



28th February 2025

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!

This term, Mrs Debbie Tyler (Pastoral Lead & Senior Mental Health Lead) has returned from maternity leave and she will be working every day, except Wednesday. Mr Jeremy Franklin has returned to teach at Halling and will be teaching Flamingo class three days a week.

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 one of our Assistant Headteachers, Miss Eakins or Mrs Nott, at the gate.

Ms Lisa Taylor
Headteacher



Halling Primary School Diary Dates: Term 4



Day:	Event:	Additional Information:
Monday 24th February	First Day of Term 4	
Wednesday 5th March	Mini Youth Games Cross Country	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Years 4, 5 & 6 - details to follow from Mr Harrison
Thursday 6th March	World Book Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Details to follow from Mrs Nicholls
Thursday 6th March	PTA Wonka Bars	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Details to follow from the PTA
Tuesday 11th March	Kagan Workshop	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2:30-3:00, details to follow from Mrs Nott & Mrs Reid
Thursday 13th March	Class Assembly - Geckos	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please arrive at 09:00 via the school hall doors
Thursday 13th March	AAT Basketball	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Years 5 & 6 - details to follow from Mr Harrison
Friday 14th March	Staff Development Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No children in school
Tuesday 18th March	Living History Workshop - The Romans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 4, in school
Thursday 20th March	Class Assembly - Bears	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please arrive at 09:00 via the school hall doors
Friday 21st March	Red Nose Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Details to follow from Mrs Nott
Monday 24th March	Mother's Day Afternoon Tea	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Details to follow from Ms Taylor
Tuesday 25th March	AAT Tag Rugby	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Years 5 & 6 - details to follow from Mr Harrison
Tuesday 25th March	AAT Trust Concert	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Woodville Halls - details to follow from Mrs Stone
Wednesday 26th March	Mother's Day Afternoon Tea	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please book via 'Shop' on Arbor
Thursday 27th March	Class Assembly - Penguins	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please arrive at 09:00 via the school hall doors
Thursday 27th March	Mother's Day Afternoon Tea	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please book via 'Shop' on Arbor
Friday 28th March	PTA Mother's Day Gift Shop	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gifts can be purchased via 'Shop' on Arbor
Tuesday 1st April	Parent & Carer Consultation Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 15:30 - 18:00
Wednesday 2nd April	Rock Steady Concert	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In school
Thursday 3rd April	Parent & Carer Consultation Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 15:30 - 19:00
Thursday 3rd April	Mini Youth Games Netball	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Years 5 & 6 - details to follow from Mr Harrison
Friday 4th April	PTA Easter Egg Hunt	
Friday 4th April	Last Day of Term 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Early pick up from 1:30pm (optional). After School Club closes at 4:30pm.
Tuesday 22nd April	First Day of Term 5	



Why not follow us on Twitter (X) for regular updates?
@HallingSch @AletheiaAT @HallingPta



Year 6 SATs

Please be reminded that Year 6 SATs are taking place from Monday 12th May—Thursday 15th May 2025.

School Ties for Years 3-6

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: Geckos (13th March), Bears (20th March) and Penguins (27th March).

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!

There will be further class assemblies during Terms 5 and 6. Dates to follow.

Roots to Food Cookery Workshop



Young Voices!



Diversity Day

Halling Primary School @HallingSch · Jan 30

Every outfit today tells a story...what a special celebration of diversity here today ❤️ @AletheiaAT @JigsawEduGroup @SSCCTY



Holocaust Memorial Event

Halling Primary School @HallingSch · Jan 29

Last night, Halling participated in a Holocaust memorial service hosted at Cliffe Woods Primary School. The children read beautifully Elie Wiesel Poetry, contributing to the powerful evening with the theme of 'For a Better Future'



NSPCC Number Day



Well done and thank you,
everyone!

Together we raised **£263.63**
for the NSPCC on Number Day.

**Number
Day** NSPCC

February 2025

Halling Primary School

Scholastic Book Fair & Reading Update

Book Fair

Thank you so much to the parents and carers who visited the Scholastic Book Fair with their children last term. The turnout was amazing, and it was lovely seeing so many books find new homes. Due to your amazing support, we have **£1000** in rewards to spend with Scholastic to purchase books for our class libraries. We will be using Pupil Voice to investigate which books the children would most like to see join our shelves.

