4th June 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Term 6 and I trust you all had a restful May Break with family and friends. The children have returned to school smiling and, as always, keen to learn. What awful weather yesterday - please note that Sports Day has been rescheduled for Friday 11th July.

The Summer Term is always exceptionally busy so please do take time to have a look at all that is happening across Term 6 at Halling! The year group newsletters will soon be available on our website and can be accessed <u>here</u> 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 or one of our Assistant Headteachers, Miss Eakins or Mrs Nott, at the gate.



Ms Lisa Taylor **Headteacher**



Halling Primary School Diary Dates: Term 6



Day:	Event:	Additional Information:
Monday 2nd June	First Day of Term 6	
Thursday 5th June	MYG Football	Years 5 & 6, details to follow from Mr Harrison
Friday 6th June	PTA Father's Day Gift Shop	Year 6 ONLY
Thursday 12th June	Class Assembly—Owlets	Please arrive at 9:00am via the school hall doors
Friday 13th June	PTA Father's Day Gift Shop	Years R-5
Tuesday 17th June	Father's Day Breakfast	8:15am on the school field
Tuesday 17th June	Kittle Photographic—Class Photos	Please make sure your Arbor permissions are up to date
Thursday 19th June	Class Assembly—Ducklings	Please arrive at 9:00am via the school hall doors
Friday 20th June	Medway Road Safety Visit	Year 6, in school
Thursday 26th June	MYG Kwik Cricket	Years 5 & 6, details to follow from Mr Harrison
Friday 27th June	AAT Non-Uniform Day—Cancer Research	Details to follow
Wednesday 2nd July	Hearing and Vision Checks	Year R, in school
Thursday 3rd July	Class Assembly—Leopards	Please arrive at 9:00am via the school hall doors
Monday 7th July	Staff Development Day	No children in school
Tuesday 8th July	MYG Athletics	Years 5 & 6, details to follow from Mr Harrison
Wednesday 9th July	AAT Year 6 Leavers' Ceremony	Rochester Cathedral, details to follow
Wednesday 9th July	Rocksteady Concert	• In school
Wednesday 9th July	Staff VS Year 6 Rounders Match	Details to follow
Friday 11th July	Whole School Sports Day—*New Date*	Please refer to original letter
Tuesday 15th July	AAT Athletics	Years 5 & 6, details to follow from Mr Harrison
Wednesday 16th July	Year 6 Production	• 9:30am—11:00am, in school
Wednesday 16th July	Medway Council Road Safety—Seatbelt Sled	Year 5, in school
Wednesday 16th July	PTA Outdoor Disco	Details to follow from the PTA
Thursday 17th July	Year 6 Production	• 5:00pm—6:30pm, in school
Friday 18th July	PTA Sponsored Event	Details to follow from the PTA

Tuesday 22nd July	Year 6 Prom	•	5:00pm—7:00pm, in school
Wednesday 23rd July	Year 6 Leavers' Service and Shirt Signing	•	9:15am-10:30am approx, in school
Wednesday 23rd July	Last Day of Term 6	•	Early pick up from 1:30pm (optional)
1st September 2025	Staff Development Day	•	No children in school
2nd September 2025	Staff Development Day	•	No children in school
Wednesday 3rd September	First Day of Term 1		

School Ties for Year 2—September 2025

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

If your child is in Year 2, they will need to wear a school tie from September.

Class Assemblies

In Term 6, the following classes will be sharing their learning in a class assembly: Owlets (12th June), Ducklings (19th June) and Leopards (3rd July).

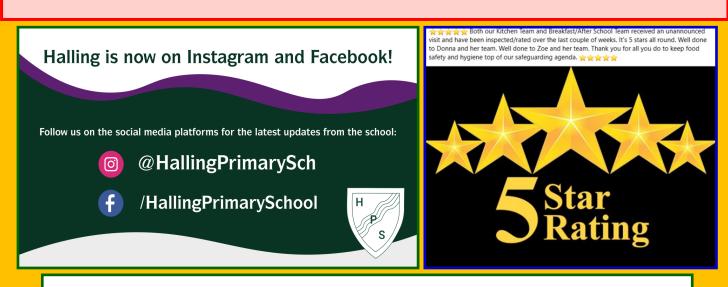
These class assemblies will all start at 9:05am in the school hall.

Entry will be through the hall doors, just after 9:00am.

Younger children and grandparents are all welcome too!

IMPORTANT MESSAGE!

