



9th September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

The children have returned to school smiling and, as always, eager to learn. The Autumn Term is already in full swing and looking very busy so please do take time to have a look at all that is happening at Halling across Terms 1 and 2.

Thank you if you were able to get to our Year 6 parent and carer year group 'Welcome' meeting last week. We are looking forward to welcoming you to the Year 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 meetings this week. If you were/unable to attend, the PowerPoints will be added to the website by the Media Team and can be found at the top of each [class page](#). Don't forget that each year group's newsletter and class timetable will also be added to these pages - class newsletters were added last week.

Staffing Update:

We welcomed several new members of staff to Team Halling last week and they are settling in really well: Mrs Keely Sullivan (Year 1 Teacher), Miss Kerry Warner (Year 2 Teacher), Miss Rachel Ngondo (Year 2 Trainee Teacher), Mrs Emma Giles (EYFS Teaching Assistant), Mrs Lucy Moore (Year 1 Teaching Assistant) and Miss Leanne Capuano (Year 3 Teaching Assistant).

Miss Lauren Edwards gave birth to baby Oliver in August - congratulations! We are looking forward to meeting him very soon.

As you are already aware, Miss Suzy Fenson is expecting her second child and will commence her maternity leave in December 2024. Mrs Alex McBride is also expecting her second child and will commence her maternity leave in December 2024. Mrs Lisa Stephen is expecting her third child and will commence her maternity leave in November 2024. Exciting news all round!

As always, if you have any questions please do catch me, Miss Shona Eakins (Assistant Headteacher & SENDCO) or Mrs Ellie Nott (Assistant Headteacher) at the gate.

Best wishes,
Ms Lisa Taylor
Headteacher



Halling Primary School Diary Dates: Terms 1 & 2

Day:	Event:	Additional Information:
Monday 9th September	Year 2 Parent and Carer Welcome Meeting	• 14:45 in Hall
Tuesday 10th September	Year 4 Parent and Carer Welcome Meeting	• 14:45 in Hall
Wednesday 11th September	Year 3 Parent and Carer Welcome Meeting	• 14:45 in Hall
Thursday 12th September	Year 1 Parent and Carer Welcome Meeting	• 14:45 in Hall
Friday 13th September	Year 5 Parent and Carer Welcome Meeting	• 14:45 in Hall
Monday 16th September	EYFS KM Newspaper Class Photograph	
Tuesday 17th September & Wednesday 18th September	Medway Test	• Year 6 Registered Pupils
Thursday 19th September & Friday 20th September	Medway Test (Special Arrangements)	• Year 6 Registered Pupils
Thursday 26th September	Aletheia Academies Trust (AAT) Netball	• Year 5 & Year 6 • Details to follow
Friday 27th September	National Teaching Assistants' Day	• Thank you to all our TAs and HLTAs!
Friday 27th September	PTA Fundraising: Christmas Craft Afternoon	• Helpers required so please email to sign up: PTA@halling.medway.sch.uk
The Month of October	Black History Month	
Thursday 3rd October	Census Day	• Look out for Donna's themed menu!
Thursday 3rd October	National Poetry Day	



Day:	Event:	Additional Information:
Thursday 3rd October	Open Classroom	• 15:30 - 16:00
Saturday 5th October	World Teacher Day	• Thank you to all our teachers!
Wednesday 9th October	Whole School Harvest Festival	• Halling are supporting Caring Hands • Children and staff only • Details to follow from Miss Seymour
Thursday 10th October	World Mental Health Day	• Details to follow
Thursday 10th October	Mini Youth Games (MYG) Hockey	• Year 5 & Year 6 • Details to follow
Friday 11th October	PTA Fundraising: Bring Sweets/Chocolate	• Letter to follow from PTA
Friday 11th October	Social Media and Electronic Devices Parent & Carer Workshop	• 2:30pm ALL invited • Letter to follow from Mrs Crittall
Wednesday 16th October	AAT Tag Rugby	• Year 5 & Year 6 • Details to follow
Thursday 17th October	PTA School Disco	• Helpers required so please email to sign up: PTA@halling.medway.sch.uk
Friday 18th October	Wear Red Day	• Letter to follow
Monday 21st October	Flu Immunisations Day at Halling	• Year R - Year 6
Tuesday 22nd October	Last Day of Term 1	
Wednesday 23rd October	Staff Development Day	• Children DO NOT Attend
Monday 4th November	First Day of Term 2	
Tuesday 5th November	MYG Basketball	• Year 5 & Year 6 • Details to follow
Tuesday 5th November	Individual and Sibling Photographs	• Details to follow
Saturday 9th November	Halling Firework Display	• Details to follow
Monday 11th November	Remembrance Assembly	• Children and staff only
wb: Monday 11th November	Anti-Bullying Week	• Choose RESPECT!
Tuesday 12th November	Odd Socks Day	• Details to follow
Tuesday 12th November	Parent & Carer Consultation Meetings	• 3:30pm until 7:00pm • Letter to follow from Ms Taylor
Thursday 14th November	Parent & Carer Consultation Meetings	• 3:30pm until 6:00pm • Letter to follow from Ms Taylor
Friday 15th November	BBC Children in Need Charity Fundraising Day	• Letter to follow from Mrs Nott and Halling's Communications Team
wb: Monday 18th November	UK Parliament Week	• Details to follow
Thursday 28th November	MYG Badminton	• Year 5 & Year 6 • Details to follow
Friday 29th November	PTA Fundraising: Bring a Gift Bag	• Letter to follow from PTA

