8th January 2025



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!

This term, we extend a warm 'Team Halling' welcome to Miss Heidi Long. Miss Long will be teaching Leopards. Mrs Josie Stone returns from maternity leave and will be teaching across both Flamingos and Gharials. Mrs Ellie Nott (Assistant Headteacher & Curriculum Lead) will be non-class based in order to focus on leadership priorities across the whole school. Our staffing structure can be found here on our website.

Next, 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 will soon be 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 Mrs Nott at the gate.

Best wishes and Happy New Year!

Ms Lisa Taylor

Letays.

Headteacher



### Halling Primary School Diary Dates: Terms 3 & 4



Day:	Event:	Additional Information:		
Monday 6th January	Staff Development Day	No children in school		
Tuesday 7th January	First Day of Term 3			
Thursday 16th January	Class Assembly - Gharials	Please arrive at 09:00 via the school hall doors		
Thursday 16th January	Census Day	Look out for Donna's special themed menu!		
Friday 17th January	Mini Youth Games Swimming	Years 5 & 6 - details to follow from Mr Harrison		
Wednesday 22nd January	AAT Dodgeball	Years 3 & 4 - details to follow from Mr Harrison		
Thursday 23rd January	Class Assembly - Pelicans	Please arrive at 09:00 via the school hall doors		
Friday 24th January	Roots to Food Cookery Workshop	Years 3 & 4, in school		
Friday 24th January	Young Voices Choir Trip	O2 Arena, London		
Tuesday 28th January	Holocaust Memorial Day			
Thursday 30th January	Diversity Day			
Thursday 30th January	Open Classroom	• 15:30 - 16:00		
Monday 3rd February	NCMP Height and Weight Checks	Year R & Year 6 - details to follow		
Thursday 6th February	Class Assembly - Orangutans	Please arrive at 09:00 via the school hall doors		
Thursday 6th February	Mini Youth Games Table Tennis	Years 5 & 6 - details to follow from Mr Harrison		
Friday 7th February	Booster Cushion Theatre Company	Years R, 1 & 2, in school		

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Day:	Event:	Additional Information:
Friday 7th February	Number/TTRS Day	Details to follow from Miss Leese
Mon 10th - Wed 12th February	Scholastic Book Fair	Details to follow from Mrs Nicholls
Tuesday 11th February	Safer Internet Day	Details to follow from Miss Sullivan
Thursday 13th February	PTA Valentines Disco	Details to follow from the PTA
Friday 14th February	Last Day of Term 3	
Monday 24th February	First Day of Term 4	
Wednesday 5th March	Mini Youth Games Cross Country	Years 4, 5 & 6 - details to follow from Mr Harrison
Thursday 6th March	World Book Day	Details to follow from Mrs Nicholls
Thursday 6th March	PTA Wonka Bars	Details to follow from the PTA
Thursday 13th March	Class Assembly - Geckos	Please arrive at 09:00 via the school hall doors
Thursday 13th March	AAT Basketball	Years 5 & 6 - details to follow from Mr Harrison
Friday 14th March	Staff Development Day	No children in school
Tuesday 18th March	Living History Workshop - The Romans	Year 4, in school
Thursday 20th March	Class Assembly - Bears	Please arrive at 09:00 via the school hall doors
Friday 21st March	Red Nose Day	Details to follow from Mrs Nott
Monday 24th March	Mother's Day Afternoon Tea	Details to follow from Ms Taylor
Tuesday 25th March	AAT Trust Concert	Woodville Halls - details to follow from Mrs Stone
Wednesday 26th March	Mother's Day Afternoon Tea	Details to follow from Ms Taylor
Thursday 27th March	Class Assembly - Penguins	Please arrive at 09:00 via the school hall doors
Thursday 27th March	Mother's Day Afternoon Tea	Details to follow from Ms Taylor
Friday 28th March	PTA Mother's Day Gift Shop	Details to follow from the PTA
Tuesday 1st April	Parent & Carer Consultation Meetings	• 15:30 - 18:00
Wednesday 2nd April	Rock Steady Concert	• In school
Thursday 3rd April	Parent & Carer Consultation Meetings	• 15:30 - 19:00
Thursday 3rd April	Mini Youth Games Netball	Years 5 & 6 - details to follow from Mr Harrison

### **School Ties for Years 3-6**

**PTA Easter Egg Hunt** 

Last Day of Term 4

First Day of Term 5

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



Friday 4th April

Friday 4th April

**Tuesday 22nd April** 

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

@HallingSch @AletheiaAT @HallingPta



Early pick up from 1:30pm (optional)

Remembrance Day



# Children in Need!



Halling Primary School @HallingSch · Nov 15

Wow, we are so overwhelmed by the donations, thank you!!!

