



9th January 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Following the year group newsletters which are available [here](#), I wanted to update you all with our general 'dates and events' newsletter. The children are already so immersed in their learning and there are many exciting additional events happening at Halling during Terms 3 and 4 that we wanted to share with you so please do take time to have a look!

Staffing Update: Sadly for us, Mrs Wilkinson (Year R) will be leaving Halling on 10th February as she has secured a new position with the NHS: we wish her well in her new role. We are currently recruiting to fill this position. Mrs Beeching will be returning to the office from her maternity leave on 10th February. Additionally, Mrs Malkinson (Miss Doran) will be returning from her maternity leave on 27th March and, initially, she will be working two days a week to support intervention groups across both Years 5 and 6.

As always, if you have any questions please do catch me, Miss Eakins or Miss Martin at the gate.

Best wishes and Happy New Year!

Ms Lisa Taylor

Headteacher



Halling Primary School Diary Dates: Terms 3 & 4

Day:	Event:	Additional Information:
Thursday 12th January & Friday 13th January	Bikeability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lead: Mr Harrison Year 6
Tuesday 17th January	Artists' Afternoon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lead: Miss Marshall
Thursday 19th January	Census Day - American Themed Menu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> See page 11 of newsletter
Friday 20th January	Young Voices at the O2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lead: Mrs Stone Choir
Friday 20th January	Mini Youth Games Swimming Festival	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lead: Mr Harrison Year 5 and Year 6
Thursday 26th January	Class Assembly - ORANGUTANS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:05am in Hall
Thursday 26th January	Holocaust Memorial Service at Rochester Cathedral	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lead: Mrs Reid Year 5 and Year 6
Monday 30th January & Tuesday 31st January	Bikeability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lead: Mr Harrison Year 6
Monday 30th January	European Culture Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 4
Thursday 2nd February	Class Assembly - WOMBATS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:05am in Hall
Thursday 2nd February	Open Classroom for all Year Groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3:20pm - 4:00pm
Friday 3rd February	Number Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> See page 12 of newsletter
Tuesday 7th February	"Have Your Say!" Parent and Carer Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00am Letter to follow from Ms Taylor

Day:	Event:	Additional Information:
Wednesday 8th February	Safer Internet Day	• Lead: Mrs Jeffery
Thursday 9th February	Class Assembly - GECKOS	• 9:05am in Hall
Thursday 9th February	PTA Magic Show Event	• Details to follow
Friday 10th February	Last Day of Term 3	
Monday 20th February	First Day of Term 4	
Friday 24th February	PTA Quiz Night	• Details to follow from the PTA
Thursday 2nd March	World Book Day	• Lead: Mrs Nicholls
Tuesday 7th March	Parent & Carer Consultation Meetings	• 3:30pm until 6:00pm • Letter to follow from Ms Taylor
Thursday 9th March	Class Assembly - FLAMINGOS	• 9:05am in Hall
Thursday 9th March	Parent & Carer Consultation Meetings	• 3:30pm until 7:30pm • Letter to follow from Ms Taylor
Monday 13th March	Mother's Day Afternoon Tea	• 2:30pm - 3:20pm • Letter to follow from Ms Taylor
Tuesday 14th March	Aletheia Academies Trust Tag Rugby	• Lead: Mr Harrison • Years 5 and 6
Wednesday 15th March	Mother's Day Afternoon Tea	• 2:30pm - 3:20pm • Letter to follow from Ms Taylor
Thursday 16th March	Mother's Day Afternoon Tea	• 2:30pm - 3:20pm • Letter to follow from Ms Taylor
Friday 17th March	Red Nose Day	• Letter to follow from Comms. Team
Friday 17th March	PTA Mother's Day Shop	• Details to follow from the PTA
Monday 20th March	Staff Development Day	• Children DO NOT attend!
Thursday 23rd March	Class Assembly - GHARIALS	• 9:05am in Hall
Tuesday 28th March	Aletheia Academies Trust Music Concert	• Lead: Mrs Stone
Thursday 30th March:	Class Assembly - PELICANS	• 9:05am in Hall
Thursday 30th March	Mini Youth Games: Tag Rugby Festival	• Lead: Mr Harrison • Years 5 and 6
Friday 31st March	PTA: Egg Hunt	• Afternoon in-school event
Friday 31st March	Last Day of Term 4	
Monday 17th April	Staff Development Day	• Children DO NOT attend!
Tuesday 18th April	First Day of Term 5	

Why not follow us on Twitter for regular updates?

