



31st October 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

I do hope you all had a restful break and managed to enjoy yourselves.

Welcome back to Term 2, which we know will be exceptionally busy! This term, all after school and lunchtime clubs will start next week.

Early next week, your child's Year Group Newsletter will be added to the Class Page of the website [here](#).

If you are coming to our Fireworks Extravaganza next Saturday (8th November), we look forward to welcoming you. Tickets can be purchased on the night and if you have pre-purchased tickets, please don't forget to bring these with you to the event.

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

Best wishes,

Lisa Taylor

Headteacher



Halling Primary School Diary Dates: Term 2



Day:	Event:	Additional Information:
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!	Tickets can be purchased on Arbor
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
Friday 14th November	World Diabetes Awareness Day	
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—Ghazals	School hall, 9:00am
Sunday 30th 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

Day:	Event:	Additional Information:
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	MYG Cross Country	Years 4, 5 & 6
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 from Ms Fielden
Friday 19th December	PTA Sleigh Run	After School, details to follow from the PTA
Friday 19th December	Class Parties	
Friday 19th December	Last Day of Term 2	Early pick up from 1:30pm (optional). After School Club will close at 4:30pm.

School Ties

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



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!

POPPY APPEAL



This year, we have a limited supply of poppy merchandise but have plenty of paper poppies available!

The paper poppies will be on sale from **Tuesday 4th November**, before and after school.

The Head Pupils will be standing with members of our Senior Leadership Team from **8:40am** and then again at **3:20pm**.

The suggested donation for poppies, as per the Royal British Legion website, is **£2.00**.

Due to the supply of slap bands and reflector poppies being so limited this year, we are proposing that they will be on sale at our Fireworks event on **Saturday 8th November**.

Mrs Reid will be at the Fireworks event for the entire evening and will base herself outside of the **EYFS building**.



The Rainbow Retreat

Halling Primary School has proudly unveiled *The Rainbow Retreat* – its very own double-decker bus, beautifully transformed into an inspiring intervention and learning space.

What was once an old vehicle on the road is now a vibrant hub of opportunity for Halling's pupils. It has been completely refurbished with new flooring, redesigned seating, and upgraded electrics.

Now sitting proudly on the school playground, *The Rainbow Retreat* is a unique space: a space to read, to learn, to enjoy some quiet time, to grow in confidence and to dream big.

It represents more than just a clever use of space – it shows what can happen when a community comes together with determination, creativity and care.

The bus's name reflects Halling's ethos, with *RAINBOW* representing: Respect, Acceptance, Inclusion, Nurture, Belonging, Opportunity and Wellbeing – principles at the heart of our school community.

Mrs Chrissy Lalami (Teaching Assistant) led on Halling's bus project. "I just want to say a massive thank you to everyone who supported in getting The Rainbow Retreat Bus up and running. Your help, encouragement and belief made this dream a reality. I could not have done it without your help, no matter how big or small."

The official bus reveal took place on Friday 13th September 2025, when Headteacher Ms Lisa Taylor shared the story behind the project and what it represents for Halling. The whole school gathered on the playground along with some members of the community and Governors.

"My sincere thanks must go to all those who made this possible. Our bus – The Rainbow Retreat – is proof that when we work together, wonderful things can happen" said Ms Taylor. "It will provide our children with a space that is calm, creative and supportive, and it will make a real difference to their learning journeys."

To mark the occasion, the school's Head Pupils officially opened The Rainbow Retreat by cutting the ribbon. "I'm going to count down from 3. Then shout out, as loudly as you can, 'Open our bus!'" This was followed by a huge cheer.

The sun shone down on The Rainbow Retreat for this special event which was met with excitement and pride from children, staff, parents, Governors, and members of Halling's wider community.





Pupil Voice



We are the new Head Pupils! So far at Halling this year, pupil leadership has been gaining momentum...and fast!

We made some tricky decisions to select five new recruits to our Communications Team...watch this space! However, we look forward to working with every child in the school as we all belong to our Smart School Council and each have a very important voice!

For example, so far this academic year, every child voted what they wanted to eat on Census Day and what we would name our new Halling Hawk mascot. We think you'll agree, Herbie is Halling-tastic!

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 park considerately during drop-off and pick-up times.

We have received a few complaints from local residents about parking across driveways and blocking access in/out of houses.

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, trim trail or playing in our multi use games arena (MUGA). These areas are strictly out of bounds.

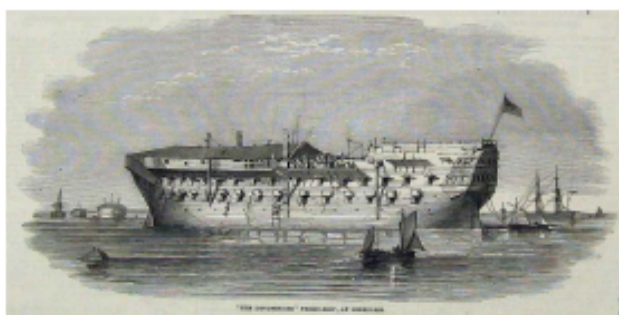
We also politely request that our school playground resources and equipment are not used, before or after school.

Thank you for your support.



Halling Historical Society

Talk 'The Medway Prison Hulks'



Dr Jeremy Clarke

Prisoner shipboard
confinement on the River
Medway in the nineteenth
century. This talk explores
the lives of POWs and

convicts held locally and sets their imprisonment in
context by using a range of resources, including ship
registers and artefacts on display at the Guildhall Museum.

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

Monday 17 November 2025

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



www.hallinghistory.co.uk



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halling historical society

Secretary: Philip Badman Tel: 07754 - 616210

Your School Lottery

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

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**Weekly
cash prizes**

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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
and search for: Halling Primary

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Easy Fundraising

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



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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

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 us at the gate too!

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

Our Staff Page to put names to faces 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 £1,515 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.medway.gov.uk/info/200137/schools_and_learning/354/free_school_meals
or if you would like help with your application, please visit the office who will assist you.



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 £70 for 4 hours.

If clubs wish to hire the hall, this is at a cost of £20 per hour.

We also have the field available for £15 per hour.



For more information, or to hire our facilities, please contact :
finance@halling.medway.sch.uk



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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.

September 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 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 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

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

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

2026-2027 Term Dates



TERM DATES: 2026 - 2027

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

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Tuesday 1st September 2026
 Wednesday 2nd September 2026
 Friday 23rd October 2026
 Monday 2nd November 2026
 Monday 4th January 2027
 Friday 12th March 2027
 Friday 9th July 2027