



5th June 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Term 6 and I hope you all had a relaxing May Break with family and friends.

Staffing Update: Three teachers have returned to Halling following their maternity leave. Towards the end of last term, we welcomed back Mrs Alex McBride. This week, we welcome back Mrs Ashton Shepherd and Miss Emily Marshall. Mr Tony Kalli retired at the end of last term and we have invited him back into school this Friday - as part of our Celebration Assembly - to say thank you for all his hard work during his time at Halling.

The Summer Term is always exceptionally busy so please do take time to have a look at all that is happening across Terms 6 at Halling! This week, the Term 6 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: Term 6

Day:	Event:	Additional Information:
Monday 3rd June	First Day of Term 6	
Tuesday 4th June	Sports Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Details have been sent to parents
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"> Years 5 & 6 (details to follow)
Thursday 6th June	AAT Football	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Years 3 & 4 (details to follow)
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"> Years 1 & 2
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"> 8:15am - 9:00am
Friday 14th June	PTA Father's Day Gift Shop	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Details have been sent to parents
Tuesday 18th June	Class Photographs—Kittle Photographic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Whole school
Tuesday 18th June	Kagan Workshop	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2:30pm (access via the school hall)
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"> Years 5 & 6 (details to follow)
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
Wednesday 3rd July	Roots to Food Cookery Workshop	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Years 4 & 5
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	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

Day:	Event:	Additional Information:
Tuesday 9th July	STEAM DAY at Holmesdale School	• Year 5 (details to follow)
Wednesday 10th July	MYG Athletics Festival	• Year 5 & 6 (details to follow)
Thursday 11th July	PTA Outdoor Disco	• Details to follow
Friday 12th July	PTA Rules Day	• Details to follow
Tuesday 16th July	AAT Athletics	• Year 5 & 6 (details to follow)
Tuesday 16th July	Year 6 Performance to parents/carers	• Details to follow
Wednesday 17th July	Rocksteady Summer Concert	• Details to follow
Wednesday 17th July	Year 6 Performance to parents/carers	• Details to follow
Wednesday 17th July	Whole School Transition Afternoon	• Details to follow
Thursday 18th July	Year 6 Prom	• Details to follow
Friday 19th July	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly and shirt signing	• Details to follow
Friday 19th July	Last day of Term 6	• Early pick up option for Years R-5 from 1:45pm
Tuesday 3rd September	First Day of Term 1	

School Ties for Year 2 — September 2024



School ties are available to purchase throughout the year via the 'Shop' in the Arbor App. Please remember that if your child is moving from Year 2 to Year 3, they will need a school tie!

IMPORTANT MESSAGE!

Please note that on the last day of term, **Friday 19th July**, there will be an early pick up option for Years R to 5, **from 1:45pm**. However, this is not compulsory and the usual pick up time of **3:20pm** plus After School Club arrangements will remain open until **4:30pm**, if needed.

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



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What have we been up to?

Roots & Wings Art Afternoon

All schools in Aletheia Academies Trust (AAT) are taking part in an exciting project which will incorporate art and poetry.

Each school is required to produce one large piece of art or installation where the work produced will be displayed at Bluewater Shopping Centre from July 2024 to September 2024.

The artwork and poetry will be based around the theme 'Roots and Wings'. At Halling, we are going to be creating a huge pair of wings.

On Friday 17th May all the children at Halling spent the afternoon creating their feathers using a variety of mediums such as oil pastels, collage, foil embossing, water colours and marbling.



Outdoor Classroom Day



Trust Speaking Competition

In Term 5, our seven Halling finalists presented their speeches to a panel in the second round of our Trust Speaking Competition. All seven pupils were incredible competitors who blew us away with the quality of their presentations which covered a diverse range of topics.

To say we were proud of them, is an understatement!

One pupil, who prepared an outstanding speech on Simone Biles, was our overall school champion. Their prize was a trip to the Houses of Parliament alongside the winners from the other Trust schools. Later this term, they will be competing, for the final time, for the chance to be crowned the overall trust champion. Go and shine like the star you are!



