



24th February 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Term 4! Please do take time to have a look at what is happening this term as it's incredibly busy!

All the children and staff have been photographed ahead of our 150th Anniversary celebrations. We can't wait to see the end product with all of us pictured together!

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 or Mrs Nott, our Assistant Headteacher, at the gate.

Ms Lisa Taylor

Headteacher



Halling Primary School Diary Dates: Term 4



Day:	Event:	Additional Information:
Monday 23rd February	Term 4 Begins	
Monday 23rd February	Gymnastics Taster Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spartan Sports—Years 3 & 4 in school
Tuesday 24th February	150th Anniversary—Whole School Photograph	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No PE, correct school uniform to be worn
Wednesday 4th March	MYG Cross Country	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Details to follow from Mr Harrison
Thursday 5th March	World Book Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please refer to the letter
Monday 9th—13th March	British Science Week	
Monday 9th—12th March	Mock SATs Week	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 6
Monday 9th March	Mother's Day Afternoon Tea	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School hall, 2:30pm
Tuesday 10th March	Mother's Day Afternoon Tea	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School hall, 2:30pm
Wednesday 11th March	Mother's Day Afternoon Tea	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School hall, 2:30pm
Thursday 12th March	Class Assembly—Pelicans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please arrive at the Y5 green doors at 9:00am
Thursday 12th March	PTA Mother's Day Gift Shop	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In school
Friday 13th March	Staff Development Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No children in school
Tuesday 17th March	MYG Netball	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Details to follow from Mr Harrison
Tuesday 17th March	AAT Tag Rugby	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Details to follow from Mr Harrison
Thursday 19th March	Roots to Food Cookery Workshop	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Years 3 & 4—Details to follow
Thursday 19th March	Class Assembly—Ladybirds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please arrive at the Y5 green doors at 9:00am
Friday 20th March	Comic Relief—Red Nose Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Details to follow
Monday 23rd March	Parent Consultations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3:30pm—6:00pm
Wednesday 25th March	MYG Cross Country	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Details to follow from Mr Harrison
Thursday 26th March	Class Assembly - Leopards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please arrive at the school hall doors at 9:00am
Thursday 26th March	Year R Hearing & Vision Checks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In school
Thursday 26th March	Parent Consultations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3:30pm—7:00pm
Friday 27th March	150th Anniversary—Sponsored Walk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All year groups, in school

Wednesday 1st April	PTA EGM Meeting	• In school, 2:00pm
Thursday 2nd April	PTA Easter Egg Hunt	• In school
Thursday 2nd April	Term 4 Ends	• Optional early pick up from 1:20pm
Monday 20th April	Term 5 Begins	

School Ties

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

Class Assemblies

In Term 4, the following classes will be sharing their learning in a class assembly: Pelicans (12th March), Ladybirds (19th March) and Leopards (26th March).

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

Entry will be through the Year 5 entrance (green doors), just after 9:00am.

Younger children and grandparents are all welcome too!

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!

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.

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!



Aspiration Week

During the last week of January, Halling celebrated Aspiration Week. As one of our 4 key drivers (the others being Curiosity, Diversity and Independence), we want our children to aspire to be the best versions of themselves and to realise that, if they work hard, they can achieve anything.

With this in mind, staff worked hard to organise some fantastic visitors from many different industries to come in and speak to the children. At Halling, we are lucky to have the support from our parents and carers and, the local community, many of whom came in and talked about the interesting careers they have.

We were visited by people who work in industries as diverse as engineering (both bridge and infrastructure building), the prison service, archaeology, sport and even someone who works with NASA!

Many thanks to all of them for taking time to join us, showcasing what they do on a daily basis and answering the many brilliant questions that our children had.



150th Anniversary

Plans for our school's 150th Anniversary celebrations are progressing nicely!

Were you once a Halling Primary School pupil? Then we would love to hear from you! We have a new section on our school website where you can submit a short video (maximum of 3 minutes) talking about your time with us:

<https://www.halling.medway.sch.uk/our-school/celebrating-150-years-of-halling-primary-school/>

Some of the things we would love to know:

When did you attend?

