



2nd November 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

I do hope you all had a restful break and managed to enjoy some of the mild weather. Welcome back to Term 2, which we know is going to be as busy as always and fly by! This term, all after school clubs will start next week!

First, a quick staffing update! Miss Jessica Markey joined Team Halling today and she will be working as a Teaching Assistant in Year 2. On Thursday next week, Mrs Kiran Wilkinson will also join Team Halling and she will be working as a Teaching Assistant in Year R. I know you will all join me in welcoming Miss Markey and Mrs Wilkinson to Halling Primary School.

This week, your child's Year Group Newsletter will be added to the website [here](#). Next week, will also receive a separate letter with details of our whole school pantomime trip. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our hard-working PTA for funding the coach for this particular trip which has been organised in response to parent and carer voice.

Please click [here](#) for a link to our Parent and Carer Survey. This will remain open for a week and will only take a matter of minutes! A separate letter has also been sent to you all today. Thank you in advance for taking part!

We are proud of our diversity at Halling, indeed, it is one of our Curriculum Drivers. At Halling, we do not tolerate racism in any way, shape or form. This year, for the first time, we took part in Wear Red Day 2022. Thank you all so much for supporting this by wearing red as a public show of solidarity in making Britain a safer, more tolerant place to live. Yesterday we posted the video on Twitter which you can find [here](#). If you're not following us, it's not too late to sign up: [@HallingSch](#)

In other news, there's a new drama group—Sunflower Drama Academy—who will be running weekly classes from Halling's Community Centre. Please see p.8 of this newsletter for further details.

As always, if you have any questions please do catch me or a member of staff on the gate.

Best wishes,  
Ms Lisa Taylor  
Headteacher

## Halling Primary School Diary Dates: Term 2

Day:	Event:	Additional Information:
Wednesday 2nd November	First Day of Term 2	
Thursday 3rd November	Height and Weight Checks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year R and Year 6</li> </ul>
Tuesday 8th November	Individual School Photographs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No PE Kits to be worn this day - bring PE kit in a bag please if it's a PE day!</li> <li>Dress smartly (full school uniform) and remember to smile please!</li> </ul>
Tuesday 8th November	Parent & Carer Consultation Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">See Letter</a></li> </ul>
Thursday 10th November	Mini Youth Games Basketball Festival	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Letter to follow from Mr Harrison</li> </ul>
Thursday 10th November	Parent & Carer Consultation Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">See Letter</a></li> </ul>
Friday 11th November	Remembrance Assembly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Children and staff only</li> </ul>
Saturday 12th November	Halling Primary Firework Display	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>See p.7 of newsletter</li> </ul>
Wb: 14th November	Anti-Bullying Week	
Monday 14th November	Odd Socks Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>See p.4 of newsletter</li> </ul>
Tuesday 15th November	AAT Netball Tournament	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Letter to follow from Mr Harrison</li> </ul>

Day:	Event:	Additional Information:
Friday 18th November	BBC Children in Need Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Letter to follow from the Comms. Team &amp; Mrs Nott</li> </ul>
Wb: 21st November	Road Safety Week	
Monday 28th November - Wednesday 30th November	PTA Sleigh Run Present Collection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Letter to follow from the PTA</li> </ul>
Tuesday 29th November	Flu Immunisations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Years R to 6</li> </ul>
Thursday 1st December	Mini Youth Games Badminton Festival	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Letter to follow from Mr Harrison</li> </ul>
Friday 2nd December	PTA Christmas Jar Competition Closes PTA Gift Bag Donation Non-Uniform Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Letter to follow from the PTA</li> </ul>
Friday 9th December	Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Letter to follow from Ms Taylor</li> </ul>
Friday 9th December	PTA Christmas Fair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2:30pm until 4:30pm in the School Hall</li> <li>Letter to follow from the PTA</li> </ul>
Monday 12th December	KS2 (Years 3-6) Christmas Celebration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2:00pm @ St. John's Church - ticketed event</li> <li>Letter to follow from Miss Martin</li> </ul>
Tuesday 13th December	Whole School Pantomime Trip part funded by the PTA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Letter to follow this week!</li> </ul>
Wednesday 14th December	KS2 (Years 3-6) Christmas Celebration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10:00am @ St. John's Church - ticketed event</li> <li>Letter to follow from Miss Martin</li> </ul>
Wednesday 14th December	Christmas Dinner Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wear your Christmas Jumper!</li> </ul>
Wednesday 14th December	Early Years and KS1 (Years R-2) Christmas Nativity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2:00pm @ School Hall - ticketed event</li> <li>Letter to follow from Miss Eakins</li> </ul>
Thursday 15th December	Early Years and KS1 (Years R-2) Christmas Nativity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10:00am @ School Hall - ticketed event</li> <li>Letter to follow from Miss Eakins</li> </ul>
Thursday 15th December	Christmas Talent Show	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Children and staff only</li> </ul>
Friday 16th December	Christmas Party Afternoon for all Children	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wear your Christmas Party clothes to school</li> <li>Letter to follow from Miss Martin &amp; Miss Eakins</li> </ul>
Friday 16th December	Last Day of Term 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>
Saturday 17th December	PTA Sleigh Run	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Letter to follow from PTA</li> </ul>
Tuesday 3rd January	Staff Development Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Children DO NOT attend!</li> </ul>
Wednesday 4th January	First Day of Term 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>

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## #ReachOut Video for Anti-Bullying Week 2022



Last term, some of our children put themselves forward to take part in a short film for November's Anti-Bullying Week.