All these cakes are available today on the playground after school!
Any and all donations welcome for @BBCCiN!







Well done and thank you, everyone!

Together we raised £730.13 for BBC Children in Need!



November 2024

**Halling Primary School** 

# Christmas Events 4











# Christmas Events 4









# Christmas Events

Well done everyone!

Together we raised £282.44 for Save the Children



December 2024

**Halling Primary School** 

Well done and thank you, everyone!

Together Halling Primary School raised £45.75 from gate donations.



**December 2024** 







# Kagan Update

Kagan continues to be a driving strategy for teaching and learning within our school. All classes continue to use it well within their lessons and our five core structures - Rally Robin, Rally Coach, Round Robin, Timed Pair Share and, Stand Up, Hand Up, Pair Up - are fully embedded into lessons.

Class Builders and Team Builders are as important as the structures used in lessons to support teaching and learning. These take place weekly in classrooms (normally on a Tuesday) and encourage social skills, interaction with peers and, they help to bring a different element of fun to the classroom. On our most recent Staff Development Day, teachers and support staff all got very involved in a Class Builder/Team Builder which may well feature next with the children in their classes. Can you guess what they had to do?

'Cheer of the Week' is another element that the children continue to really enjoy and continues at Halling. We always share these on our social media (X) account. Why not ask your child what our 'Cheer' is?

More information about Kagan can be found on our school website - please visit the curriculum overview area for more details:

Curriculum Overview: Broad and Balanced Syllabus





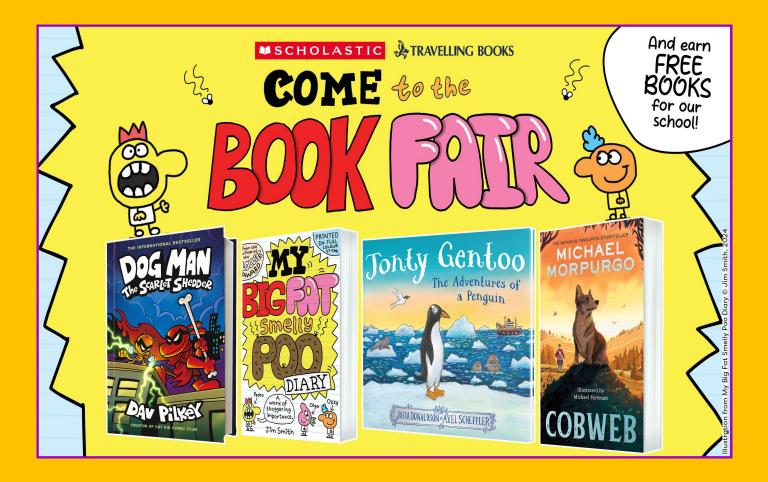








# Scholastic Book Fair



We are really excited to be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair on the week beginning the 10<sup>th</sup> February. Purchasing from the book fair will help to earn the school free books.

More information will follow from Mrs Nicholls and the Reading Ambassadors.

# WOW - The Walk to School Challenge

Halling Primary School has chosen to be part of an exciting behaviour-change initiative to encourage more children and their families to walk to school. **WOW – the walk to school challenge** is delivered by Living Streets, the UK charity for everyday walking, to help as many children as possible to experience the benefits of walking to school.

The pupil-led challenge will see children self-report how they get to school every day. If they travel sustainably at least once a week for a month, they get rewarded with a badge. It's that simple!

#### What are the benefits of walking to school?

Walking to school helps children feel happier and healthier. They arrive refreshed, healthy and ready to learn. More families walking means fewer cars on the road, helping to reduce congestion and pollution at the school gates.

#### What if we can't walk to school?

If you live too far away or don't have time to walk the whole way to school, you can Park and Stride to help your child earn their WOW badge. Simply park, hop off public transport or ask your taxi to stop at least ten minutes away from the school and walk the remaining journey.

### What is a WOW badge?

There is a unique WOW badge to earn every month if you walk, wheel, cycle, scoot or Park and Stride at least once a week. Each badge has been designed by a pupil from across the UK as part of an annual WOW Badge Design Competition.

