



3rd November 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

I do hope you all had a restful break and managed to enjoy yourselves. Welcome back to Term 2, which we know will be exceptionally busy! This term, all after school and lunchtime clubs will start next week.

First, a quick staffing update! We welcomed Mrs Caroline Maddex to Team Halling this week. Caroline is working as part of Mrs Donna Cullen's team as, Catering Assistant. Last term, we welcomed Mrs Amanda Gardner to our Teaching Assistant team. Amanda is working across our EYFS.

Next week, your child's Year Group Newsletter will be added to their Class Page of the website [here](#). You will also soon 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 part-funding the coach for this particular trip which has been organised following last year's successful visit and 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!

Finally, following the recent announcement regarding the potential risks of Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete - RAAC - in some educational buildings, we are pleased to confirm that following a recent inspection at Halling, there is no evidence of RAAC in our building.

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

Best wishes,
Ms Lisa Taylor
Headteacher



Halling Primary School Diary Dates: Term 2



Day:	Event:	Additional Information:
Wednesday 1st November	First Day of Term 2	
Tuesday 7th November	Individual School Photographs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No PE Kits to be worn this day - bring PE kit in a bag please if it's a PE day! Dress smartly (full school uniform) and remember to smile please!
Tuesday 7th November	MYG Basketball Festival	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 5 and Year 6 - details to follow
Friday 10th November	Remembrance Assembly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children and staff only
Saturday 11th November	Halling Fireworks Display	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tickets are available to purchase on Arbor
wb: 13th November	Anti-Bullying Week	
Monday 13th November	Odd Socks Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> See p16 of newsletter & letter from Ms Taylor
Tuesday 14th November	Parent & Carer Consultation Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3:30pm until 7:00pm Letter to follow from Ms Taylor
Thursday 16th November	Year 1 Trip to Detling Trenches	
Thursday 16th November	Parent & Carer Consultation Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3:30pm until 6:00pm Letter to follow from Ms Taylor
Friday 17th November	BBC Children in Need Charity Fundraising Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Letter to follow from Mrs Nott and Halling's Communications Team



Mid Kent
Motorcycle Training
01622 720774

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wb: 20th November	Halling's Road Safety Week	
Thursday 30th November	MYG Badminton Festival	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 5 and Year 6 (details to follow)
Friday 8th December	Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Letter to follow from Ms Taylor
Saturday 9th December	PTA Fundraising: Christmas Fair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Halling Community Centre
Monday 11th December	KS2 (Years 3-6) Christmas Celebration (Provisional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2:00pm @ St. John's Church - ticketed event Letter to follow from Miss Martin
Tuesday 12th December	KS2 (Years 3-6) Christmas Celebration (Provisional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00am @ St. John's Church - ticketed event Letter to follow from Miss Martin
Tuesday 12th December	EYFS Christmas Performance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2:00pm @ School Hall - ticketed event Letter to follow from Mrs Coleman
Wednesday 13th December	Year 1 Christmas Performance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2:00pm @ School Hall - ticketed event Letter to follow from Ms Eakins
Thursday 14th December	Whole School Pantomime Trip part funded by the PTA, thank you!	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Letter to follow from Ms Taylor
Friday 15th December	Year 2 Christmas Performance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2:00pm @ School Hall - ticketed event Letter to follow from Ms Eakins
Monday 18th December	Christmas Talent Show	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children and staff only
Tuesday 19th December	Christmas Dinner Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wear your Christmas Jumper!
Tuesday 19th December	PTA Fundraising: Christmas Disco	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Letter to follow from PTA
Wednesday 20th December	Christmas Parties for all Children	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wear your Christmas Party clothes to school Letter to follow from Miss Martin and Ms Eakins
Wednesday 20th December	Last Day of Term 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Early pick up from 1:30pm (optional)
Friday 22nd December	PTA Fundraising: Sleigh Run	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Letter to follow from PTA
Friday 5th January	Staff Development Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children DO NOT Attend
Monday 8th January	First Day of Term 3	

Why not follow us on Twitter for regular updates?

