



17th April 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Term 5 and I trust you all had a restful Spring Break with family and friends. The children have returned to school smiling and, as always, keen to learn. We are even starting to see some glimpses of, hopefully, sunnier days to come! The Summer Term is always exceptionally busy so please do take time to have a look at all that is happening across Terms 5 and 6 at Halling! This week, the Term 5 year group newsletters will be made available on our website [here](#).

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

Best wishes,
Ms Lisa Taylor
Headteacher



Halling Primary School Diary Dates: Terms 5 & 6

Day:	Event:	Additional Information:
Monday 15th April	First Day of Term 5	
Thursday 18th April	Primary School Games Racket Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 3 & 4 (details to follow)
Thursday 18th April	Class Assembly—Penguins	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please arrive at 9:00am via the school hall doors
Tuesday 23rd April	MYG Netball Festival	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 5 & 6 (details to follow)
Thursday 25th April	Class Assembly—Pelicans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please arrive at 9:00am via the school hall doors
Monday 29th April	Open Class	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All year groups 3:20pm—4:00pm
Thursday 2nd May	Class Assembly—Geckos	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please arrive at 9:00am via the school hall doors
Monday 6th May	Bank Holiday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No children in school
Wednesday 8th May	Road Safety Walks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 2 (details to follow)
Thursday 9th May	Primary School Games Girls Football	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 5 & 6 (details to follow)
Thursday 9th May	Primary School Games Girls Cricket	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 5 & 6 (details to follow)
Friday 10th May	Independent Travel Workshops	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 5 (details to follow)
Monday 13th—16th May	SATs Testing Period	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 6
Tuesday 21st May	PTA Outdoor Disco	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Weather permitting (details to follow)
Thursday 23rd May	Class Assembly—Wombats	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please arrive at 9:00am via the school hall doors
Thursday 23rd May	MYG Tag Rugby	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 5 & 6 (details to follow)
Friday 24th May	Outdoor Classroom Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Whole School (details to follow)
Friday 24th May	Non-Uniform Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To raise money for 'butterfly habitats' (details to follow) Suggested £1 donation
Friday 24th May	Last Day of Term 5	
Monday 3rd June	First Day of Term 6	
Tuesday 4th June	Sports Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Details to follow
Thursday 6th June	Class Assembly—Bears	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please arrive at 9:00am via the school hall doors
Thursday 6th June	MYG Football Tournament	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 5 & 6 (details to follow)
Thursday 6th June	AAT Football	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 3 & 4 (details to follow)

Day:	Event:	Additional Information:
Friday 7th June	PTA Rainbow Dress Up Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To raise money for the School Bus Project Suggested £1 donation
Monday 10th—14th June	Phonics Screening Check Week	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 1 & 2
Tuesday 11th June	Reserve Sports Day	
Wednesday 12th June	Class Assembly—Alpacas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please arrive at 9:00am via the school hall doors
Thursday 13th June	Father's Day Breakfast	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Details to follow
Friday 14th June	PTA Father's Day Gift Shop	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Details to follow
Tuesday 18th June	Class Photographs—Kittle Photographic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Whole school
Thursday 20th June	Class Assembly—Kookaburras	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please arrive at 9:00am via the school hall doors
Tuesday 25th June	MYG Cricket	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 5 & 6 (details to follow)
Wednesday 26th—28th June	Bowles Residential Trip	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 6
Thursday 27th June	Class Assembly—Owlets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please arrive at 9:00am via the school hall doors
Monday 1st July	Staff Development Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NO children in school
Wednesday 3rd July	Pupil Voice Fundraising Day for AAT Trust Charity: Cancer Research	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Details to follow
Thursday 4th July	Class Assembly—Ducklings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please arrive at 9:00am via the school hall doors
Thursday 4th July	Roots to Food Cookery Workshop	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 4 & 5
Thursday 4th July	Medway Secondary Schools' Transition Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 6 (details to follow from Medway)
Friday 5th July	PTA Sponsored Event	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Details to follow
Monday 8th July	Year 6 vs Staff Rounders (Provisional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Details to follow
Tuesday 9th July	AAT Year 6 Leavers' Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Details to follow
Tuesday 9th July	STEAM DAY at Holmesdale School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 5 (details to follow)
Wednesday 10th July	MYG Athletics Festival	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 5 & 6 (details to follow)
Thursday 11th July	PTA Outdoor Disco	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Details to follow
Friday 12th July	PTA Rules Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Details follow
Tuesday 16th July	AAT Athletics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 5 & 6 (details to follow)
Tuesday 16th July	Year 6 Performance to parents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Details to follow
Wednesday 17th July	Rocksteady Summer Concert	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Details to follow
Wednesday 17th July	Year 6 Performance to parents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Details to follow
Wednesday 17th July	Whole School Transition Afternoon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Details to follow
Thursday 18th July	Year 6 Prom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Details to follow
Friday 19th July	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly and shirt signing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Details to follow
Friday 19th July	Last day of Term 6	
Tuesday 3rd September	First Day of Term 1	



