



10th January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I do hope you all had a restful break and welcome back to Term 3!

As always, the children (and staff!) are raring to go and are already so immersed in their day-to-day learning.

I wanted to update you all with our general 'dates and events' newsletter. There are many exciting additional events taking place during Terms 3 and 4 that we wanted to share with you so please do take time to have a look at what is happening and when.

The year group newsletters are now available on our website and can be accessed [here](#) by clicking on your child's class and then scrolling down to 'Terms/Topics Information'.

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:
Monday 8th January	First Day of Term 3	
Thursday 18th January	Census Day	• Look at Donna's special themed menu - page 17!
Thursday 18th January	AAT Trust Dodgeball	• Years 5 and 6 (details to follow)
Friday 19th January	Mini Youth Games Swimming Festival	• Years 4, 5 and 6 (details to follow)
Friday 19th January	Young Voices Concert at the O2	• Choir Club Members - Invite Only
Wednesday 24th January	Kagan Structures Workshop with Mrs Nott and Mrs Reid - come and find out more!	• Parents and Carers • 2:30pm - School Hall
Thursday 25th January	Holocaust Memorial Service	• Rochester Cathedral • Details to follow from Mrs Reid
Tuesday 30th January	Have Your Say Parent & Carer Meeting	• Details to follow from Ms Taylor - see page 19!
Wednesday 31st January	AAT KS1 Multi Skills Festival	• Years 1 and 2 (details to follow)
Thursday 1st February	AAT Recruitment Fair	• See page 16 of Newsletter
Friday 2nd February	NSPCC Number Day	• See page 18 of Newsletter
Tuesday 6th February	Safer Internet Day	• Letter to follow from Mrs Jeffery
Tuesday 6th February	PTA Fundraising: Disco	• Letter to follow from the PTA
Wednesday 7th February	Little Red Riding Hood Theatre Company	• Years R and 1
Wednesday 7th February	Artists' Afternoon	• Lead: Miss Master
Thursday 8th February	Mini Youth Games Table Tennis	• Years 5 and 6 (details to follow)
Friday 9th February	Last Day of Term 3	



**Mid Kent
Motorcycle Training**
01622 720774

Day:	Event:	Additional Information:
Monday 19th February	First Day of Term 4	
Thursday 22nd February	Provisional HSSP Multi Skills Festival	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Years 3 and 4 (tbc)
Tuesday 27th February	Parent and Carer Consultation Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3:30pm until 6:00pm Letter to follow from Ms Taylor
Wednesday 28th February	Great Fire of London Workshops	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Years 1 and 2 (details to follow from Miss Master)
Thursday 29th February	Parent and Carer Consultation Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3:30pm until 7:00pm Letter to follow from Ms Taylor
Monday 4th March	Mother's Day Cream Tea	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2:30pm in the school hall (details to follow)
Tuesday 5th March	Mother's Day Cream Tea	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2:30pm in the school hall (details to follow)
Wednesday 6th March	Mother's Day Cream Tea	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2:30pm in the school hall (details to follow)
Thursday 7th March	World Book Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Details to follow from Mrs Nicholls
Thursday 7th March	PTA Wonka Bars	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Details to follow from the PTA
Tuesday 12th March	Trust Staff Development Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No children in school
Friday 15th March	Red Nose Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Details to follow from Mrs Nott
Thursday 21st March	Provisional HSSP Multi Skills Festival	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Years 1 and 2 (tbc)
Tuesday 26th March	Trust (AAT) Choir Concert - Woodville Halls	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Details to follow from Miss Martin
Wednesday 27th March	PTA Easter Egg Hunt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Details to follow from the PTA
Wednesday 27th March	PTA Fundraising: Disco	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Details to follow from the PTA
Wednesday 27th March	AAT Trust Basketball	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Years 5 and 6 (details to follow)
Wednesday 27th March	Last Day of Term 4	
Thursday 28th March	Staff Development Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No children in school
Monday 15th April	First Day of Term 5	

Why not follow us on Twitter for regular updates?

@HallingSch



@AletheiaAT



@HallingPta



@HallingSchICT



What have we been up to?

The Poppy Appeal

Every year, Halling participates in commemorations for Armistice Day to remember those who have been lost in war. This year, this fell on Saturday 11th November and throughout the week, Year 5 children sold poppies and other items to raise money for The Royal British Legion. Thank you to those who helped out and to all of you who kindly bought something and put money in the collection pots. We managed to raise an amazing **£417.95!**

At the beginning of Term 2, all classes took time to make a poppy wreath, which has been on display outside Ms Taylor's office (photo below). Reverend Knight also came into school on Friday 10th November to take part in our special assembly, when we also held a two minute silence. Thank you to all the teachers and children who participated in both - I think you can all agree that the display looks incredible and the children (from Year R through to Year 6) took part in the silence, beautifully.