@HallingSch  @AletheiaAT  @HallingPta



@HallingSchICT



Here's a link to our website.
Click on the image below to explore!



Say Cheese!

Individual School Photos will be taking place on Tuesday 7th November.

No PE Kits to be worn on this day - please bring them in a bag.

Please dress smartly in full school uniform.

Remember to smile!



Halling's Fireworks Spectacular!

Our fireworks display is taking place on Saturday 11th November.
If you haven't already done so, please purchase your tickets via the School Shop on Arbor.

Gates open at 17:30 with the fireworks starting at 19:15.
We hope to see you there!





HALLING Primary School

The Safeguarding Team

Halling Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. We require all staff, volunteers and visitors to share this commitment.

If you are concerned about the safety of any child in our school, or a member of staff or volunteer, **YOU MUST** report it to one of our Designated Safeguarding Team.

The Designated Safeguarding Team are:



Mrs Shona Eakins
Assistant Headteacher
and DSL



Mrs Debbie Tyler
Assistant Headteacher



Mrs Julie Holliday
Chair of Governors



Mrs Lisa Taylor
Headteacher



Mrs Courtney Purvis
Assistant Headteacher



Mrs Claire Coleman
Senior Headteacher

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: CPGMs. If you believe that a child is at risk of immediate significant harm, please contact the DSL or DDSLs directly. An acknowledgment will be made.

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

JUNE 2023

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!



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, Mrs Beeching or Mrs Carr-Taylor, so that we can ensure the medication is safely stored and administered/recorded/logged correctly.



Saturday Nov 11th 2023

Halling Primary School

**FIREWORK
SPECTACULAR**

BURGERS

HOTDOGS

DRINKS

SOUP

GLOWSTICKS

Gates open at 17:30
Firework Display at 19:15

Adults £7
Children (under 16) £4
Under 4's Free

TICKETS AVAILABLE THROUGH ARBOR SHOP

Thank
you
so
much!



Please may we take this opportunity to kindly request that all scooters and bikes continue to be 'walked' when on the school site.

This ensures that everyone is kept as safe as can possibly be during our busy drop-off and pick-up times!

Thank you to all those who do 'walk' them!



What have we been up to?

A big thank you for the donations towards Harvest Festival which went to our chosen charity, 'Caring Hands', who were very grateful. Reverend Knight joined us to help the children think about why we celebrate Harvest at this time of year.



Show Racism the Red Card

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 second time, we took part in Wear Red Day 2023. 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.



Change Hearts. Change Minds. Change Lives.

Poppy Appeal

Poppies, plus other merchandise, will be on sale from Monday 6th November between 8:35am and 8:45am and at breaktime and lunchtime. Children will need to bring coins as we are unable to provide change. Recommended prices from the RBL website:

- Paper poppies: £1.00
- Slap bands, wristbands and small poppy fabric bookmarks: £1.50
- Poppy reflector: £3.00



Limited stock available!

On World Mental Health Day, we had a visit from Author, Lisa Bentley, who shared her new books with us: 'Mindy Nose Best' and 'Don't Judge that Sludge' which are all about kindness and self-love.

After her visit, the children and staff made Chains of Kindness which have been hung proudly in school!



Attendance and Punctuality

We have noticed an increase in the number of children arriving late for school in the morning.

We thought it would be a good opportunity to remind you of the following points:

- **Pupils must arrive in school by 08:50 on each school day.**
- **The register for the first session will be taken from 08:45 and will be kept open until 08:50.**
- **A pupil who arrives late via the office (after the register has closed at 08:50) but before 09:00, will be marked as late, using the L code.**
- **A pupil who arrives after 09:00 will be marked as late or absent, using the U code (unauthorised).**

Please do read our Attendance Policy on our website: [Policies and Notices of Halling Primary School](#)





Mrs Tyler wanted to say a big thank you to those parents/carers who either baked for our Macmillan Bake Off event, or who attended and donated.

Also, a huge thank you must go to the staff that joined in, to raise money for this amazing cause.