The badges are made in Cornwall from repurposed plastic material that was otherwise destined for landfill, including fridge trays, plastic plates and yoghurt pot off-cuts. For more information, please

visit: WOW - the walk to school challenge

In the UK, thousands of schools and around one million pupils are enjoying the benefits of walking to school with WOW. Will you join us?



# School Bus Project

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

I just wanted to give you a little update. Over the last few months, we have been working hard to get more things achieved such as, the electrics which have now been completed. We have had new flooring laid upstairs. Downstairs is yet to be finished due to the cold weather. Tables have been built, and seats are starting to take shape with new foam and coverings.

It is all a work in progress which will take time, but we know that the end result will be amazing! We can't wait to see the additional learning environment completed for the children and staff to benefit from.

Thank you again for the support we have had from parents, small companies, children and staff, that have donated and/or given us their time and skills to help us to get to where we are now with our bus!

We are hoping that our bus will be ready for a grand opening at the end of Term 4 or start of Term 5.

Thank you again, Miss Chrissy Jackson (Teaching Assistant)





# Halling's Head Pupils: 2024-2025



#### **Pupil Voice**

This term, we will be introducing Suggestion Boxes to each year group.

It is another way for pupils to have their voices heard! It's very exciting!

A massive thanks to the Bridges family for purchasing the Suggestion Boxes for our children at Halling.

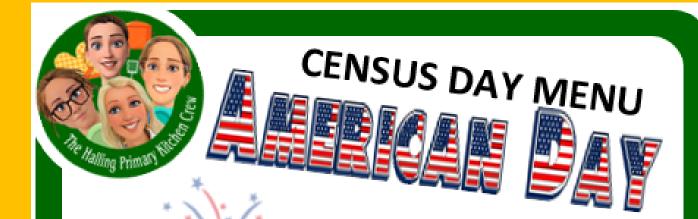












# Thursday 16th January

Please place your order on the day!

Beef Burger & Chips
Quorn Burger & Chips
Baked Beans or Sweetcorn











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

# Thank you!

Thank you for the recent and very generous anonymous donation from one of our families. This will go towards future curriculum projects to enhance the children's learning opportunities.

Thank you also to the parent (who wishes to remain anonymous) who spent time during the Christmas Break erecting the fencing in our Year 1 area. It will make a huge difference to our Year 1 children and teachers, by providing an even safer outside learning area.



In Term 3, Open Class is on Thursday 30th 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: Gharials (16th January), Leopards (30th January) and Orangutans (6th February).

In Term 4, the following classes will be sharing their learning in a class assembly: Geckos (13th March),

Bears (20th March) and Penguins (27th March).

These 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!

There will be further class assemblies during Term 5 and Term 6. Dates to follow.







#### **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!

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.



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.



### **CCSN Ink Cartridge Collection**

If you have any new/used printer ink cartridges you would like to dispose of, we have a recycling point in the school office and all proceeds go to the 'Critical Care Support Network' charity. They do not accept Laser/Toner cartridges.

#### Thank you!





Unfortunately, we continue to receive complaints and photographs from residents in the local community who live in the roads closest to our school.

We also regularly receive complaints and photographs 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 on/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.

One of Halling's Core Values is: Respect.



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

Thank you!



Medway Council are still recruiting for a Road Crossing Patrol. Please do share this information with anyone who you think may be interested.

They will need to apply online via the Medway Council website.

Thank you!



## We're updating the way we enforce school keep clear measures at Halling Primary School

We are introducing static camera enforcement to better manage the existing school keep clear measures outside Halling Primary School, on Howlsmere Close.

School keep clear markings provide safe, visible areas for students to cross the road and enter the school grounds. The school keep clear is currently enforced using camera cars and foot patrol officers. By updating to a static camera we can better enforce current restrictions and encourage safer and compliant parking, for the benefit of children, their families and road users.

The enforcement of school keep clear measures is designed to create a clear space for ease of access to help protect children on their way to and from school.

To ensure the keep clear zone is highly visible for drivers and pedestrians there will be new signage and clearly marked lines painted on the road.

Cameras will be installed from 25 November 2024. These cameras are only used for the purpose of enforcing this parking restriction.

If you have any comments or questions regarding these safety enforcement measures, please email:

consultation@projectcentre.co.uk.