All of Halling's children are proud ambassadors for Anti-Bullying Week 2022 and know when and how to Reach Out!

If you haven't already seen it, you can watch it by clicking [here](#)!



At Halling, we recognise that safeguarding and keeping children safe in school, at home and online is everybody's responsibility. We aim to be proactive rather than reactive and work with you in partnership to educate our children in ways of keeping themselves safe both in the real world and online.

We want to work with you as parents and carers to create bespoke safeguarding workshops for our children so if you have an idea please do speak directly with Mrs Tyler or email:

[safeguarding@halling.medway.sch.uk](mailto:safeguarding@halling.medway.sch.uk)



### School Photographs!

Individual School photographs will be snapped on **Tuesday 8th November**.

No PE Kits are to be worn to school this day so please remember to bring your PE kit in a bag if it's a PE day!

Dress smartly (full school uniform) and remember to smile please!



## HALL FOR HIRE!

Did you know that our hall is available for hire for children's parties, quiz nights, charity events and more?

If you are interested, please get in touch for information on our competitive prices by emailing Jodie Simpson (Senior Finance Officer):

[finance@halling.medway.sch.uk](mailto:finance@halling.medway.sch.uk)

Last academic year, we made great strides in working together with you all as parents and carers at Halling Primary School to make positive changes for everyone.

'Your Voice Matters' to us and we can only continue to make these changes if we know about them so thank you for your comments, suggestions and possible solutions when you feel we haven't quite got things right! Thank you also for your positivity when we do get things right - it means a lot!

If you should have any worries or concerns, your child's class teacher should be your first port of call. Should you then wish to speak to a member of the Senior Leadership Team please email the office to make an appointment with either Miss Martin (Assistant Headteacher for KS2), Miss Eakins (Assistant Headteacher for KS1 & SENDCo) or Ms Taylor (Headteacher). You can, of course catch us on the gate too!

Our Complaints Policy can be found [here](#).

### KS2 Fruit Trolley!



Last year, a pupil voice 'Action Team' set up a healthy eating fruit and vegetable tuck shop for the children in Key Stage 2 - Years 3, 4, 5 and 6.

If your child is in one of these year groups and would like to buy a piece of fruit at morning break time, all items cost 30p.

This has been running since the beginning of the academic year and it will continue as long as there is demand!

Thank  
you  
so  
much!



Thank you to our PTA who recently funded the purchase of a portable chrome book trolley.

This has now arrived and has already been put to good use.

The trolley means that all classes are able to make use of the chrome books to support their learning in class.



### Odd Socks Day for Anti-Bullying Week 2022

On **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November**, we are encouraging all children and staff to **wear odd socks to school** (no donation required) to celebrate the diversity of all our children at Halling and to help raise awareness around this year's Anti-Bullying Week theme: Reach Out.

To spread the message and raise awareness at Halling, we are, once again, looking for **donations of odd socks before the 14<sup>th</sup> November**, which we will use to hang from one of our fences. Therefore, if you have any brightly coloured odd socks, please do send them our way so we can start to grow our collection!





### TERM DATES: 2022- 2023

Term 1	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> September – Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> October 2022
<b>Break</b>	<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October – Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2022</b>
Term 2	Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November – Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December 2022
<b>Break</b>	<b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023</b>
Term 3	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January – Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> February 2023
<b>Break</b>	<b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2023</b>
Term 4	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> February – Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2023
<b>Break</b>	<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> – Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023 Good Friday – 7<sup>th</sup> April 2023, Easter Monday – 10<sup>th</sup> April 2023</b>
Term 5	Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> April – Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May 2023 <b>Bank Holiday – Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2023</b>
<b>Break</b>	<b>Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2023</b>
Term 6	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June – Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2023

### STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAYS & TRUST DAYS (CHILDREN DO NOT ATTEND)

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022  
 Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2022  
 Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023  
 Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2023  
 Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023  
 Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2023