Day:	Event:	Additional Information:
Wednesday 4th December	Rocksteady Christmas Concert	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Details to follow
Friday 6th December	PTA Fundraising: Quiz Night	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Letter to follow from PTA
Monday 9th 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 Mrs Nott
Tuesday 10th 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 Mrs Nott
Tuesday 10th December	EYFS Christmas Performance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2:00pm @ School Hall - ticketed event Letter to follow from Mrs Coleman
Wednesday 11th December	Year 1 Christmas Performance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2:00pm @ School Hall - ticketed event Letter to follow from Ms Eakins
Thursday 12th December	Year 2 Christmas Performance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2:00pm @ School Hall - ticketed event Letter to follow from Ms Eakins
Thursday 12th December	Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Letter to follow from Ms Taylor
Tuesday 17th December	PTA Fundraising: Christmas Disco	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Letter to follow from PTA
Wednesday 18th December	Christmas Dinner Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wear your Christmas Jumper!
Thursday 19th December	Halling's Got Christmas Talent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Details to follow
Friday 20th December	Class Parties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Details to follow
Friday 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
Monday 6th January	Staff Development Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children DO NOT attend
Tuesday 7th January	First Day of Term 3	



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@HallingSch @AletheiaAT @HallingPta



School Ties for Years 3-6

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

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ASDA is running their Cashpot for Schools until **30.11.2024**. Every time you shop in ASDA and scan your shopping, we get some money! This comes from ASDA, **not from you**, so it's a win-win situation.

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We will share the total amount raised across the school once the scheme has expired.

Please tell aunties, uncles, grandparents, friends, neighbours and let's see how much we can raise!

[Cashpot for schools \(asda.com\)](https://asda.com/cashpot-for-schools)

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Opt into the Cashpot for Schools campaign and select a specific primary school or select 'Schools in Need'.

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3

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The money raised will be donated through Parentkind to schools to spend on what they need most. This won't affect your own Cashpot earn.

Once opted in and selected a school, we will add £1 to your chosen schools Cashpot to help get them started.

Each school will get an additional £50 added to their Cashpot, after at least one customer has shopped and scanned their Rewards app.

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Halling Primary School PTA are fundraising through: [Your School Lottery](https://yourschoollottery.co.uk)

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It's simple—choose 6 numbers between 0-9 and if they match the weekly lottery draw, you win great prizes. One of our players will win a cash prize every week, maybe even the £25k jackpot! Tickets cost just £1 per week and the proceeds are donated to Halling Primary School

Every Saturday at 8pm the numbers are drawn and posted online. Winners are notified by email and winnings paid into the account of your choice.

The easiest way to join our lottery is online at [YourSchoolLottery.co.uk](https://yourschoollottery.co.uk) by direct debit or debit card.

It's so easy to join and will make a real difference to Halling Primary School

- **40p** goes to our school
- **36p** goes to cash prizes
- **20p** goes to admin costs
- **4p** goes to VAT

The Maths... 100 tickets sold a week means

= **£30** weekly cash prize

= **£2,080** a year for our school



To start supporting, visit:
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and search for: Halling Primary

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You'll be able to see how much you've raised in your account and we'll send updates on when Halling Primary School gets paid.



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6th September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well. As the Chair of the Halling PTA, I wanted to inform you about some important updates regarding our fundraising events for the children at our school.

After discussing with the school office, we have decided that all PTA events for each term will now be listed on Arbor at the beginning of the term. This change is intended to give you ample time to make payments for events such as discos and items on School Shop.

However, please note that once the payment deadline has passed, we will not be able to reopen Arbor for additional payments. This decision is based on safeguarding concerns and the need to manage event numbers accurately.

Allowing children to be added after the deadline, creates serious safeguarding issues. I want to emphasise that the office staff will not be able to reopen the system under any circumstances or take any cash/BACS payments as these are PTA-managed events.

We hope that you will appreciate the extended period available for payments and understand that the safety and security of our children must always be our top priority.

Thank you for your continued support.

Best regards,

Victoria Connor

Chair of Halling PTA

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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.

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 25p.



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 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!

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

Join the PTA!



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 Mrs Nott (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 pupils, has launched a PE/Sports Newsletter to showcase all of the amazing sporting achievements across the school.



Halling's
Spectacular Sports
Newsletter



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

Watch this space...

LITTLE CHEFS

A course which promotes positive relationships with food, learning basic cookery skills & socialising with other children/ families.

6 week course
2 - 4 year olds

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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 here.](#)



Is Your Child Missing Out?

The school could be missing out on funding of up to £1,455 per year to help further support your child!

What is Pupil Premium?

Pupil Premium is a grant given out to schools for each child, from a family on low income. The school uses it to plan and support learning opportunities for these children.

Do you receive any of the following?

- Income support
- Income-based Jobseekers allowance
- Child Tax Credit only, with income less than £16,190
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Asylum Seekers Support
- Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit

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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,
SENDCo & DSL



Mrs Rachel Crittall
PASTORAL LEAD (MATERNITY COVER)
& DSL



Ms Lisa Taylor
HEADTEACHER & DSL



Mrs Ellie Rott
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 **Mrs Rachel Crittall** (in Ms Eakins' absence). The Senior Leadership Team and Safeguarding Team will have responsibilities regarding children under Social Services or with Child Protection issues.



September 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, Mrs Rachel Crittall 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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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