Head's Weekly Newsletter of Term 1!

The past eight weeks have been busy but very productive, with many successes that we all should be very proud of.

I want to congratulate our students on their progress and achievements and thank them for inspiring us in all that we do! You deserve a bit of a break next week, so I hope you enjoy a few days off school.

The staff have worked tirelessly and we all owe them a debt of gratitude for their professionalism, resourcefulness, optimism and resilience. I wish you all a well-deserved rest next week.

As we end this first term, we also reflect on the progress we have made as an organisation; our School Development Plan 2022-24 was launched in September and, I am pleased to say, we are pushing on with a number of initiatives planned and the early impact on each of the three areas is evident already:

- **Our Students** – we see them as our priority and main focus at all times and, across each of the key stages, as well as through our therapeutic support and employability advice, we have seen superb practice going from strength to strength.
- **Our Team** – is our biggest and most valuable resource and, with some 140 staff onboard, we continue to learn and work together to ensure that we serve our school community to the best of our abilities.
- **Our Resources** – like all schools nationally we are under huge financial pressures. Despite that, our budget is, for now at least, stable and “in the black” and we continue to invest into our learning resources and facilities, as well as ongoing development of our workforce.

With the relative chaos around us at present, I take great comfort in the above and I am proud of our school and the team's work. I thank you all for making Abbot's Lea School such a great place to be!

With kindest regards and best wishes for the half term break!!!

Mrs A Hildrey  
Headteacher

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# Key Diary Dates

## School Year Calendar

Term Dates for School Year 2022-23 (next academic year) – [Term dates 2022-23](#)



**Students' school day**  
**9:00am - 3:00pm**

### Term 1

1 – 2 September – INSET

5 September – students return

**Ends: 21 October 2022 at 3pm**

Half term: Monday 24 to Friday 28 October

### Term 2

31 October – students return

**Ends: 21 December 2022 at 1:30pm**

Christmas break: Thursday 22 December to Tuesday 3 January 2023

### Term 3

4 January – students return

**Ends: 10 February 2023 at 3pm**

Half term: Monday 13 to Friday 17 February 2023

### Term 4

20 February – students start

**Ends: Friday 31 March 2023 at 1:30pm**

Easter break: Monday 3 to Friday 14 April 2023

### Term 5

17 April – students return

May day: Monday 1 May

**Ends: Friday, 26 May 2023 at 3pm**

Half term: Monday 29 May to Friday 2 June 2023

### Term 6

5 June – students return

**30 June – School Leavers' Date**

7 July – Transition INSET

10-14 Transition Week

**Ends: 14 July 2023 at 1:30pm**

17-18 July – INSET (worked in lieu as twilights throughout the year)

# Next Week's Menu

## Week Back Menu

Week 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Main Meal</b> We provide a variety of seasonal hot and cold dishes for children to freely choose from	Homemade Tomato and Basil Pasta served with Garlic Bread	Homemade Chicken Curry served with Basmati Rice and Naan Bread	Homemade Vegetable Lasagne served with Fresh Salad and Crusty Bread	Homemade Cumberland Sausage Slice served with Wedges and Beans	Fish Fingers or Fish Pie Served with Chips and Garden Peas
<b>Alternative</b> Jacket potatoes with tuna and other fillings available daily	Red Onion Quiche	Vegetable and Feta Pasta	Asian Noodles	Halloumi Fajita	Veggie Sausage Roll
<b>Homemade Soup</b>	Tomato	Leek and Potato	Chef Choice	Chef Choice	Chef Choice
<b>Starchy Food</b> Various bread choices available	Pasta	Basmati Rice	Pasta	Wedges	Chips
<b>Vegetables</b> Salad Bar with Hummus	Tomatoes	Green Beans	Fresh salads	Beans	Garden Peas
<b>Dessert</b> Fresh fruit, selection of low-fat yoghurts and homemade puddings available every lunch time	Shortbread Biscuits  Fresh Fruit	'Chocolate' Fudge Cake  Yoghurts	Fresh Fruit Salad  Yoghurts	Marble Cake  Fresh Fruit	Cheese and Crackers  Mixed Flavour Yoghurts

## Ask for daily chef specials

All our meat is sourced from local suppliers, we use free range eggs and organic flour where possible. All our fruit and vegetables are locally sourced where possible. Halal options available.