Please note that on the last day of term, **Wednesday 23rd July**, there will be an early pick up option for Years R to 5, **from 1:30pm**. 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.



Please remember to update your social media permissions in Arbor!

We have lots we want to be able to photograph and share with you all on our new platforms!

Outdoor Classroom Day!

What is Outdoor Classroom Day?

Outdoor Classroom Day is a global movement to inspire and celebrate outdoor play and learning, at home and at school. On Outdoor Classroom Day itself, Halling Primary celebrate with a special day outdoors for each class from EYFS through to Year 6. We bring as much of our learning outdoors so that we can enjoy our beautiful surroundings whilst still enjoying our learning.

Children are spending less time outdoors than ever before and this is affecting their health, wellbeing and development. Time outdoors – on Outdoor Classroom Day and every day – will make children happier and healthier, as well as equipping them with the skills they need for life. Activities that we have particularly enjoyed at Halling this year are; pond dipping, minibeast hunts, orienteering, team building activities, Den building and poetry inspired by our surroundings. The list goes on!

Thank you for your generous donations of bulbs, flowers and cash. We managed to raise £133.90 in total for the school garden!



VE Day!

The 80th anniversary of VE Day happened on 8th May this year. As a school, we held a special assembly on Wednesday 6th May, which included a 1 minute silence.

On Friday 9th May, the school came together to have a picnic lunch up on the field and then enjoyed the rest of the hour playing traditional 1940s games. These included hopscotch (which the Year 6 girls enjoyed drawing on the playground for the younger children!), marbles and hoops. Some children were also invited onto the field for a game of kick rounders.

In the afternoon, all year groups were lucky enough to have a visitor - Reception and Key Stage 1 were visited by Mr Collins, an ex-soldier, who spoke to them about the importance of remembering those who died during war. He also bought in some artefacts for the children to look at. Mr Head, Mrs Parsons and Mrs Chadwick, who are local residents that live in Halling, kindly came in to speak to the Key Stage 2 classes about life in the village during the war and what their memories of VE Day were. The children thoroughly enjoyed listening to what they had to say and asked some very insightful questions!

A big thank you to these adults for taking the time to come and talk to our children and to Mr Thorne for acting as a taxi for some of them. We look forward to welcoming them back to Halling soon!

A final thank you to Parents and Carers as we raised £145 for the Royal British Legion.



Kagan Update

The nicer weather means that classes have been able to make it outside more regularly for our Kagan class and team builders, which continue to happen on Tuesday mornings.

Our new orienteering map has also allowed for even more exciting activities to be planned in this time slotthis is an exciting development for the school and we hope to use it more and more as staff and children get confident using it.

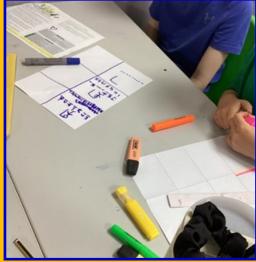
The staff at Halling continue to create a bank of resources for Kagan games and activities. If you have any sets of **playing cards, chalks or marbles** that you no longer need, we would be grateful for any donations!

Please pop them in to the school office, thank you in advance!

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









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.

The outside of the bus has been hand-painted by one of our very talented parents. I'm sure you can all agree that it looks amazing! Thank you to them for all their hard work.

The cushions for the inside of the bus are taking shape and are being made by the lovely Mrs Medhurst to create comfortable seating areas for the children throughout the bus.

PLEA - We are on the hunt for some artificial grass to go in the bus garden area, if anyone can help or knows of any reputable companies it would be greatly appreciated. Also, we are looking for some black chalk paint to go on the outside of the bus as part of the outdoor learning area.

Thank you again, Mrs Chrissy Lalami (Teaching Assistant)



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?





Halling's Head Pupils: 2024-2025



Pupil Voice

Halling has some new suggestion boxes which have started to be used by pupils. They are used for ideas to help and improve the school and to ensure that children at Halling have a voice. Some suggestions have included: a new reading system, healthier options on the lunch menu and much more. Every Monday, the Communications Team meet up with Mrs Nott and go through the suggestions to make sure pupil voices at Halling are heard!











IRISH DANCING CLASSES COMING TO HALLING PRIMARY SCHOOL

- Girls & boys aged 4 and above
- Wednesdays 5:45pm-6:45pm
- £6 per class
- Limited spaces available
- FIRST TWO CLASSES FREE
- Starting Wednesday 5th March

Contact Emily on 07522686454 thekentacademyofirishdance@outlook.com

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!





Thank you to all those parents and carers who are now parking much more considerately during drop-off and pick-up times.