@HallingSch  @AletheiaAT  @HallingPta



Mid Kent
Motorcycle Training
01622 720774

Have Your Say Parent and Carer Meeting



Our second Have Your Say Meeting of the academic year is on **Tuesday 7th February at 9:00am**. We will be sending a letter out nearer the time with further details.
We look forward to welcoming you!

Aletheia Academies Trust (AAT) have launched their new website. Click on the image below to explore!



Open class

In Term 3, Open Class is on Thursday 2nd February from 3:20pm until 4:00pm.

This is an opportunity for your child to show you their classroom, their displays and perhaps some of the work they have been completing in their books.

Please note that your child's class teacher will be present, but this is not a formal meeting!



Howlsmere Close, Halling, Rochester, Kent, ME2 1ER
Telephone - 01634 240258 email - office@halling.medway.sch.uk

Safeguarding Team

The Safeguarding Team at Halling Primary School have a duty to monitor children who have been identified as having welfare or protection concerns and will notify Children's Services as soon as possible when there is a significant concern or risk to a child.

If you have any concerns about your child or any other pupil in the school, please speak to:



Ms Shona Eakins
Designated Safeguarding Lead
Assistant Headteacher & SENDCo



Ms Lisa Taylor
DDSL
Headteacher



Miss Courtney Martin
DDSL
Assistant Headteacher



Mrs Debbie Tyler
DDSL
Pastoral Lead



Mrs Tina Woolmer
DDSL
EYFS Teacher

Disclosures from pupils are referred to the designated adult responsible for Safeguarding. All cause for concerns must be made via Halling's online reporting system: CPOMs. If you believe that a child is at risk of immediate significant harm, please contact the DSL or DDSLs directly.
An acknowledgement will be made.

Please note: all referrals must initially go through Ms Shona Eakins or Mrs Debbie Tyler, in Ms Eakins' absence. The Senior Leadership Team and Inclusion Team will have responsibilities regarding children under Social Services or with Child Protection issues.

We have an email account that has been set up specifically for safeguarding emails:

safeguarding@halling.medway.sch.uk

This email account is monitored daily by the DSL, Ms Shona Eakins and the DDSLs, Mrs Debbie Tyler and Ms Lisa Taylor.



Please remember that we are a nut and seed-free school, thank you!

**NO NUTS
NO SESAME
SEEDS**



Medicines and Creams

If your child needs to take **any form of medication** (including the application of creams/gels) whilst in school, a **form must be completed**.

Please pop into the office to complete this with Miss Bradley, so that we can ensure the medication is safely stored and administered correctly.





Our lost property area in Main Reception is full to the brim! Please do come and take a look if you are missing a jumper, cardigan, coat or PE kit!

This week, please pop into Main Reception to take a look and claim what is yours.

Next week, following requests from parents and carers, the six drawers will be taken to the hall for all our Breakfast and After School Club parents and carers to look through at drop-off or pick-up.

After next week, we will be donating any remaining items to charity.



Playground Equipment

One of our Golden Rules at Halling is: We look after property.

At the beginning and end of the school day please can we continue to kindly request that if younger children are playing with the playground equipment, such as the chess pieces and large connect four sets, that they look after them by putting the various pieces back when they have finished!

Last academic year, we invested a large sum of money into the purchase of this new equipment for the children and we want to ensure that pieces do not get lost, damaged or broken.

Thank you all for respecting this Golden Rule!

Please note that our new gym equipment, situated on the bank next to the caged area, is not to be used by any children, either before or after school. This is for health and safety reasons.



Please be aware that we continue to regularly receive complaints from residents in the local community who live in the roads closest to our school.

We also regularly receive complaints from parents and carers who are highly concerned about the safety of Halling's children.