Food For Thought is a not-for-profit school meals company owned by it's partner schools. Any surplus is reinvested in the company or returned to its member schools.

GOOD FOOD CULTURE

Please, inform the school about any known allergies or dietary requirements for your child. You can do that by sharing information with the class team or by calling the school office. Thank you

# Class News

## Student of the Week

Class	Student	Reason why
<b>Key Stage 1</b>		
Ireland	<b>Mason</b>	For working so hard to pronounce his words
Wales	<b>Cian</b>	For engaging well with staff and activities.
<b>Key Stage 2</b>		
Canada	<b>Tyler</b>	For always doing his best in every lesson and always following staff instructions
Italy	<b>Zaynab</b>	For always included others
Portugal	<b>Elodie</b>	For an amazing piece of writing to re-create our story in English! Elodie had beautiful handwriting and re-told the story by independently writing a lovely paragraph of her own story!
France	<b>Thor</b>	For settling into his new school and class well and playing alongside his new friends.
Spain	<b>Rhys</b>	For using his words having kind hands all week!
USA	<b>Adil</b>	For brilliant work in class
<b>Key Stage 3</b>		
Brazil	<b>Jack</b>	For having a positive attitude throughout the week, and taking part in all of his activities. Well done Jack!
Peru	<b>Khaya</b>	Following the Golden Rules and working hard
Mozambique	<b>Martin</b>	Martin has had an amazing week, he has worked hard in all lessons and was great in food tech. We are really proud of you!
Botswana	<b>John</b>	For a very sympathetic and intelligent response to the class work on Black History Month
Madagascar	<b>Archie</b>	For fantastic work in maths. Well done Archie !.
Kenya	<b>Sean</b>	For persevering and growing in confidence in Maths.
Seychelles	<b>Achille</b>	For continuously reliable for a helping hand. For always offering help for students and being the big brother of the class.
Cape Verde	<b>Alex</b>	For community with staff when he is feeling upset or angry and asking for space.

# Class News

## Student of the Week

Key Stage 4		
Australia	<b>Justin</b>	For always remaining positive and giving his utmost in all activities.
Tasmania	<b>Rebecca</b>	For overcoming barriers and challenges; being an excellent helper for staff.
Samoa	<b>James</b>	For completing all his work to a high standard from home and producing amazing Halloween themed invites showcasing his ICT skills.
New Zealand	<b>Paulie</b>	For arriving to school every day with a positive attitude and a big smile. For trying his best at every task and being kind to others
Key Stage 5		
Malawi	<b>Nicholas</b>	For being great at helping plan the school Halloween party!!
Christmas Island	<b>Lily</b>	For showing commitment to the MVP programme with a positive, can do attitude, that she has also applied to all of her school work this week.
Fiji	<b>Mai</b>	For participating in all her lessons
PNG	<b>Rhys</b>	For displaying excellent home-based learning, practicing some Polish pronunciation and participating in fizzy planet sensory foam lesson.

# Class News

## Early Years and Key Stage 1

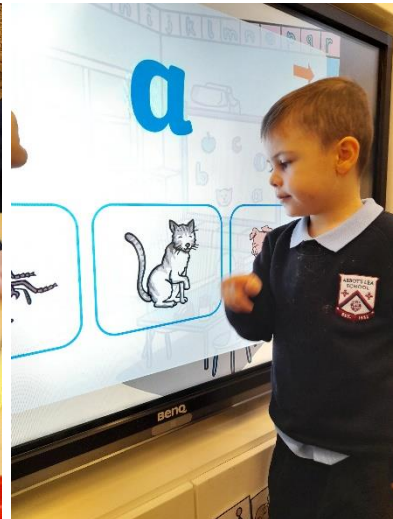
### Ireland class

Ireland class have been busy this week! We have explored our outdoor area to collect leaves and talk about the changes that happen in Autumn. The boys and girls have started to look at Halloween too. We have enjoyed singing and dancing to Halloween songs and reading the "We're going on a pumpkin hunt" story.

