



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Term 5 and I trust you all had a restful Spring Break with family and friends. The children have returned to school smiling and, as always, keen to learn. We are even now starting to see some glimpses of, hopefully, sunnier days to come!

The Summer Term is always exceptionally busy so please do take time to have a look at all that is happening across Terms 5 and 6 at Halling! 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'.

Staffing Update:

- Recently, Mrs C Malkinson (HLTA) commenced her maternity leave.
- Recently, Miss Cristina Cela, who is a member of our Catering Team, started her maternity leave.
- Mrs Chinniah Flint has now started her maternity leave and we have welcomed Miss Heidi Long back to Halling to teach in Pelican Class.
- Mrs Jodie Simpson (Finance Officer) has now moved across to work in our Trust's Central Finance Team.
- We said farewell to Mrs Linzi Moore, a member of our Catering Team.

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

Ms Lisa Taylor

Headteacher



Halling Primary School Diary Dates: Terms 5 & 6



Day:	Event:	Additional Information:
Monday 20th April	Term 5 Begins	
Thursday 23rd April	Sublime Science Workshop—Day 1	• In school
Friday 24th April	Sublime Science Workshop—Day 2	• In school
Friday 24th April	Medway Road Safety—Independent Travel	• Workshop for Year 5 in school
Tuesday 28th April	Open Classroom	• 3:30pm
Thursday 30th April	Road Safety Workshop	• Year 4, in school
Thursday 30th April	Class Assembly—Penguins	• Please arrive at the Year 5 entrance at 9:00am
Monday 4th May	Bank Holiday	• No children in School
Thursday 7th May	Roots to Food Cookery Workshop	• Year 1 & 2, in school
Friday 8th May	150th Anniversary Celebration	• Drone photo of pupils representing 1 5 0
Monday 11th—Thursday 14th May	Year 6 SATs Week	
Wednesday 13th May	Road Safety Workshop	• Year 3, in school
Friday 15th May	150th Anniversary Celebration	• In school events
Thursday 21st May	Census Day	• Look out for Donna's special themed menu!
Thursday 21st May	Class Assembly—Bears	• Please arrive at the Year 5 entrance at 9:00am
Thursday 21st May	MYG Tag Rugby Tournament	• Details to follow from Mr Harrison
Thursday 21st May	AAT Football Tournament	• Details to follow from Mr Harrison
Friday 22nd May	Trust Fundraiser for Cancer Research UK	• Details to follow from Mrs Nott
Friday 22nd May	Term 5 Ends	
Monday 1st June	Term 6 Begins	
Tuesday 2nd June	Sports Day	• Details to follow from Mr Harrison
Wednesday 3rd June	New Year R Intake Parent Meeting	• In school hall, 4:30pm



Day:	Event:	Additional Information:
Thursday 4th June	MYG Football Tournament	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Details to follow from Mr Harrison
Monday 8th—Friday 12th June	Phonics Screening Check Week	
Thursday 11th June	Class Assembly—Owlets	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Please arrive at the Year 5 entrance at 9:00am
Tuesday 16th June	Reserve Sports Day	
Thursday 18th June	Class Photos—Kittle Photographic	
Friday 19th June	PTA Father's Day Gift Shop	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Details to follow from the PTA
Tuesday 23rd June	Father's Day Breakfast	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• School field, details to follow
Wednesday 24th June	MYG Cricket Tournament	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Details to follow from Mr Harrison
Thursday 25th June	Class Assembly—Ducklings	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Please arrive at the Year 5 entrance at 9:00am
Friday 26th June	Outdoor Classroom Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Details to follow from Mrs Coleman
Friday 3rd July	PTA Sponsored Wet 'n' Wild Event	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Details to follow from the PTA
Monday 6th July	Staff Development Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No children in school
Tuesday 7th July	MYG Athletics	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Details to follow from Mr Harrison
Saturday 11th July	PTA Summer Fair	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Details to follow from the PTA
Monday 13th July	Year 6 Production Performance 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Performing to Years 1-5
Monday 13th July	Year 6 VS Staff Rounders	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• On the school field
Tuesday 14th July	AAT Athletics	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Details to follow from Mr Harrison
Tuesday 14th July	Year 6 Production to Parents/Carers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 9:15am—11:15am in school
Tuesday 14th July	Whole School Transition Afternoon	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Details to follow from Ms Taylor
Wednesday 15th July	Year 6 Production Performance 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 5:00pm—7:00pm in school
Thursday 16th July	PTA Outdoor Disco	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Details to follow from the PTA
Friday 17th July	Medway Road Safety Workshop	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Year 6, in school
Monday 20th July	Year 6 Prom	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 5:00pm—7:00pm, in school hall
Tuesday 21st July	Year 6 Leavers' Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 9:15am—approx 10:30am, school hall
Tuesday 21st July	Year 6 Shirt Signing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To follow after the Leavers' Service
Tuesday 21st July	Term 6 Ends	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Optional early pick up from 1:20pm
Tuesday 1st September	Staff Development Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No children in school
Wednesday 2nd September	Staff Development Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No children in school
Thursday 3rd September	Term 1 Begins	

School Ties

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

Children are required to wear a tie in Key Stage 2, so all of our current Year 2 children will need to wear a tie from September.

Class Assemblies

In Term 5, the following classes will be sharing their learning in a class assembly: Penguins (30th April), Bears (21st May), Owlets (11th June) and Ducklings (25th June).

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 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!



Bridge Building Competition

Well done to the Year 5 children who visited the Royal Engineers Museum in Term 4 to take part in a Bridge Building competition against other Medway schools. Each team had only one hour to construct their bridge. The children worked brilliantly as a team and we are very proud of them. Whilst they were at the museum, they also had the opportunity to take part in Sapper soldier activities!



Year 4 Roman Workshop

Last term, Year 4 were visited by the Living History Workshop to consolidate their history learning on the Romans. The children took part in lots of activities including making amulets, pottery, dressing up in Roman clothing and learning different formations as Roman soldiers. A fun morning was had by all!



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.



**Well done and thank you,
everyone!**

Together we raised **£1011.80
for Comic Relief!**



March 2026

Halling Primary School

**Well done and thank you,
everyone!**

Together we raised **£235.30
for the NSPCC on Number Day.**



February 2026

Halling Primary School



Halling Primary School

19 March at 10:40 · 🌐



THANK YOU for all the fabulous donations (both cakes and monetary!) yesterday for our Red Nose Day Cake Sale!

We sold out! All proceeds will be passed on to Comic Relief at the end of the week. [Comic Relief](#)



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TEACHER TRAINING

Have you or someone you know always wanted to train to teach?

Aletheia runs a successful school-centred teacher training programme in partnership with **Teach First**, giving you the chance to train in local primary and secondary schools.

We will support you through the application, interview, and training process, tailoring the programme to help you start your teaching career confidently.

2026 - 27 marks our third year training local teachers - **100%** of our 2024 - 25 cohort are now completing their first year of teaching, and many 2026 trainees have already secured local positions for September.

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a teacher, please get in touch: growwithus@aletheia.org.uk



Pupil Voice



Most recently, pupils at Halling have been collaborating with other Trust schools to plan how to raise money for our chosen Trust charity (Cancer Research UK). On the last day of this term, Friday 22nd May, Halling, and many other AAT Schools will be taking part in a 'Teacher Swap' in exchange for a voluntary donation. We are very excited about this and we are working hard to plan what this day will look like. The children have already begun sharing many ideas!

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.



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.



Thank you to all those parents and carers who continue to park considerately during drop-off and pick-up times.

We have recently 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



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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 9th July 2027