As we all know, the school run is such a busy time and the roads closest to school always become very heavily congested.

The complaints continue to be in respect of parents and carers parking inconsiderately on the kerb, grass verges and/or blocking driveways. This forces pedestrians to walk on the road which is extremely unsafe.

The last thing we want is for anyone to get hurt.

Please be respectful of our neighbours and school community and ensure that we are all working together to keep everyone safe.

Unfortunately, we are still waiting to hear from Medway regarding the Road Crossing Patrol which remains unsuccessfully filled. As soon as we have an update we will let you all know.

Thank you!



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 this term and it will continue as long as there is demand!



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

At Halling, we aim to work together with you all as parents/carers 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](#).



In Term 3, the following classes will be sharing their learning in a class assembly: Orangutans, Wombats and Geckos.

In Term 4, the following classes will be sharing their learning in a class assembly: Flamingos, Gharials and Pelicans.

These class assemblies will start at **9:05am** in the **school hall**. Entry will be through the hall doors, just after 9:00am.

Younger children and grandparents are all welcome too!

All other classes will share their learning in an assembly during either Term 5 or Term 6. Dates to follow.



It's good to talk

During the school day, children have many opportunities to talk to adults if and when they need to. When talking may not be possible, we have two in-class initiatives that are followed across the school: 'Bubble Time' and 'Think Boxes'. For Bubble Time, your child can move their peg onto the 'talk bubble' to indicate that they would like to speak with an adult regarding an incident or problem. Similarly, the Think Box is for children to share their thoughts or ask a question by writing it down and posting it into the box. All children should be aware that any adult that is seen with a rainbow lanyard is a safe and approachable adult, equipped to deal with any concerns they have.



Vision: Learning for Life

Values: Compassion – Integrity – Thankfulness – Respect – Resilience

Drivers: Curiosity – Aspiration – Diversity – Independence

Happy New Year!

With your support we raised
£5395.73 in Terms 1&2

QUIZ
£508.07

DISCO
£1,123.71

**XMAS
PHOTOS**
£179.06

**FIREWORK
NIGHT**
£647.66

**XMAS
FAIR**
£703.94

**SLEIGH
RUN**
£700.89

**XMAS
CARDS**
£521.70

**PARENT
DONATION**
£500

LOTTERY
£510.70

Thank you
The PTA

£11,904.79

Funded

In terms 1&2 we have been able to support the school by funding the following:

**PANTO
COACHES
£1500**

**CHROME
BOOK
CABINET
£1085**

**EYFS
RESOURCES
£1888.75**

**OUTDOOR
AREA
FLOORING
£695**

**PE &
SPORTS
EQUIPMENT
£3800**

**XMAS
GIFTS
£728.60**

**SCHOOL
COUNCIL
£533.03**

**SENSORY
CIRCUIT
£174.41**

**HALL
CURTAIN
ESTIMATE
£1500**

**Thank you for your continued support
The PTA**

We are sure you will all agree that our PTA are a highly-proactive group of parents and carers who, quite simply, get the job done! Their hard work and determination does not go unnoticed and they are the reason that Halling's children are able to benefit from many additional resources and experiences, as shown above.

Our PTA are always looking for new members, so if you'd like to get involved, please email:

PTA@halling.medway.sch.uk



Vision: Learning for Life

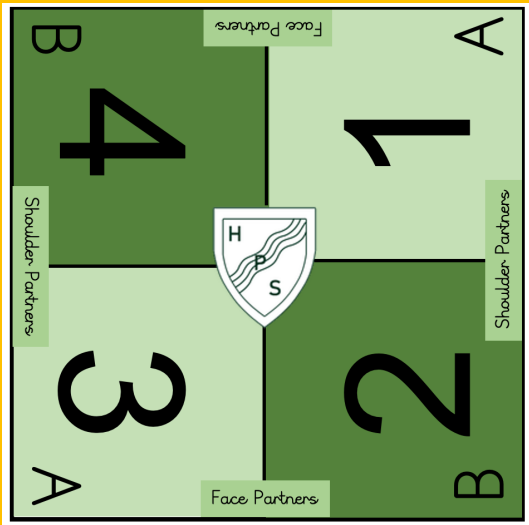
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Our improvement priorities in Halling’s 180 Day Plan for Terms 1-3 are as follows:

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.