What is your favourite memory?

Who was your favourite teacher and why?

What were playtimes and lunchtimes like?

What were school dinners like?

What subject did you love learning about?

What happened if you did something wrong in class?

Each video can be a maximum of 3 minutes, but please do share your memories with us as we would love the children to learn about our school in years gone by!

As always, thank you so much for your support.

Mrs Reid and Mr Harrison
150th Anniversary Coordinators



Coffee Club

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to share some exciting news from our pupils! A group of children at our school have come together to form an environmentally friendly **Action Team**, which they have proudly branded **Coffee Club**.

As part of their work to care for our environment, the Coffee Club are launching a recycling project focused on **used coffee pods**. The children plan to recycle the pods themselves and use any leftover coffee grounds to create compost, helping to reduce waste and promote sustainability.

To support this project, the children are kindly asking for help from our school community. If you use coffee pods at home, they would be very grateful if **used pods** could be brought into school and handed to a **class teacher or a member of the office team**, so the pods can continue on their recycling journey.

We are aware that **free coffee pod recycling bags** are available from many supermarkets, including **Morrisons**, who provide Nespresso recycling bags. These may be helpful for collecting pods at home before bringing them into school.

Please note that, in line with our **nut and seed free policy**, it is essential that **no coffee pods containing nuts, or with even traces of nuts, are brought into school**. Thank you very much for your continued care and support with this important requirement.

We are incredibly proud of the children for taking the lead on this project and thank you in advance for supporting their efforts. If you have any questions, please feel free to get in touch with the school.





A special **SPARKLY**
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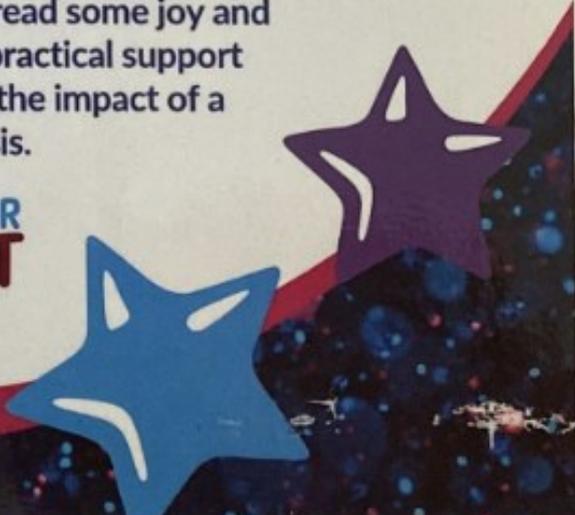
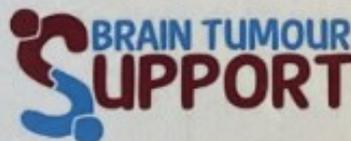
Students, staff & parents at
Halling Primary School

for collectively raising an
incredible glittering

£1162.00

Have fun ★ Raise funds ★ Change lives

Being part of Sparkle is helping to spread some joy and fund much needed emotional and practical support for individuals and families facing the impact of a brain tumour diagnosis.



Pupil Voice



As you may know, we have some subject ambassadors and they are keen to share what is going on with their subject:

"I like being a DT ambassador because I get to listen to pupil voice and hearing what the other children like about DT as well as listening to ways they would like to see their lessons improved."

"I want to help children understand how important DT is and how much of things we use every day is design and technology."

In Music, the children have made great strides with developing their understanding of rhythm. Our Music ambassadors have said, "It's important to learn rhythm because it is an important part in any music. We love how the animals help us understand notation!"



Online Parent Workshops

Aimed at parents of children in school

Understanding Sleep and Autism

Monday 9th March 12:30—13:30pm

*Workshop
timings
change from
term to term

Are you currently experiencing **difficulties with your child's sleeping patterns**? Maybe your child has **received a diagnosis**. Would you like to come and **meet with other parents and carers** and learn about ways to **support your child**?