On Sunday 12th November, The Head Pupils (along with some other pupils who represented their girlguiding or scouting units) placed wreaths at the war memorial in Halling. They all did a fantastic job of representing the school and should be very proud of themselves.



**Well done and thank you,
everyone!**

Together we raised **£417.95 for
the Royal British Legion
through the sale of poppies.**



November 2023

Halling Primary School



Children in Need 2023

Thank you to all the children, their parents/ carers and staff who supported this year's Children in Need fundraising efforts at Halling.

Through being 'Spotacular', designing and colouring Pudseys and competitively building coin towers, much fun was had!

Together, we raised a fantastic **£470.51** which will go towards helping deprived children both locally and nationally. Thank you!

Halling Primary School @HallingSch · Nov 17

Our Head Pupils did a fantastic job leading our @BBCCIN assembly this morning. Well done! @AletheiaAT @SSCCTY @gregisanderson @JennyMosleyQCT



Halling Primary School @HallingSch · Nov 24

Well done to our Pudsey Bear colouring competition winners for our @BBCCIN fundraising!



Halling Primary School @HallingSch · Nov 24

Well done to our tallest tower winners for our @BBCCIN fundraising!



Well done and thank you, everyone!

Together we raised £470.51 for BBC Children in Need!



November 2023

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Christmas Events

Christmas dinner day yesterday!



🌲🌲🌲 All our classes have made decorations for our Christmas Tree which was very kindly given to us by [@boundaryfenceuk](#) What do you think? 🌲🌲🌲 [@AletheiaAT](#)



Well done everyone!

**Together we raised £200.55
for Save the Children**



December 2023

Halling Primary School

🌲🏠🌲 Thank you to all the children who made decorations and to [@MissMarsh2022](#) for taking Halling's Christmas Tree to St. John the Baptist Church in Halling for the Tree Festival! 🌲🏠🌲 [@AletheiaAT](#)



RECYCLE WITH MICHAEL

This is to certify that

Halling Primary School

has collected**308**..kg of clothing & shoes

raising £....**27.72**....

Thank you!

By donating your clothes and shoes you are helping to raise funds for The Salvation Army to continue their valuable work, whilst raising money for your school and working to protect the environment.



Attendance and Punctuality


In order to reduce 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](#)



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!



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.



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
Designated Safeguarding Lead



Mrs Debbie Tyler
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

If the concern is about the DSL, please contact the Chair of Governors:
Julie Rottenbury
Chair of Governors



Mrs Lisa Taylor
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead



Mrs Courtney Martin
Assistant Designated Safeguarding Lead



Mrs Claire Coleman
Assistant Designated Safeguarding Lead

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 DSLs 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 DDSs, 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.





Please may we take this opportunity to kindly remind you that if you are driving onto the school site, the speed limit is 5mph at all times.

Thank you!

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 complaints have been in respect of parents and carers parking inconsiderately on the kerb, grass verges and/or blocking driveways. This has, in turn, forced pedestrians to walk on the road and there have already been a few near misses.

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.

Thank you!



School Ties!

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

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



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](#).



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



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**.





Online Support
and Intervention
for Child Anxiety



NHS Foundation Trust

Being away from caregivers

General worries

School worries

DOES YOUR CHILD HAVE PROBLEMS WITH ANXIETY?

Bedtime fears

Social worries

Phobias (e.g. spiders, dogs, injections)

& more

OSI COULD HELP YOU

OSI (Online Support and Intervention) is an online platform designed to help parents to learn tools and techniques to help their child (aged 5 to 12 years old) to overcome difficulties with anxiety.

Parents work through weekly online modules that contain videos, quizzes, and interactive worksheets. Parents are also supported by a weekly telephone/videocall appointment with a practitioner.

You can access OSI at a convenient time for you using any electronic device!



GET IN TOUCH:

Scan the QR code for more information on OSI.

If your child attends one of our schools, and you are interested in learning more about OSI and whether this is the right support for you, please email our team at: EWTandESTenquiries@nelft.nhs.uk

Currently available until the end of February 2024.

Best care by the best people



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.