We have looked at pumpkins in class and felt the textures and noticed the different colours on the pumpkins. Ireland class have completed lots of phonics listening games to identify sounds that we hear in the Autumn such as the wind, leaves rustling on the floor and children going trick or treating. We have enjoyed learning our rhyme of the week "Humpty Dumpty" and cracking eggs to see what is inside.

### Wales class

This week Wales class have worked hard on learning about each other's families. We have built houses for our families to live in and enjoyed learning about each other's homes. We have explored Halloween in our maths and phonics and worked hard in creating our decoration for the Halloween party on the first day back after half term. Wales have been outstanding this half term and worked so hard in settling in their new class and we wish them all a restful half term break.



# Class News

## Key Stage 2

### Canada class

Hello, this week in Canada class we have been working really hard in our English lessons, completing our stories and designing our front and back covers. We have been learning all about different living things in Science and how their habitats change. Finally, in our food tech lessons we made our own shortbread biscuits and decorated them for Halloween. We hope you have a lovely Half Term 😊

### Portugal class

Portugal Class have had a fantastic week! We have had a few changes in our class with new students joining us and every student has done so well adapting to the change! They have been so welcoming and it has been a great week getting to know each other again!

This week, we have re-created our story in English, finished our topic of Shape in Maths, we explored PE in collective reflection and also learned how to do tally charts in Science and PE and found out who has pets in Portugal Class and what everyone's favourite sport is! It's been such a busy, but an amazing first term back in school and Portugal Class Team are so proud of all the students hard work!! Have a lovely half term break!

### Spain class

This week in Spain class we have been celebrating black history month, learning all about Nelson Mandela! Spain class have loved sensory play this week, exploring the different textures of Kinetic sand, rice, foam and oats!

A lovely week for Spain class

### France class

France class have had an amazing week. France class looks a bit different this week, we have moved some furniture around and added lots more opportunity for play within our classroom - the students are really happy with this. This week we have been discussing Black History month and have been completing Halloween crafts ready for the Halloween party next term. The students really enjoyed carving a pumpkin and exploring all the messy insides - however we did not like the smell!

Keep up the hard work France Class!

### Italy class

This week Italy class have been looking at black history month, we researched facts about Nelson Mandela. We made an acrostic poem about him. We also worked on our own collage in Art, using painted or printed backgrounds. We also talked about special people in our lives during our PHSE lesson and why they are important to us.

# Class News

## USA class

This week USA we have learnt about Guy Fawkes in history, 2D and 3D shapes in maths. We had French lesson where we learnt how to ask for different foods and tried the foods. Brilliant work USA.





# Class News

## Key Stage 3

### Mozambique class

Mozambique class have had great week, we have celebrated Black History Month. In Food Technology we made chicken korma. In English we created our own shape poems. We also celebrated two birthdays, Happy Birthday Immy and Jack.

We hope you have a fantastic half term.

### Cape Verde class

This week Cape Verde class has been looking at national food week. The students were set a challenge to make a sustainable dish with 4 eggs and 2 pieces of bread. Cape Verde students created their own recipe and as a class we made eggy bread which had brilliant feedback from all students.

A highlight of the week for the class has been there time spent in the forest area where they are joined in social games which has made a clear impact on class cohesion. During Maths students have started to look at handling data this included the students learning and applying the range and mode for a set of numbers. The students all felt like they were really challenged during this activity but enjoyed it very much.

### Madagascar class

Madagascar class have been learning about Black History this week in English. We found out about Rosa Parks and her life achievements.