We raised £139 in total for the Macmillan Bake Off Challenge!

Last year, all schools in the trust were given African Land Snails.

Mr Harrison has provided a few photos below of Halling's snails - Turbo and Sloth! Turbo and Sloth have been looked after by Alpaca Class, Year 6.

They are fed lettuce, cabbage and mealworms and they also enjoy having egg shells and cuttlefish to help strengthen their shells.

Inside their tank, they are provided with potting plant houses as well as twigs, plastic trees and a water bowl.

Also, a special thanks to Mrs Stephen for all of her support in raising them from their 1cm size.

They are now just over 10cm!



We are very excited to share with you that each year group is being introduced to a 'resilience' programme in class called the **'Reflective Toolkit'**.

This aims to support children with emotional regulation, resilience and problem solving.

All staff have had training on the programme, led by our Pastoral Lead, Mrs Tyler, and have received their own goody basket and kit for their year group. This was kindly funded by one of our families here at Halling.

The reflective toolkit is multi-purpose - not only will it help children with emotional regulation and resilience but it can also act as a restorative tool to help children to resolve, for example, conflict with others. Over the past year, Mrs Tyler has already used this successfully in classes with individual children and she has also been able to support families to implement the toolkit at home, for example, to help manage their child's anxiety or behaviour at home.



Halling Primary School

NEW INTAKE TOURS 2024

Day Time Tours - 09:45

Two adults and the new starter (no siblings please)

Thursday 5th October 2023
Thursday 12th October 2023
Thursday 15th October 2023
Thursday 2nd November 2023

Thursday 9th November 2023
Thursday 16th November 2023
Thursday 23rd November 2023
Thursday 30th November 2023

Evening Tours - 17:00

Two Adults and the new starter (no siblings please)

Wednesday 6th December 2023
Wednesday 10th January 2024



Story Time Sessions - 14:45 - 15:00

One adult and the new started (no siblings please)

Friday 6th October 2023
Friday 13th October 2023
Thursday 19th October 2023
Friday 3rd November 2023
Friday 10th November 2023

Friday 17th November 2023
Friday 24th November 2023
Friday 1st December 2023
Friday 8th December 2023
Friday 12th January 2024

To book a tour, please
contact the office on:

01634 240 258
or

office@halling.medway.sch.uk

We still have slots available to book!



Alithia



School drop-off and pick-up times are always exceptionally busy which is one of the reasons why we have members of staff stationed at the gates. Please do keep a close eye on toddlers who can easily get lost in the sea of parents and carers, as we cannot always guarantee that a member of staff will be on the main car park gate.

Last academic year, we continued to make 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), Mrs Coleman (EYFS Lead) or Ms Taylor (Headteacher).

You can, of course catch us on the gate too!

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



Arbor

If you have not yet signed into Arbor to give your permissions for this academic year, then this is a gentle reminder to please do so!

The staff at school are particularly keen to start tweeting pictures of the children and give you all a ‘window’ into their day-to-day learning!



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.



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At Halling PTA's Annual General Meeting (AGM), we were saddened to hear that Kayleigh and Lisa have made the difficult decision to step down at the end of this academic year, as co-chairs of Halling's PTA.

Quite simply, Halling Primary School needs new members to continue and develop all the great things that our current PTA have started to develop.

Halling's PTA are therefore actively seeking new members and, essentially, a new chair/co-chairs who they would like to transition into the role under the support and guidance of Kayleigh and Lisa.

If you are interested in joining, and want to find out more, please don't hesitate to contact the PTA directly via email:

PTA@halling.medway.sch.uk



Halling Primary School

Need a space for your club or event?

Availability

School hall available weekdays from 6pm.

On weekends, the hall is available all day.

At Halling Primary School, our school hall is available for parties at just £60 for 4 hours.

If clubs wish to hire the hall, this is at a cost of £16 per hour.

We also have the field available for £10 per hour.



For more information, or to hire our facilities, please contact :

finance@halling.medway.sch.uk



This year, we were excited to have been chosen again to participate in the www.thestaysafeinitiative.org.uk video for National Anti-Bullying Week in November 2023!