Kagan Learning Update

Kagan continues to be well used across all classes and areas in the school - the children continue to love using the cheers, which are chosen by staff each week. These are shared in assembly on Monday mornings (and added to the school's social media for parents to learn them too - @HallingSch on X).

For those that are interested or couldn't make it last time it was held, Mrs Nott and Mrs Reid will be hosting another Kagan Workshop at **2:30pm on Tuesday 18th June**. If you would like to attend, please email the school office so that we can add you to the attendee list.

Further details about Kagan at Halling can be found on our website in the curriculum area.

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

Blue Peter Feature!

This year, we have been encouraging the children to apply for a Blue Peter book badge to celebrate our school's love of reading. In an exciting twist, we were subsequently asked by the TV show to send in photos and videos talking about the books and badges!

This aired on **Friday 24th May** and some of our children featured in videos at the start and in photographs throughout.

Have a look and see if you can spot yourself!

Blue Peter, Book Club Live!: www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m001zj4r via @bbcplayer.

Well done everyone! Mrs Kerrie Reid

Butterfly Habitat Fundraiser

Halling Primary School @HallingSch · 20h

🦋🦋 Thank you to everyone who supported Mrs Stephen's and Mrs Fitzgerald's fundraiser on the last day of Term 5. Together we raised £254.89 which will go towards a butterfly kit for every classroom. 🦋🦋

Halling Primary School @HallingSch · May 24

Thank you for all of your support with our Butterfly fund raise. Well done to all the children who won a special prize, we can not wait to see your creations. A big thank you to Mrs Fitzgerald and Mrs Stephen for all of their hard work. Keep your eyes peeled for more competitions



School Bus Project

I would like to start with a big thank you to everyone who has come forward with ideas, materials and offered services to help support Halling's bus project!

We have a fence that has been put up around the bus area to create a garden. We also have some wooden boards arriving so that we can board out the seats and also some foam to cover them and make a lovely seating area for the children.

Work on painting and changes to the inside of the bus should be taking place during the summer holidays.

These materials have all been kindly offered and donated by parents/carers and their companies.

I'm also in touch with an artist who would like to help with designing the outside of the bus for us.

We are still on the look out for an electrician that may like to help, so if you know of anyone please do pass their details on to us.

It is all a work in progress which will take time, but we know that the end result will be amazing!

Thank you again, Miss Chrissy Jackson



New Intake Tours 2025



Halling
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Daytime Tours - 09:45 -11:00

2 adults and the new starter per slot (no siblings) 10 slots available

Thursday 3rd October 2024
Thursday 10th October 2024
Thursday 17th October 2024
Thursday 7th November 2024

Thursday 14th November 2024
Thursday 21st November 2024
Thursday 28th November 2024

Evening Tours - 17:00 - 18:00

**2 adults and the new starter per slot (no siblings)
10 slots available**

Thursday 5th December 2024
Thursday 12th December 2024

To book a tour,
please contact
us on:
01634 240 258

Story Time Sessions - 14:45 - 15:00

1 adult and 1 child per slot - 10 slots available

Friday 4th October 2024
Friday 11th October 2024
Friday 18th October 2024
Friday 8th November 2024

Friday 15th November 2024
Friday 22nd November 2024
Friday 29th November 2024



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.



HALLING
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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:



Ms Shona Eakins
ASSISTANT HEADTEACHER,
SEND/CO & DSL



Miss R Cunningham
PASTORAL LEAD (MATERNITY COVER)
& DDSL



If the concern is about our DSLs, please contact the Chair of Governors:

Julie Rattenbury
rattenbury@halling.medway.sch.uk



Ms Lisa Taylor
HEADTEACHER & DDSL



Miss Courtney Martin
ASSISTANT HEADTEACHER & DDSL



Mrs Claire Coleman
EARLY YEARS LEAD & DDSL

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.

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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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

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](#)

The Term 5 edition will be shared next week!

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