In maths we continued to work on money. Some students completed addition and subtraction sentences using notes and coins and some students compared amounts of money. Well done Madagascar class for an excellent half term.

Have a lovely break.

### Kenya class

This week, Kenya class have completed the following:

In English, we have continued to read 'Demon Dentist' as a class. For Maths, the students have started the topic of rounding numbers using place value. In Science, the pupils looked at how the moon moves around the Earth. And finally, for RE the class have learnt about the festival of Diwali and created their own Rangoli patterns and lanterns.

As always well-done Kenya class for all your hard work and I hope you have a lovely half term!

### Seychelles class

Seychelles have learned about black history month, researching all the different influential figures throughout the years such as Rosa Parks, Nelson Mandela and Martin Luther King.

Seychelles class also participated in different sports for "Lets Talk Sport", The class has done Basketball, Football and weighted ball training.

# Class News

## **Brazil class**

Our theme in Brazil Class this week is Black History. We have been taking part in lots of activities and learning lots of fun facts about Nelson Mandela, we even created our own acrostic poem about him. We enjoyed making our own Maasai jewelry and painting pasta to decorate it.

Brazil class wish you all a lovely half term!

## **Botswana class**

This week in Botswana class, we have been learning about Mary Jackson, Dorothy Vaughan and Katherine Johnson. These women who were vital to the success of NASA's early spaceflights. The student shave used this story to reflect on how black people were treated in the past and how they think things have or haven't changed since then.

The students have also been continuing with their circuit training with Cape Verde. We are very proud of how hard some of our students have been exercising.

Mr. Stokes' math's group have been working hard to finish their topic before the end of term. Mr. Stokes has been very impressed with the effort put in this term and we're all looking forward to next terms topic.

We have also finished reading this term's book: 'Goodnight Mr. Tom'. The class have really enjoyed this book and are a little sad that it is over.

We hope everyone has a happy and healthy half term break, and we are looking forward to seeing everyone back refreshed and ready for the next term to begin.

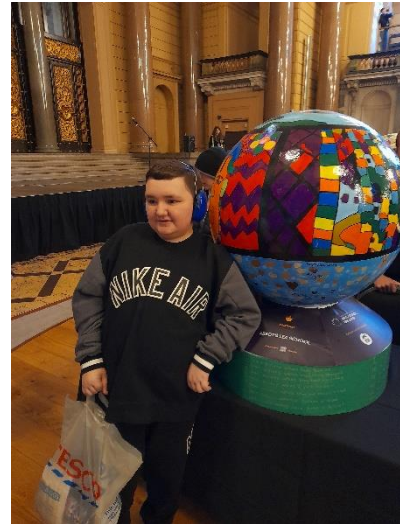
## **Peru class**

Peru have had a great week this week.

We really enjoyed our class trip on Tuesday, walking the red carpet at St George's Hall to see the Globes and visiting the World Museum. We loved the aquarium and had a visit to the planetarium while we were there. In food tech we focused on our independent kitchen skills making a piece of toast and spread butter with no help. Some of us decided to chop banana for our toast as well.

We hope you all have a lovely half term and look forward to seeing you after the break.

# Class News



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# Class News

## Key Stage 4

### Australia class

As we approach Half-Term we reflect upon a very busy and intense 8 weeks. We have completed various assessments in Maths and English this week, enabling us to monitor progress over the past few weeks and benchmark moving through the year.

We have begun to look at Roman Numerals in Maths, whilst completing any unfinished work in Science. In Physical Education we took part in a series of fitness tests, that'll be revisited throughout the year, with the aim of improving our overall fitness.

We finished off the week, enjoying several debates in Life skills.

### Tasmania class

It was World Food Day on Sunday 16th October. Tasmania had been looking at the importance of a healthy diet and the issue of millions of people worldwide who cannot afford a healthy diet. In order to follow the theme of leaving NO ONE behind, we were challenged in making a nutritious meal out of only two eggs and four pieces of bread as our basic ingredients.