One child from each year group filmed with Ms Taylor and the AAT Media Team so...

[CLICK HERE TO SEE IT!](#)

KS2 Fruit Trolley!

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 will continue to run as long as there is demand!



Unfortunately, we continue to 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 continue to be highly concerned about the safety of Halling's children.

The school run is such a busy time and the roads closest to school always become heavily congested.

The most recent complaints have been in respect of parents and carers driving across the pavement to park on the grass verges, as children walk the pavements.



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.



School Ties!

School ties are available to purchase throughout the year via the 'Shop' in the Arbor App.



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 – Wednesday 27 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

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

Wednesday 30th August 2023
 Thursday 31st August 2023
 Friday 29th September 2023
 Tuesday 31st October 2023
 Friday 5th January 2024
 Tuesday 12th March 2024
 Thursday 28th March 2024
 Monday 1st July 2024

PE/Sports Newsletter

Mr Harrison, along with the help of our Year 6 pupils, has launched a bi-termly PE/Sports Newsletter to showcase all of the amazing sporting achievements across the school.



Issue 1 is now available here: [Newsletters of Halling Primary School](#)



18th October 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you will be aware, we are always looking to further improve our curriculum offering for all pupils.

On this occasion, we particularly need ***your*** help please! We know that we have a wealth of parents/carers who have something really worthwhile to share with the pupils at Halling.

Our aim is to make a 'directory' of sorts that lists parents/carers and their jobs or hobbies that teachers may refer to when planning related topics or specific learning opportunities. We would also really like parents/carers to come forward if they are willing to share about their faith. In the past, this has worked well, as children love to hear from those who have first-hand experience of specific festivals and celebrations.

If you are happy to volunteer any of the above information and then be contacted on an ad-hoc basis to see if you are available to come into school to meet with a group of children, then please contact the Office Team at office@halling.medway.sch.uk

With thanks in advance,

Mrs Ellie Nott



In the event that we should need to flip to remote learning due to a school closure, for example, a snow day, please note that

Years 1 to 6 will use **Google Classroom**.

Seesaw is now no longer operational at Halling.

Please follow the link here to an **online guide**:

[Parent/Carer Guide to Google Classroom](#)

To login to your child's Google Classroom account, you will need your child's school email address and password.

These can be found inside your child's contact book.

Year R will continue to use **Tapestry**.



This ANTI-BULLYING WEEK
we are holding

ODD SOCKS DAY on
MONDAY 13TH NOVEMBER 2023



Come to school
wearing your odd
socks to celebrate
what makes us all
unique!

If you're worried about bullying you can speak to ...

...any adult at Halling
wearing a rainbow lanyard!

#OddSocksDay
#AntiBullyingWeek
#MakeANoise



E-scooters – are you breaking the law?



Can I ride my e-scooter to school or work?

No, it's Illegal...

E-scooters are classed as motor vehicles and are required to be taxed and insured. It's not possible to get insurance for privately owned e-scooters, which means it's illegal to use them.

Can I ride my e-scooter on the pavement?

No, it's Illegal...

You cannot use e-scooters on public footpaths, cycle lanes or roads.

What happens if I'm caught using my e-scooter in public spaces?

The scooter may be seized and as a result, destroyed.

If stopped by an officer, you may be asked to complete a breath and drugs test. You also risk a £300 fine and six penalty points on your licence for no insurance.



**Kent
Police**

Think before you buy:

The number of electrical scooters being used on our streets has risen, as well as reports of serious injury and fatalities.

For more information and advice on the use of e-scooters visit www.kent.police.uk/road-safety



Halling's Head Pupils: 2023-2024



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Well done to our 15 Y6 pupils who stood for Halling's Head Pupil 23-24. You were all amazing & there will be a role for everyone in Y6 so watch this space! Here are our Head Pupils receiving their ties and as voted for by the school! 🎉 @SSCCTY @JigsawPSHE @gregisanderson



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