Term 2's Newsletter is now available on our website and can be accessed by [clicking here!](#)



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

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

2024-2025 Term Dates



TERM DATES: 2024 - 2025

Term 1	Tuesday 3 rd September – Tuesday 22 nd October 2024
Break	Wednesday 23 rd October – Friday 1 st November 2024
Term 2	Monday 4 th November – Friday 20 th December 2024
Break	Monday 23 rd December 2024 – Monday 6 th January 2025
Term 3	Tuesday 7 th January – Friday 14 th February 2025
Break	Monday 17 th February – Friday 21 st February 2025
Term 4	Monday 24 th February – Friday 4 th April 2025
Break	Monday 7 th April – Monday 21 st April 2025 Good Friday – 18 th April 2025, Easter Monday – 21 st April 2025
Term 5	Tuesday 22 nd April – Friday 23 rd May 2025 Bank Holiday – Monday 5 th May 2025
Break	Monday 26 th May – Friday 30 th May 2025
Term 6	Monday 2 nd June – Wednesday 23 rd July 2025

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

Monday 2nd September 2024
 Wednesday 23rd October 2024
 Monday 6th January 2025
 Friday 14th March 2025
 Monday 7th July 2025



Aletheia
Academies Trust

Aletheia Academies Trust Recruitment Fair

Interested in a Career in Education?

Wanting to develop your Career?

**Looking for a fresh start with a Trust
that truly cares?**

**Thursday 1st February 2024
17:30 - 20:30**

**Salnt George's C of E Primary Phase
Westcott Avenue
Gravesend, Kent
DA11 7HP**



Scan the above QR code
for more information and
to book your place.

Join us at the Aletheia Academies Trust Recruitment Fair

- ▶ CEO talks
- ▶ Interview workshops
- ▶ CV / Application workshops
- ▶ Networking opportunities
- ▶ New school developments
- ▶ Talent Pool sign up
- ▶ SCITT information and sign up
- ▶ Continuous Professional Development
- ▶ Information from our Academies
- ▶ as well as drinks, canapes and more!



CENSUS DAY MENU AMERICAN DAY

Thursday 18th January

Please place your order on the day!



Beef Burger & Chips



Quorn Burger & Chips

Baked Beans or Sweetcorn

Ice Cream Pot

Fresh Fruit

Yoghurt



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

NSPCC Number Day

We are delighted to be supporting the NSPCC by taking part in Number Day on **Friday 2nd February 2024**. 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!



We will be taking part in **Dress up for Digits** and have some fun maths activities planned for the day. Pupils are asked to wear an item of clothing with a number on it (football shirt, cap, netball shirt or even a onesie!). Or get even more creative by dressing in a maths or numbers theme; we have loved your creations in previous years. To help raise money for the NSPCC, we are asking for donations of **£1**, and we'd love everyone in the school (including teachers) to take part in this special event. Miss Martin and Miss Leese will be awarding prizes for the best dressed member in each class. By raising money, we can help to fund their 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 2nd is NSPCC Number Day!** As part of our commitment to make maths exciting and high profile in our school, 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 2nd February 2024** 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 2nd 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.

**TIMES TABLES
ROCK STARS**

PRESENTS

NSPCC ROCKS

FRIDAY 2ND FEBRUARY 2024
7:30AM TO 7:30PM (GMT)

**PLAY IN ANY
GAME TYPE!**

**1HR TIME LIMIT
PER PERSON!**

**WINNING CLASS WILL HAVE THE HIGHEST
NUMBER OF CORRECT ANSWERS PER PUPIL!**

[TTROCKSTARS.COM/ONLINE-EVENTS](https://ttrockstars.com/online-events)

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We're really looking forward to all the fun of 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.

Well Done and Thank You!



We would like to say a HUGE thank you to two of our pupils who have been very busy fundraising. The following events have raised a grand total of £2,500:

- Lita's Cake Shack Cupcakes Raffle
- Halling Christmas Fair Hampers and Raffle Prizes
- Bike Ride / Walk / Scooter Event

This donation will go towards a very exciting project that Ms. Jackson is leading on!

Watch this space...



Have Your Say Parent and Carer Meeting



Our second Have Your Say Meeting of the academic year is on **Tuesday 30th January at 9:00am**. We will be sending a letter out nearer the time with further details.

We look forward to welcoming you!

Open class

In Term 3, Open Class is on **Thursday 25th January 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!



In Term 3, the following classes will be sharing their learning in a class assembly: Ladybirds (23rd January) and Leopards (30th January).

In Term 4, the following classes will be sharing their learning in a class assembly: Flamingos (5th March), Gharials (19th March) and Orangutans (26th March).

These 'Tuesday' class assemblies will all 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.



Happy New Year!

All the staff and Governors of Halling would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy New Year, 2024!