We split ourselves into two groups, one focussed on making French toast and the other making scrambled egg on toast. Both groups worked co-operatively with each member taking care of a small task. We enjoyed tasting our food.

We have been working really hard in completing our GL assessments this week. In Maths, we recapped on place values with different question types and have looked at rounding numbers up to 4 digits to the nearest 10 and 100. In Science, we have started to look at the circulatory system and the structure of the heart.

### New Zealand class

This week New Zealand class have been completing their GL assessments for the end of term and have been working really hard. The class have begun to look at the digestive system in Science and looked at why healthy diets are important.

Students have also been completing some Halloween based activities in various subjects such as maths, in the build up to the half term break.

### Samoa class

This week in Samoa class we have been working hard in all of our lessons. This has involved students taking part in numerous GL assessments. The students have worked really hard in completing these to a high standard.

We have also written letters to Sir David Attenborough! We have been amazed but the standard of writing the students produced. These letters are being sent to Sir David Attenborough in the hope he has some time in his busy schedule to read Samoa's thoughts on global warming and the amazing work he has done thought out his career.

After working so hard we have also spent time making decorations and invites for the upcoming Halloween party on the 31st. Many students have shown how artistic they can be using a range of artistic mediums.

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# Class News

## Key Stage 5

### Malawi class

This week has been a fantastic week in Malawi class!!

In English this week, the class have worked on organisational features of a text and then looked at exam questions that this could be reflected upon.

In Maths, students have again been focusing on the conversion between percentages, decimals and fractions. This included writing fractions in their simplest form.

We celebrated world food day this week, we celebrated by finding things we could make only with two eggs and 4 slices of bread. The students came up with some great ideas and recipes but as a class we made scrambled egg on toast!!! In food technology we made a tasty tagliatelle dish.

On a whole it has been a great week and term for all of Malawi class, well done everyone and enjoy half term.

### Papua New Guinea class

This week PNG have been creating fizzy planets out of clay in science, learning about some Black Icons such as Martin Luther King, Nelson Mandela and Rosa Parks in our Black history month researching.

Along with the world food day challenge creating some delicious eggy bread out of the four pieces of bread and two eggs.

### Fiji class

Fiji class this week have been looking over all the exciting things we have learning this term recapping and revising it all. We have also been making Halloween decorations for our Halloween party after half term. Have a lovely half term see you all for term 2.

# Class News

## Christmas Island class

We have had a great last week before the end of term with Christmas Islands class. In PSHE Students worked in pairs to discuss a range of conversations prompts. Students were then asked what their partner had told them to check their listening and understanding. After each prompt, students swapped partners.

For maths lesson Christmas Islands class discussed how to budget when shopping for groceries. They completed a worksheet where they had to gather ingredients for popular meals such as beans on toast, omelettes and stir fry, and added up to prices of each item to ensure they can afford it within their given budget. They also explored their awareness of budgeting, looking at the national minimum and working wage. They then discussed what bills an adult pays every year, and decided whether they were essential bills or luxury items. They then completed a task where they calculated change from buying everyday items.

In Science the class used an experiment to show how peristalsis works in the human digestive system. They then explained this process in their own words. In employability the class researched information about job opportunities that suit their individual skill set and explored why they think they would be good at this job role.

For world food day the class explored the sustainability of food by exploring how to use limited resources to cook a meal. They were given 4 slices of bread and 2 eggs to use as resources and tasked with researching what meal to create from the internet. They then voted on a recipe to create and chose to do one scrambled egg and one poached egg on toast.

For PE the class also went on another short walk around the local area and explored the community, ensuring to focus on safety when crossing the road and looking out for each other's wellbeing. In food tech we continued exploring a classic Italian menu cooking tagliatelle with an authentic sauce. The class also continued with their enrichment clubs of gardening, food tech and sports. They ended the week by creating different Halloween decorations for the Halloween party coming up.