CENSUS DAY MENU AMERICAN DAY

Thursday 19th January

Please place your order on the day!



Hotdog & Chips



Vegetarian Hotdog & Chips

Baked Beans or Sweetcorn

Chocolate Cake & Chocolate Sauce



Fresh Fruit



Yoghurt



**If your plate has a lucky star
underneath, you will win a prize!**

We are delighted to be supporting the NSPCC by taking part in Number Day on Friday 3rd February 2023. Number Day is a great way to make maths fun and bring about a positive, 'can-do' attitude towards it.

WE'RE
TAKING PART
IN NSPCC
NUMBER DAY!



Halling will be taking part in **Dress up for Digits** and have some fun maths activities planned for the day. We are asking the children to wear an item of clothing with a number on it, for example, a football shirt, cap, netball shirt or even a onesie! They could get even more creative by dressing in a maths or numbers theme. To help raise money for the NSPCC, we are asking for voluntary donations of £1. We'd love everyone in the school (including all staff) to take part in this very special event.

Miss Martin will be awarding prizes for the best dressed child in each class.

By raising money, we can help to fund NSPCC's vital services such as Childline, the helpline that's always there for children and young people whatever their problem or concern.

Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS)

As you are aware, February 3rd is NSPCC Number Day! As part of our commitment to make maths exciting and high profile at Halling, we've decided to take part in a friendly competition involving schools in the United Kingdom. It's a 1-day competition which starts on Friday 3rd February 2023 at 07:30 GMT and ends at 19:30 GMT. It's all done online via: play.ttrockstars.com

Children can play in any game mode with every correct answer to a multiplication or division question, earning themselves, their class and the school a point. The Times Tables Rock Stars platform will calculate the class average (the number of correct answers per pupil in the class who play during the competition hours, subject to a 60-minute limit). Winning classes in the school and in the competition as a whole will be the ones with the highest average.

To support player wellbeing, there is a time limit of 60-minutes per player. In other words, each player can earn competition points for up to 60-minutes between 07:30 GMT and 19:30 GMT on Friday 3rd February. Once the player goes beyond 60-minutes of play on that day, they will still earn coins but will no longer earn points towards the competition.

In the spirit of the competition, please don't play on their behalf but by all means, encourage and support them to the extent that it doesn't cause high-stress levels or impact on family plans. Thank you for supporting Halling.

NSPCC ROCKS

FRIDAY 3 FEBRUARY

7:30AM GMT TO 7:30PM GMT

Winning class will have the highest number of correct answers per pupil.

PLAY IN ANY GAME TYPE

1-HOUR TIME LIMIT PER PERSON

Ask your teacher for full details or visit: TTROCKSTARS.COM/ONLINE-EVENTS

We're really looking forward to all the fun on Number Day and we really appreciate your support. All the money we raise at Halling will make an enormous difference to children today and help the NSPCC be there for children tomorrow. Thank you!



TERM DATES: 2022- 2023

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

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

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



TERM DATES: 2023 - 2024

Term 1	Friday 1 st September – Thursday 19 th October 2023
Break	Friday 20th October – Tuesday 31st October 2023
Term 2	Wednesday 1 st November – Wednesday 20 th December 2023
Break	Thursday 21st December 2023 – Friday 5th January 2024
Term 3	Monday 8 th January – Friday 9 th February 2024
Break	Monday 12th February – Friday 16th February 2024
Term 4	Monday 19 th February – Thursday 28 th March 2024
Break	Friday 29th March – Friday 12th April 2024 Good Friday – 29th March 2024, Easter Monday – 1st April 2024
Term 5	Monday 15 th April – Friday 24 th May 2024 Bank Holiday – Monday 6th May 2024
Break	Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May 2024
Term 6	Monday 3 rd June – Friday 19 th July 2024

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Wednesday 30th August 2023
 Thursday 31st August 2023
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 Monday 1st July 2024