You are invited to a **workshop about understanding sleeping patterns and autism**. We also discuss **helpful strategies that you can use at home** to help support your child.

If you would like to join, please **ctrl + click the link below** or by **entering the Meeting ID and Passcode within Teams**:

[Autism and Sleep | Meeting-Join | Microsoft Teams](#)

Our workshops are held on Microsoft Teams. You can create an account for free. You will need access to the internet. If you have any questions please speak to your child's school. Currently, this workshop is only available to parents/carers of children attending an EWT/EST school. Please speak to your child's school or check our website for our list of schools. If you require materials in another language or have any other access needs then please email:

EWTandESTenquiries@nefft.nhs.uk

We look forward to meeting you.



www.nefft.nhs.uk



Online Parent Workshops

Aimed at parents of children in primary school

Understanding Neurodiversity

24/03/2026 - 10:30 - 12:30pm

*Workshop timings change from term to term

Do you have questions about neurodiversity? Maybe you would like to build on your understanding of children's different ways of experiencing the world. Would you like to come and meet with other parents and carers and learn about ways to support your child?

You are invited to a workshop about understanding neurodiversity. We also discuss helpful strategies that you can use at home to help support your child.

If you would like to join, please **ctrl + click the link below or by entering the Meeting ID and Passcode within Teams:**

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We look forward to meeting you.



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.



Used Battery Recycling

If you have any used batteries at home that you would like to recycle, we now have a recycling point in the main office alongside our cartridge recycling point.



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 pavements and 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.

Your School Lottery

Halling Primary School PTA are fundraising through: [Your School Lottery](#)

**SUPPORT
OUR LOTTERY
TODAY**

**£1 per
week**

**Weekly
cash prizes**

**£25,000
jackpot**



**YOUR
SCHOOL
LOTTERY**



Splitting the £1.00

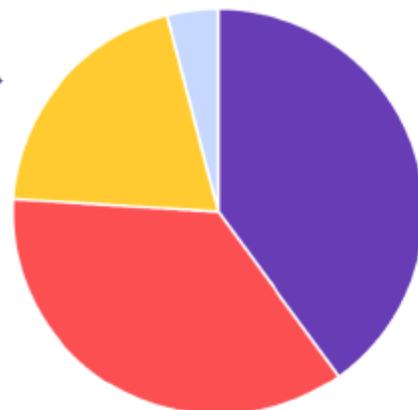
How it works...

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 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:
yourschoollottery.co.uk
and search for: **Halling Primary**

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.

Raising Concerns – Guidance for Parents

We are committed to working positively with parents and carers to resolve any concerns about school life.

ParentKind, a national charity that supports families and schools, has produced helpful guidance for parents, in collaboration with the Department of Education and Ofsted, on how to raise concerns with their child's school and how complaints processes work.

We encourage parents to read this guidance which will work alongside our school's Complaints Policy:

ParentKind: A parent's guide to raising concerns with your child's school

<https://www.parentkind.org.uk/parent-guide-to-raising-concerns-with-your-childs-school>



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.](#)

Good time keeping at Halling Primary School means...

...being in school, on
time, every day,
ready to learn.



At Halling, pupils must
arrive in school by 08:50 on
each school day.

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DAYS LOST

5 minutes late
every day

6.5

DAYS LOST

10 minutes late
every day

10

DAYS LOST

15 minutes late
every day

13

DAYS LOST

20 minutes
late every day

19

DAYS LOST

25 minutes
late every day

Did you know? If you are
15 minutes late each
day you will have
missed a full 2 weeks of
school in one year?

Poor punctuality
results in less
chance of
success.

Very poor punctuality
results in a serious
impact on education
and reduced life
chances.

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.





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 3 rd 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
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 Friday 23rd October 2026
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 Monday 4th January 2027
 Friday 12th March 2027
 Friday 9th July 2027