We want to wish all students and their families a great break and have a very happy Halloween!



# Class News

## Supported Interns News

Our Supported Interns have now completed their first full term in placement and have made amazing progress.

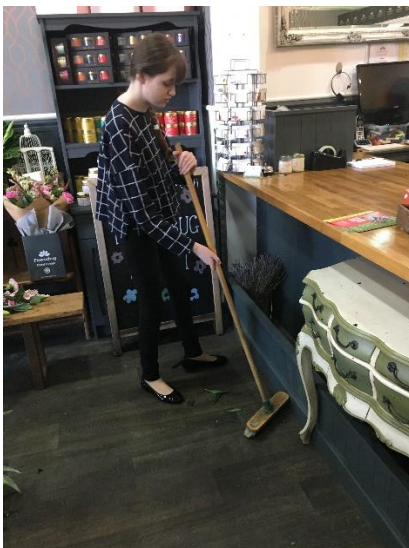
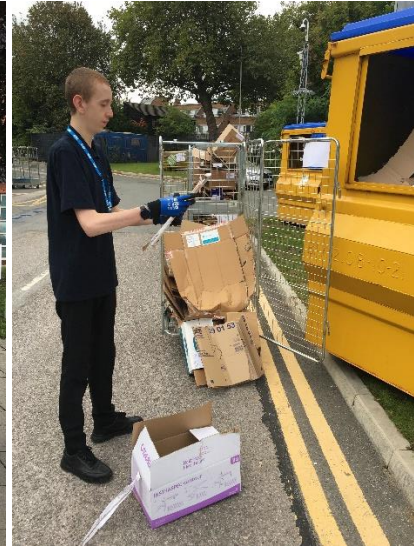
**Nathan** - Nathan has been working at the Liverpool Women's Hospital as a porter. Nathan's confidence has grown as each week has passed; he has developed a great relationship with his work colleagues and the other interns, showing maturity and flexibility in adapting to new roles. Nathan particularly enjoys moving mums and new-borns from the labour ward to the maternity base and is very understanding and aware of how careful he needs to be. He has recently been given the use of his own walkie talkie and pager (alerting the porters to jobs needed), contacting the wards via telephone to organise bed moves. He has learnt how to put on his work gloves (which he initially struggled with), moves bins, cages and deliveries, using the hospital lifts. Nathan also moves the hot and cold food trollies to the hospital wards for patient's lunches.

**Callum** - Callum also works at the Women's hospital with the maintenance team. Callum has become part of the team and is keen to learn new skills. He works alongside the other maintenance staff who each have their own skill sets in electrical, plumbing and painting. Callum has shown enthusiasm in each of these skills sets, listens to and observes his mentors at work, asking questions to help him understand each procedure. Callum knows how to test water temperature, has replaced silicone around a sink and is currently helping to repaint ward bathrooms. In addition, Callum has shown awareness to his surroundings, taking care to not disrupt patients and medical more than is necessary.

**Caitlin** - Caitlin is working at the Flowerbug florists and has settled in really well. Caitlin has taken to her tasks quickly and is now independent in "conditioning flowers", which is a daily task and extremely helpful to the florists. Caitlin also makes sure the floor is clear of leaves and stems throughout the day to avoid staff and customers slipping. Caitlin has also had the opportunity to make a number of bouquets for sale and her confidence in this is growing. She uses the prices gun to price up boxes of chocolates, helps carry bouquets and floral displays to the delivery van and is now moving forward in her customer service by approaching customers to offer assistance and training to answer the telephone.



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# Useful Information and Resources

## Young Person's Advisory Service Liverpool

**CRISIS DROP-IN'S**

**Across 3 Community Hubs**

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**YPAS North Hub**  
Croxdale Road West  
L14 8YA

**YPAS Central Hub**  
36 Bolton Street,  
L3 5LX

**YPAS South Hub**  
Lyndene Road,  
L25 1NG

*We can support you through times of crisis*

- STRUGGLING WITH YOUR MENTAL HEALTH?
- YOU OR YOUR CHILD ARE IN A CRISIS?
- FEELING LONELY & ISOLATED?
- NEED A LISTENING EAR?
- NEED A SAFE SPACE?