Why not follow us on Twitter (X) for regular updates?



@HallingsSch @AletheiaAT @HallingPta

Mother's Day Cream Tea

On the afternoons of Monday 4th, Tuesday 5th and Wednesday 6th March, we hosted a very special Mother's Day Afternoon Tea. Over 210 cream teas were served in our school hall. It was a very special time, ahead of Mothers' Day, for our Halling Mums, Nanas and Aunties to get together and spend some quality time with their children and each other. We hope you all loved your colourful primroses too!
Thank you to all our Halling Mums for everything you do, every day.



World Book Day!



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Red Nose Day!

On Friday 15th March, the school did lots of funny things for money in aid of Comic Relief. The children and grown-ups alike laughed all day during 'Funny Five Minutes' sessions and also at break and lunchtime. Thank you so much to you all for your support with outfits, accessories and the purchasing of red noses. It was a superb effort and we have raised a fantastic amount which will go towards tackling poverty both at home and abroad. Thank you!

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

Together we raised **£796.97
for Comic Relief!**



March 2024

Halling Primary School

What have we been up to?

Year 1 & 2 Great Fire of London Workshop

In Year 1 and 2, we had the company 'Perform' visit Halling to complete an interactive workshop based around the Great Fire of London. The children had great fun in their time machine going back to 1666 and exploring the streets of London!



Minnie the Tortoise

Before Christmas, Orangutans got a class pet called Minnie. She is a tortoise that is 8 years old but is still small enough to fit on your hand. Since we have had her, Minnie has grown about 1.5 cm. She is very popular in the class and with everyone that visits our classroom – Ms Taylor is always showing Minnie to visitors at Halling! She has become a bit of a celebrity – she even took part in our mystery reader for World Book Day!

Her favourite things to do are sleeping, eating and climbing. She can be really energetic which can get her into trouble as she will often slip off her bridge or her wooden log and land on her shell upside down! Mrs Reid often has to pick her up and turn her over. When she gets stuck, Mrs Reid often calls her a menace! Her favourite foods are weeds, lettuce and strawberries. The problem with strawberries is that the juice goes all over her face and she often has a pink face!

Written by two pupils in Orangutan Class



In Term 4, pupils in Key Stage 2 had the opportunity to participate in the first round of our Trust Speaking Competition. We were incredibly proud of all of the children who participated and they presented some outstanding speeches. The winners of the first round, voted for by their peers, were: Abigail, Alice, Oliver, Iris, Pearl, Elivia and Diamond. On Monday 18th March, our winners enjoyed a Public Speaking Masterclass at Holy Trinity Primary School to help them think about how to polish their presentations ready for the next round when they will present to a panel in Term 5. Good luck everyone!

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👏👏 These children in KS2 ALL participated in @AletheiaAT speaking competition. They proudly represented their year group and we are so proud of them all for stepping outside their comfort zone. They had to speak for about 3 minutes on a topic of their choice! Amazing. 🎤👏



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👏👏 These children were voted through by their year group peers to the next round of the @AletheiaAT speaking competition with the chance to win an AMAZING prize! Watch this space... 🎤❤️



Kagan Learning Update

The school continues to embed Kagan into our daily lessons and activities. New staff have now been trained to support its use around the school and new structures are being trialled in lessons.

Children are now involved in helping to select the shortlist of celebrations that get put to a staff vote every weekend, and we share the new weekly cheer in our Monday morning assembly - videos of staff and children modelling it are shared on our X (Twitter) social media account: @HallingSch.