# Your School Lottery

Halling Primary School PTA are fundraising through: Your School Lottery



To start supporting, visit:

yourschoollottery.co.uk
and search for: Halling Primary

GambleAware



# Easy Fundraising

Halling Primary School PTA are fundraising through: Easyfundraising



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How to support Halling Primary School

#### Sign up

Provide us with a few details to set up your profile with easyfundraising.

#### Download our browser extension

Our Donation Reminder plug-in pops up automatically when you shop to let you know when a donation is available.

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#### Track your donations

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.

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 this academic year - 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:



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!

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Our Complaints Policy can be found <u>here</u>.

### **PE/Sports Newsletter**

Mr Harrison, along with the help of our pupils, produces a termly 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

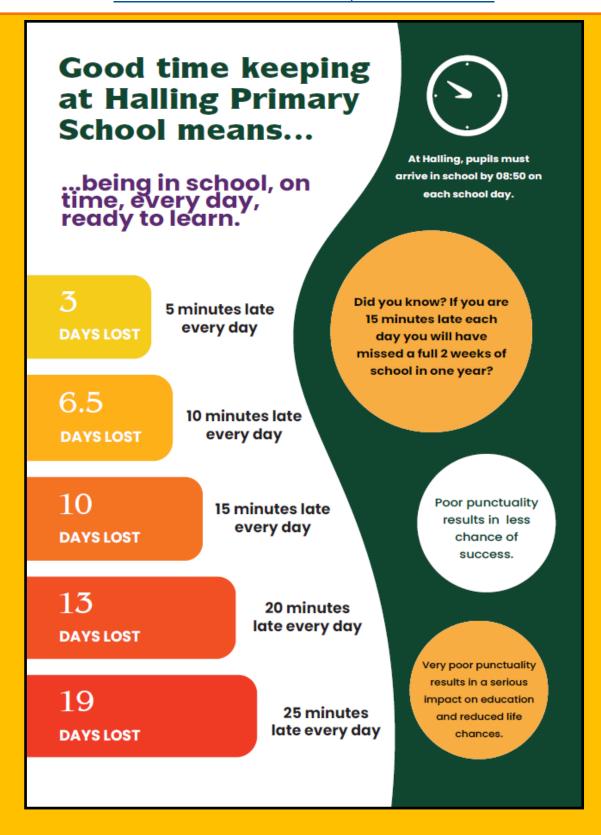
Watch this space...

### **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 <u>08:50</u> 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 recieve 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







To apply online visit: <a href="https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/free-school-meals">https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/free-school-meals</a> or if you would like help with your application, please visit the office who will assist you.





## 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, <u>YOU MUST</u> report it to one of our Designated Safeguarding Team.

### The Designated Safeguarding Team are:



If the concern is about our DSLs, pieces contact the Chair of Governors: Julie Rattenbury







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 Ms Lisa Taylar (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 Ellie Nott and Ms Lisa Taylor.

# 2024-2025 Term Dates



TERM DATES: 2024 - 2025

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

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

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

## **2025-2026 Term Dates**

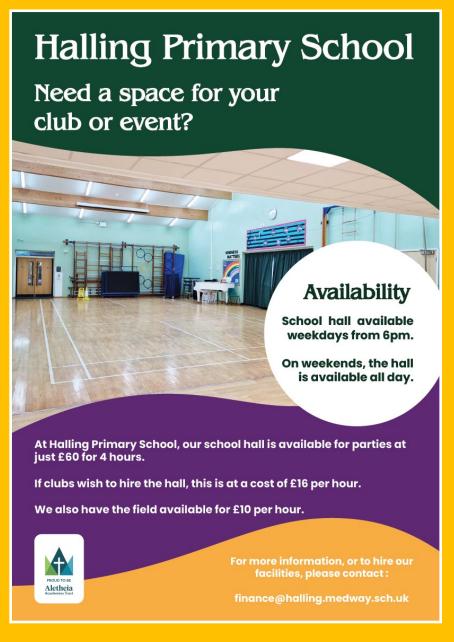


TERM DATES: 2025 - 2026

Term 1	Wednesday 3rd September – Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> October 2025
Break	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> October – Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> October 2025
Term 2	Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> October – Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2025
Break	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December 2025 – Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2026
Term 3	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> January – Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February 2026
Break	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> February – Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> February 2026
Term 4	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February – Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April 2026
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### **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, 2025!