We have received a fewer number of complaints from local residents, parents and carers, combined.

As we know, the school run is such a busy time and the roads closest to school always become heavily congested.

The safety of our children and their families is a priority and the last thing we want is for anyone to get hurt.

Thank you if you have been participating in our WOW initiative - see page 7 of newsletter. The children are certainly very proud of their badges.



Please continue to 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 5mph at all times.

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!

Safeguarding at Drop-Off and Pick-Up Times

For safeguarding reasons, please can you ensure that your children are supervised when entering our school site.

No children should be going up on to our school field, using our outdoor gym equipment or playing in our multi use games arena. These areas are strictly out of bounds.

We also politely request that our school playground resources and equipment are not used, before or after school.

Thank you for your support.

Your School Lottery

Halling Primary School PTA are fundraising through: Your School Lottery



ASDA Cashpot for Schools

ASDA's Cashpot for Schools initiative has now expired and we can now reveal that everybody collectively raised £210 for the school!

Thank you to everybody that thought of us when scanning their shopping!

Easy Fundraising

Halling Primary School PTA are fundraising through: Easyfundraising



Raise FREE donations for

Halling Primary School

every time you shop online

Find us on easyfundraising.org.uk

Shop at over 4,000 online stores































GET STARTED

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 still 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!

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

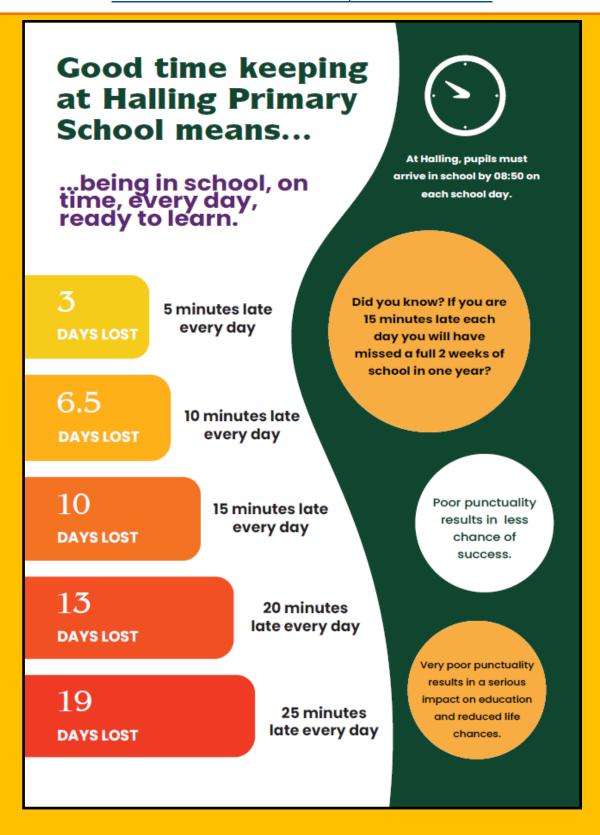
Watch this space...

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: https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/free-school-meals 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, please contact the Chair of Governors:

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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 Eakins or Mrs Debbie Tyler (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 2025

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 Debbie Tyler, Mrs Ellie Nott and Ms Lisa
Taylor.

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 7th January – Friday 14th 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

2025-2026 Term Dates



TERM DATES: 2025 - 2026

Term 1	Wednesday 3rd September – Thursday 16 th October 2025	
Break	Friday 17 th October – Monday 27 th October 2025	
Term 2	Tuesday 28 th October – Friday 19 th December 2025	
Break	Monday 22 nd December 2025 – Monday 5 th January 2026	
Term 3	Tuesday 6 th January – Friday 13 th February 2026	
Break	Monday 16 th February – Friday 20 th February 2026	
Term 4	Monday 23 rd February – Thursday 2 nd April 2026	
Break	Friday 3 rd April – 17 th April 2026 Good Friday – 3 rd April 2026, Easter Monday – 6 th April 2026	
Term 5	Monday 20 th April – Friday 22 nd May 2026 Bank Holiday – Monday 4 th May 2026	
Break	Monday 25 th May – Friday 29 th May 2026	
Term 6	Monday 1 st June – Tuesday 21 st July 2026	

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Monday 1st September 2025 Tuesday 2nd September 2025 Friday 17th October 2025 Monday 27th October 2025 Monday 5th January 2026 Friday 13th March 2026 Monday 6th July 2026

Halling Primary School

Need a space for your club or event?



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