



10th September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, thank you for your patience during our recent building work which, I am pleased to say, is now all complete!

Our children have returned to school smiling and, as always, eager to learn. Our youngest children started at their BIG school this week and are already having great fun as they explore and learn as 'Ducklings' and 'Owlets'.

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 have already attended one of our parent/carer year group 'Welcome' meetings. We are looking forward to welcoming you to the remaining meetings! If you were/are unable to attend, the PowerPoints will be added retrospectively to the website and can be found on each [class page](#). Don't forget that each year group's newsletter and class timetable will also be added to these class pages.

As always, if you have any questions please do catch me or Mrs Nott (Assistant Headteacher) at the gate.

*Lisa Taylor*

Ms Lisa Taylor  
Headteacher



## Halling Primary School Diary Dates: Terms 1 & 2



Day:	Event:	Additional Information:
Wednesday 10th September	Parent and Carer Meetings—Year 1	• School Hall, 2:45-3:15pm
Thursday 11th September	Parent and Carer Meetings—Year 2	• School Hall, 2:45-3:15pm
Friday 12th September	Parent and Carer Meetings—Year 4	• School Hall, 2:45-3:15pm
Friday 12th September	'School Bus' Grand Opening	• Children Only 1:30pm
Monday 15th September	Parent and Carer Meetings—Year 3	• School Hall, 2:45-3:15pm
Tuesday 16th—Friday 19th September	Medway Test	
Wednesday 24th September	AIM High Writing Day	• Years 5 & 6
Thursday 25th September	AAT Netball Tournament	
Thursday 25th September	Social Media & Electronic Devices Workshop	• For Parents/Carers, 2:30pm—3:00pm
Friday 26th September	National Teaching Assistant Day	
Friday 26th September	Lego Workshops	• Years 1 & 2
Friday 26th September	PTA Christmas Crafts Afternoon	• In School, 1:00pm—3:00pm
Friday 26th September	PTA Quiz Night	• Details to follow from the PTA
October	Black History Month	
Thursday 2nd October	National Poetry Day	
Thursday 2nd October	Census Day	• Look out for Donna's special themed menu!
Monday 6th—Friday 10th October	World Space Week	
Tuesday 7th October	NCMP Height and Weight Checks	• Years R & 6
Wednesday 8th October	Harvest Festival	• Children Only
Thursday 9th October	MYG Hockey Tournament	• Years 5 & 6
Thursday 9th October	Open Classroom	• 3:30pm—4:00pm
Friday 10th October	World Mental Health Day	
Monday 13th October	Flu Immunisations	• Whole School
Monday 13th October	Kent Test/11+ Parent Information Evening	• School Hall, 5:00pm—5:30pm

Day:	Event:	Additional Information:
Wednesday 15th October	PTA Halloween Disco	• Details to follow from the PTA
Thursday 16th October	Wear Red Day	• Details to follow
Thursday 16th October	Last Day of Term 1	
Friday 17th October	Staff Development Day	• No children in school
Monday 27th October	Staff Development Day	• No children in school
Tuesday 28th October	First Day of Term 2	
Friday 31st October	Secondary School Applications Deadline	
Friday 31st October	PTA Non-Uniform Day	• In exchange for sweets/chocolate donations
Monday 3rd November	Kent Fire and Rescue Visit	• Whole School
Tuesday 4th November	MYG Basketball Tournament	• Years 5 & 6
Tuesday 4th November	Kittle School Photographs	• Individual & Siblings
Thursday 6th November	Class Assembly—Alpacas	• School Hall, 9:00am
Saturday 8th November	Halling's Fireworks Extravaganza!	• Details to follow
Monday 10th—Friday 14th November	Anti-Bullying Week	
Monday 10th November	Odd Socks Day	• Details to follow
Tuesday 11th November	Parent Consultations	• By appointment, 3:30pm—7:00pm
Thursday 13th November	Class Assembly—Kookaburras	• School Hall, 9:00am
Thursday 13th November	AAT Dodgeball Tournament	
Thursday 13th November	Parent Consultations	• By appointment, 3:30pm—6:00pm
Wednesday 19th November	Class Assembly—Orangutans	• School Hall, 9:00am
Friday 21st November	BBC Children in Need	• Details to follow
Monday 24th—Friday 28th November	UK Parliament Week	
Wednesday 26th November	Roots to Food Cookery Workshop	• In school, Years 5 & 6
Thursday 27th November	MYG Badminton Tournament	
Thursday 27th November	Class Assembly—Gharials	• School hall, 9:00am
Saturday 29th November	PTA Christmas Photo Shoot	• Details to follow from the PTA
Friday 5th December	PTA Non-Uniform Day—Hamper Raffle	• Details to follow from the PTA
Monday 8th December	KS2 Christmas Celebrations	• St John the Baptist Church, Halling—2:00pm
Tuesday 9th December	KS2 Christmas Celebrations	• St John the Baptist Church, Halling—10:00am
Tuesday 9th December	Year 2 Christmas Performance	• School Hall—2:00pm
Wednesday 10th December	Year 1 Christmas Performance	• School Hall—2:00pm
Thursday 11th December	EYFS Christmas Performance	• School Hall—2:00pm
Friday 12th December	Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day	• Wear your Christmas jumper to school!
Monday 15th December	PTA Christmas Fair	• Details to follow from the PTA
Wednesday 17th December	Christmas Dinner Day	• Look out for Donna's special menu!
Wednesday 17th December	PTA Christmas Disco	• Details to follow from the PTA
Thursday 18th December	PTA Father Christmas Class Visits	
Thursday 18th December	Halling's Got Christmas Talent!	• Details to follow
Friday 19th December	PTA Sleigh Run	• After School, details to follow from the PTA
Friday 19th December	Last Day of Term 2	• Early optional pick up from 1:30pm

## School Ties —September 2025

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

### Class Assemblies

In Term 2, the following classes will be sharing their learning in a class assembly: Alpacas (6th November), Kookaburras (13th November), Orangutans (19th November) and Gharials (27th November).