Vision: Learning for Life

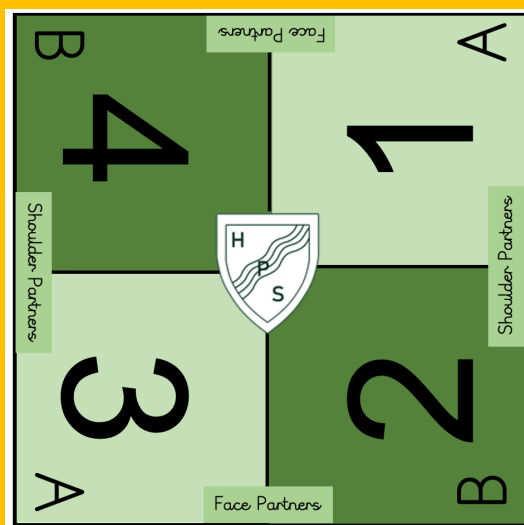
Values: Compassion – Integrity – Thankfulness – Respect – Resilience

Drivers: Curiosity – Aspiration – Diversity – Independence

Our improvement priorities in Halling's 180 Day Plan for Terms 1-3 are as follows:

1. Improving Outcomes
2. Introducing and Embedding AAT Core 'Pedagogy' Principles
3. Developing and Strengthening Leadership at all Levels, including Governance
4. Early Years: Strengthening Provision and Outcomes
5. Strengthening the Curriculum across the School, including Wider Opportunities

Number 2 is all about 'Kagan Structures'. Your child may have come home and talked about: Rally Robin, Round Robin and Think Pair Share! These are just some of the strategies we are now using in our lessons to enable the children to have a more active role in collaboration with their class mates. Research shows that this approach to teaching and learning helps with long term memory retention and, of course, it goes hand in hand with our Chris Quigley curriculum which is also designed around long term memory retention. You could ask your child if they have used the Kagan Mat below - can they explain it to you?



#### Aspiration

Our pupils will learn the importance of aiming high. It will allow them to recognise and explore all opportunities to them both now and in the future. In order to achieve their goals, our children will need to become resilient, reflective and persevering individuals in all that they do.

#### Curiosity

Our curriculum will inspire pupils to have the confidence to explore, investigate and immerse themselves in their creativity and learning.

#### Independence

At Halling, we want our pupils to be lifelong learners; independence is key for them to be able to reach this end goal. We aim to promote independence and perseverance for children to become confident citizens in the future.

#### Diversity

Our pupils will learn about their own identity and locality whilst becoming global citizens by exposing them to communities, cultures and ways of thinking which may different to their own. Thus, allowing our pupils to be empathetic to the experience of others.



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## About the Sunflower Drama Academy

A drama group focused on increasing children's confidence and communication skills. Every workshop has a unique personal/social/emotional development focus called our 'Sunflower Spotlight'.

### Workshops include:

- ✦ Warm up games
- ✦ Improvisation games
- ✦ Teamwork games
- ✦ Vocal workshops
- ✦ Unique tailored drama exercises to focus on confidence building and social skills
- ✦ Workshops are run by our founder Becky who is a qualified Primary School Teacher



[www.sunflowerdramaacademy.co.uk](http://www.sunflowerdramaacademy.co.uk)



## Halling Community Centre

We have brand NEW weekly workshops starting on **Wednesday 9th November** in **Halling Community Centre (ME2 1BS)**.

**Wednesday's: 5.15pm-6pm: Reception, Year 1, Year 2**

**Wednesday's: 6.05pm-6.50pm: Years 3, Years 4, Years 5, Years 6**

Workshops are £8 per session and paid for termly. The price for the whole term is £48 and your first workshop is FREE! Payment can be made after the FREE taster session on Wednesday 9th November.

### **Christmas Term:**

Wednesday 9th November  
Wednesday 16th November  
Wednesday 23rd November  
Wednesday 30th November

Wednesday 7th December  
Wednesday 14th December  
Wednesday 21st December  
**7 workshops for £48**



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# Saturday 12th November



**SWEETS**

**TEA**

**HOTDOGS**

**COFFEE**

**GLOWSTICKS**

**BURGERS**

**HOT CHOCOLATE**

**Gates open at 17:30. Firwork Display at 19:15.**

**Adults £7 - Children (under 16) £4**

**Under 4's Free**

If you haven't already bought tickets, it's not too late! They are still available to purchase on Arbor until 09:00 on Monday 7th November. Please note that tickets will be sent home week beginning: 7th November 2022.





## **Halling Primary - Reception Admissions: 2023-2024**

**You are invited to join us to meet some of our amazing staff and tour our wonderful school.**

**09:45 on 6th October, 13th October, 3rd November, 9th November, 17th November, 24th November, 1st December or 8th December**

**17:00 on 5th January or 12th January**

**If you've been for a tour and would then like to book a story time slot for your child, these will be bookable as follows:**

**14:45 on 7th October, 14th October, 4th November, 11th November, 18th November, 25th November, 2nd December, 9th December, 6th January or 13th January**

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**Our Values: Compassion - Integrity - Thankfulness - Respect - Resilience**

**To book a place on one of our tours,  
please contact us on: 01634 240258**