**YPAS North Hub**  
Croxdale Road West  
L14 8YA

Monday: 9am - 8pm  
Tuesday: 9am - 8pm  
Wednesday: 9am - 8pm  
Thursday: 9am - 8pm

**YPAS Central Hub**  
36 Bolton Street  
L3 5LX

Monday: 9am - 8pm  
Tuesday: 9am - 8pm  
Wednesday: 9am - 8pm  
Thursday: 9am - 8pm  
Friday: 9am - 8pm  
Saturday: 1pm - 6pm

**YPAS South Hub**  
Lyndene Road  
L25 1NG

Monday: 9am - 8pm  
Tuesday: 9am - 8pm  
Wednesday: 9am - 8pm  
Thursday: 9am - 8pm

**YPAS**  
Young Person's Advisory Service

Please see our website for the latest times

### HAF group - south hub

**When:** Mon, 24 October, 9:30am – 1:00pm

**Where:** YPAS Plus South Hub, 35 Lyndene Rd, Liverpool L25 1NG, UK ([map](#))

#### **Description**

Free Children's Playscheme

Breakfast, lunches & snacks included for every child on free school meals!

(Kids not receiving FSM aged 5-12 welcome too, please enquire)

Monday 24th to Thursday 27th October 2022, 9.30am-1pm

### Tea & Talk - parent/carer well-being drop-in

**When:** Tue, 25 October, 10am – 12pm

**Where:** Young Persons Advisory Service, Croxdale Rd W, Liverpool L14 8YA, UK ([map](#))

#### **Description**

Parents and Carers Wellbeing Drop-in Mornings, offering a range of themed wellbeing and selfcare activities, hosted by YPAS Parenting Team.

For more information please contact: [parentingteam@ypas.org.uk](mailto:parentingteam@ypas.org.uk)

### GYRO LGBTQ+ (12-16 years)

**When:** Wed, 26 October, 1:00pm – 2:30pm

**Where:** YPAS Central Community Hub, 36 Bolton St, Liverpool L3 5LX ([map](#))

#### **Description**

The daily drop-in service based at our Central Community Hub offers a safe, comfortable space where 16-25-year olds can gain information, support and advice across a range of different issues.

# Useful Information and Resources



Date: 13<sup>th</sup> October 2022

Dear Parent or Guardian

The October “Eat to Meet” Half Term programme starts on the 24<sup>th</sup> October and there are lots of great activities happening over the school holidays including a few Halloween themed days. Children and young people will be able to access hundreds of activities throughout the October holidays including specific provision available for children with SEND or additional needs, at **no cost**. There’s a great range of activities across the city including **boxing, football, music, dance, cycling, cooking, discos, films, bowling, arts and crafts, drama, a make up course, trips out** and much more! Every day there will be a range of fabulous meals available with many schemes holding family events as well.

To find out where your nearest scheme and all the details of what is on click on this link <https://www.merseyplay.com/october-half-term-activities-food/> - or visit [www.Merseyplay.com](http://www.Merseyplay.com) and click on the October half term activities link.

When you have chosen the activity/scheme you will need to contact that organisation to book a place. Each organisation will have either a telephone number, email address or online booking system. If your child has any additional needs or dietary requirements then please discuss this with the organisation when you book. There is no central booking system so please read the details of the programmes on the website and contact the providers directly.

Liverpool City Council is working with the local schools, voluntary and community organisations, and childcare providers to provide the Half Term Activity programme.

The Early Help Directory also provides a wealth of useful information and support for families - [Early Help Directory](#)

Regards

*Sally Dobbing*

Sally Dobbing - HAF Project Manager