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!

### Year 6 SATs Key Dates

**Year 6 SATs will be taking place week commencing Monday 11th May 2026 and will end on Thursday 14th May 2026.**

**Halling is now on Instagram and Facebook!**

Follow us on the social media platforms for the latest updates from the school:



**@HallingPrimarySch**



**/HallingPrimarySchool**



**Arbor**

**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 but are unable to do so until we have your permission!**

### 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 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.



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!**



### 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!**



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.





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.**

**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.





# Halling Historical Society

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## Talk 'Medway Women: Murder, Medicine & Music

Helen Worthy

A quick (virtual) walk from Fort Pitt to Chatham Town Hall. Helen will talk about some notable women who lived or worked along this route. On the way we meet a woman who lived as a man to work as an army doctor; a woman who was the subject of the last fatal duel between two Englishmen; and a female servant who murdered her mistress.

All Welcome. Free to members of HHS.  
Visitors £3.50 including refreshments. Raffle

### Monday 15 September 2025

7:30pm Jubilee Hall, Browndens Road, Upper Halling ME2 1JH

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[www.hallinghistory.co.uk](http://www.hallinghistory.co.uk)



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Secretary: Philip Badman Tel: 07754 - 616210

# Your School Lottery

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

**SUPPORT  
OUR LOTTERY  
TODAY**

**£1 per  
week**

**Weekly  
cash prizes**

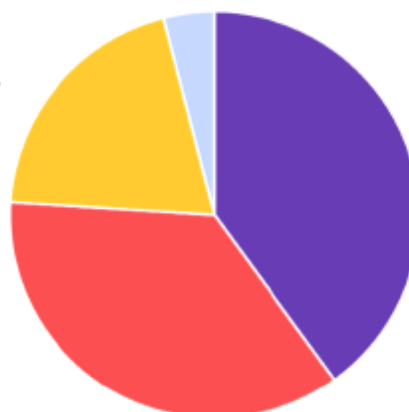
**£25,000  
jackpot**



**YOUR  
SCHOOL  
LOTTERY**



## Splitting the £1.00



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

## How it works...

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**

**The Maths... 100 tickets sold a week means**

**= £30 weekly cash prize**

**= £2,080 a year for our school**



To start supporting, visit:  
**[yourschoollottery.co.uk](https://yourschoollottery.co.uk)**  
and search for: Halling Primary

GambleAware



# Easy Fundraising

Halling Primary School PTA are fundraising through: [Easyfundraising](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk)



## Raise FREE donations for

Halling Primary School

## every time you shop online

Find us on [easyfundraising.org.uk](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk)

Shop at over 4,000 online stores



### GET STARTED

## How to support Halling Primary School

- 1 Sign up**  
Provide us with a few details to set up your profile with easyfundraising.
- 2 Download our browser extension**  
Our Donation Reminder plug-in pops up automatically when you shop to let you know when a donation is available.
- 3 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 stepped forward and got themselves involved last academic year - your support was/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](mailto:PTA@halling.medway.sch.uk)

Join the PTA!



# YOUR VOICE MATTERS!

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.**

**If you feel this has not been resolved by your child's class teacher, your next port of call is your child's Phase Leader:**

- **Mrs Coleman for Years R 1 and 2**
- **Miss Leese for Years 3 and 4**
- **Mrs Nicholls for Years 5 and 6**

**If you feel your worries or concerns have not been resolved after speaking with your child's Phase Leader and 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) or Ms Taylor (Headteacher).**

You can, of course catch at the gate too!

Our Complaints Policy can be found [here](#).

Our Staff Page to put names to face can be found [here](#).

## 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

**Apply now!**



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.





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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:



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 Lisa Taylor or Mrs Debbie Tyler (in Ms Lisa Taylor's  
absence). The Senior Leadership Team and Inclusion Team will have responsibilities regarding  
children under Social Services or with Child Protection issues.

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We have an email account that has been set up  
specifically for safeguarding emails:

[safeguarding@halling.medway.sch.uk](mailto:safeguarding@halling.medway.sch.uk)

This email account is monitored daily by the DSL,

Ms Lisa Taylor and the DDSLs,  
Mrs Debbie Tyler, Mrs Ellie Nott,  
Mrs Karen Connolly and Mrs Claire Coleman.

# 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
Break	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April – 17 <sup>th</sup> April 2026 Good Friday – 3 <sup>rd</sup> April 2026, Easter Monday – 6 <sup>th</sup> April 2026
Term 5	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April – Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2026 Bank Holiday – Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May 2026
Break	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May 2026
Term 6	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June – Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2026

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

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



# 2026-2027 Term Dates



## TERM DATES: 2026 - 2027

Term 1	Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September – Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October 2026
Break	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October – Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November 2026
Term 2	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November – Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2026
Break	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> December 2026 – Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2027
Term 3	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January – Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> February 2027
Break	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> February – Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> February 2027
Term 4	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February – Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> March 2027
Break	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> March– Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> April 2027 Good Friday – 26 <sup>th</sup> March 2027, Easter Monday – 29 <sup>th</sup> March 2027
Term 5	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> April – Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> May 2027 Bank Holiday – Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2027
Break	Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> May – Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> June 2027
Term 6	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> June – Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2027

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Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2026  
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 Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2026  
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 Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2027  
 Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2027  
 Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2027