In addition, a leaflet has been created (thanks to Cliffe Woods Primary for the inspiration) which summarises how and why Kagan is used at Halling. The leaflet can be found on our website [here](#).

As always, if you have questions about Kagan, please do speak with either of Halling's Kagan Ambassadors: Mrs Reid and Mrs Nott.

School Meals Increase

From September 2024, the cost of our School Meals will be increased slightly from **£2.40** to **£2.50 per day** for Key Stage 2 children to keep in line with current product costs.

We have kept this increase as minimal as possible and believe our freshly cooked school dinners still provide excellent value for money, certainly against other childcare provision.

As always, we appreciate your continued support.



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Trust Music Concert

In Term 4, Ms Fielden had the pleasure of leading Halling's school choir. They had five songs to learn in only six short weeks and we were immensely proud of all of the children who represented the school at our recent Trust Music Concert. This was not just because of their fabulous performances, but for their attitude, friendship and support for each other as a group. The children were wonderfully behaved when at the concert which was amazing to see. Bring on the next one!



School Bus Project

Thank you to everyone for your kind donations and support towards our bus project on our recent non-uniform day! We collectively raised **£361.21** which was enough to reach our target to purchase the bus.

The bus has now arrived at Halling and has been situated on the playground. The children were very excited watching it make its way to its final destination! We will keep you updated on the progress of the project as things happen.

We are holding a non-uniform 'Rainbow Day' on Friday 7th June, that the PTA are kindly organising, to raise more money to help towards kitting out the bus. Each year group will be asked to wear a different colour of the rainbow for a £1 donation which will be communicated out closer to the time.

Please see below for photos of the specific bus that has made its way to our school!



SCHOOL BUS

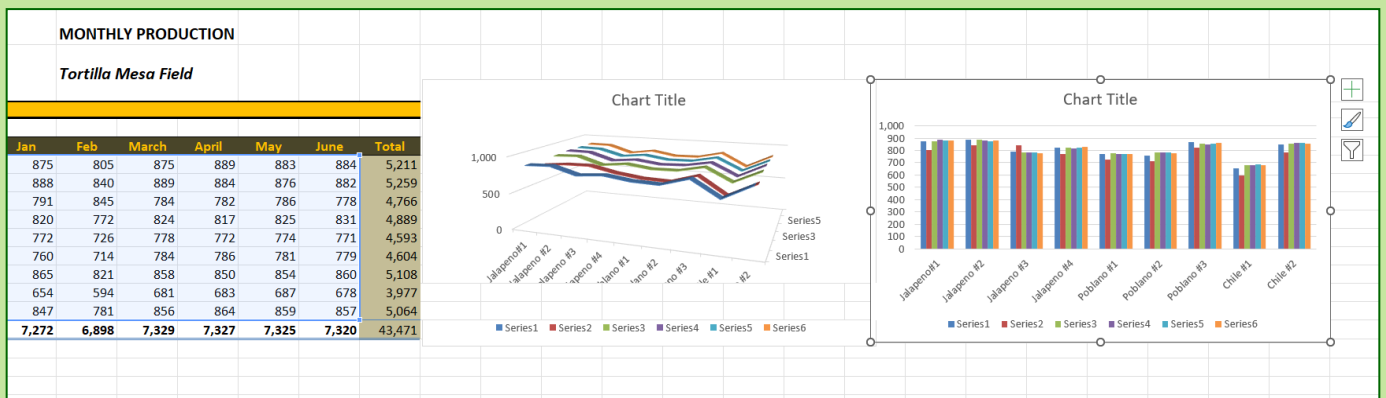
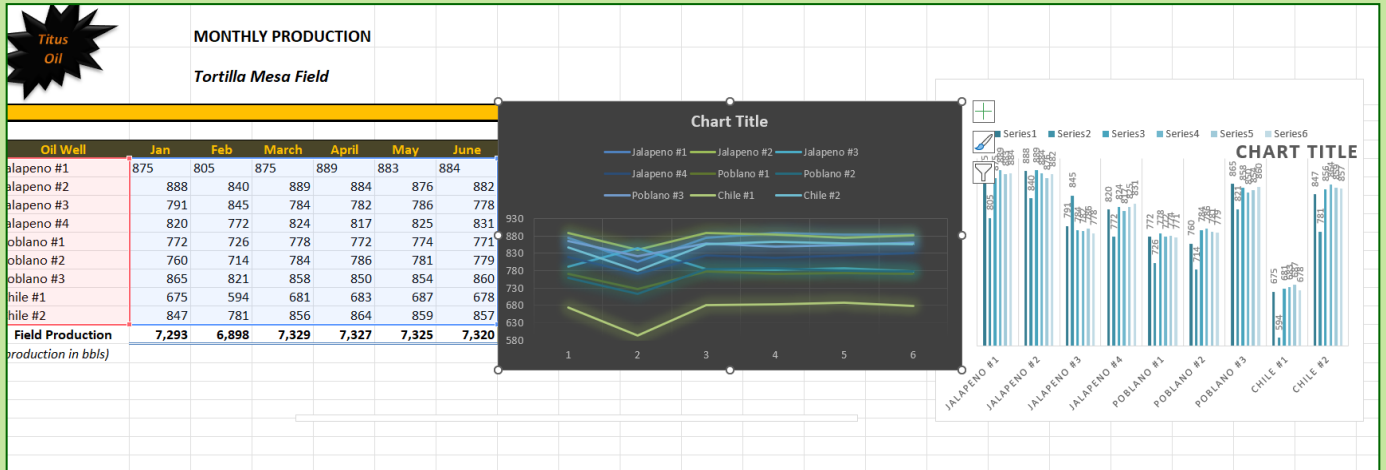


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🇬🇧 Together, we raised £361.21 for our double decker bus project. This means that as soon as it's ready we will be able to get it to Halling - Stage 1! Thank you all for your generosity. 🇬🇧

Computing Update

In Term 4, Year 4 were looking at using Excel to filter and analyse data. They started with a small table and learnt how to create different types of graphs and adjusted them to make the results clearer. One of the children sensibly asked, "Why? I can see by just looking at the table." So, we loaded up a real Excel spreadsheet of Google's share prices from 2004 to 2020. There were 4042 rows! However, with a few clicks we could see a clear pattern. Their next task is to analyse real weather data from 1948 until this year, taken from a weather station at Heathrow.



Year 5 used the online version of the 3D modelling software SketchUp to create 3D door plaques for the classrooms. We looked at how to use a reference image to trace and which images made the best ones to convert to a 3D model. They then used the tools available to trace the image and some children have started to add text. We are hoping to now 3D print some of the finished pieces.



Attendance and Punctuality

In order to reduce the number of children arriving late for school in the morning, we thought it would be another 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: [New-AAT-Attendance-Policy-Nov-2023-Halling.pdf](#)

Good time keeping at Halling Primary School means...

...being in school, on time, every day, ready to learn.



At Halling, pupils must arrive in school by **08:50** on each school day.

3
DAYS LOST

5 minutes late every day

6.5
DAYS LOST

10 minutes late every day

10
DAYS LOST

15 minutes late every day

13
DAYS LOST

20 minutes late every day

19
DAYS LOST

25 minutes late every day

Did you know? If you are 15 minutes late each day you will have missed a full 2 weeks of school in one year?

Poor punctuality results in less chance of success.

Very poor punctuality results in a serious impact on education and reduced life chances.

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:

 Miss Shona Eakins DESIGNATED SAFEGUARDING OFFICER & DSL	 Miss R. Cunningham NATIONAL LEAD SENIORITY COORDINATOR & DSL	 If the concern is about the DSL, please contact the Chair of Governors: Julie Rattenbury CHAIR OF GOVERNORS
 Ms Lisa Taylor HEADTEACHER & DSL	 Miss Courtney Martin ASSISTANT HEADTEACHER & DSL	 Mrs Claire Coleman EARLY YEARS LEAD & DSL

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 acknowledgment will be made.

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

February 2024 

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, Miss Rachel Cunningham 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.



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

Thank you to those parents who have stepped forward and already got themselves involved - your support is very much appreciated by all!

Halling's PTA continue to seek new members and, essentially, a new chair/co-chairs who they would like to transition into the role under careful support and guidance.



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

We continue 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](#).

PE/Sports Newsletter

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



The Newsletters are on our website and can be accessed by visiting: [Newsletters of Halling Primary School](#)

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



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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