World Book Day

A reminder that World Book Day is next week on **Thursday 6th March**. The children are invited to dress as a character of their choosing for the day. There is zero obligation to purchase costumes and we welcome pupils using their imagination and creating their own costumes using items they already have at home. We are looking forward to seeing which characters walk through the doors next week!



Book Vending Machine

We also have some exciting plans to purchase a book vending machine for the school. We have already raised most of the cost but need a little help in reaching the finish line and meeting our funding total. To help our plans come to fruition, on World Book Day, SLT will be carrying donation buckets and any donations you can make at the gates will be gratefully received.

Pupil Voice Visit

Pupil voice visit to Ditton Junior School! Collaborating on how we drive positive change at our respective schools and raise money for important causes. [@AletheiaAT](#) [@SSCCTY](#)



Kagan Update

Kagan continues to be used across the school, especially in lessons and assemblies. All new staff who have joined Halling since September have also taken part in a one-day workshop that is offered by AAT.

Structures are now well embedded into all subjects allowing the children to maximise their learning opportunities. Why not ask your child/ren about Rally Robin, Rally Coach, Round Robin, Think, Pair, Share or Stand Up, Hand Up, Pair Up. You may want to ask them about our 'Cheer of the Week' as well; this gets shared with children in assembly on Monday and is always very well received. We share it on our social media account (X - @hallingsch) so our wider community can celebrate with us in the right way each week as well!

A focus this year is our use of team and class builders as a way of strengthening relationships between children (and staff!). Tuesday morning assembly time is protected Kagan time across all year groups and we are also looking to extend this further as the academic year progresses. Some examples of the activities that have taken place are 'The Human Knot' in Year 4 and 'Guess the Voice' in Year 3.

Mrs Nott and Mrs Reid are hosting a follow up workshop for parents and carers on **Tuesday 11th March at 2.30pm**. It will offer additional details on class and team builders and will be an opportunity for parents to ask questions and offer feedback on our use of Kagan. Please reserve the date in your diaries and keep an eye out for the invitation!

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. Mrs Medhurst is currently working on the seats, we have new foam and material and she has kindly offered to cover the seats for us in all areas on the bus. This has already been started.

During half term, the rest of the flooring was laid as the weather has become warmer to allow the floor to stick.

We have ordered a lock for the doors on the bus to make it even more secure.

We have also ordered new sealant to go around the windows to help stop or prevent any leaks.

The electrics are complete on the bus and a dehumidifier has been fitted which helps with condensation.

Thank you again!

Miss Chrissy Jackson (Teaching Assistant)





Headline sponsor

SCHWALBE ➤

We have some exciting news for you! We are taking part in Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel, the UK's largest inter-school cycling, walking, wheeling and scooting challenge. The challenge runs from 24th March - 4th April 2025. It's free to take part and we would love everyone to be involved.

What do you need to do?

Encourage your child(ren) to walk, use a wheelchair, scoot or cycle to school on as many days as possible during the event.

Including everyone

We want to make sure that everyone can get involved in Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel.

We know it may be more difficult for some pupils to take part than others. If you want to discuss more about your child(ren)'s specific needs, please contact Miss Marsh and we will make sure to look into how your child(ren) can take part.

Why are we taking part?

Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel is a great way to build physical activity in children's daily routine which is important for their physical health and mental wellbeing.

Active school runs also help to reduce congestion and air pollution outside the school gate. [A 2021 YouGov study](#) showed nearly half of UK children worry about air pollution near their school and that children thought active travel was the best way to bring down these pollution levels.

Plus, there are some great prizes to be won every day if we get enough children taking part!

Useful resources

To help you prepare, Sustrans has developed a handy free guide to walking, cycling or scooting to school. It is packed with advice to help you have hassle-free journey.

[Download your free family guide](#) using this link: [Sign up to receive your free school run guide - Sustrans.org.uk](#)

For more information about the event please go to www.bigwalkandwheel.org.uk . Enjoy the challenge!

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 and go through the suggestions to make sure pupil voices 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!





Unfortunately, we continue to receive complaints and photographs from residents in the local community who live in the roads closest to our school.

We also regularly receive complaints and photographs from parents and carers who continue to be highly concerned about the safety of Halling's children.

The school run is such a busy time and the roads closest to school always become heavily congested.

The complaints have been in respect of parents and carers parking inconsiderately on the kerb, grass verges (top of Howlsmere) and on/or blocking driveways. This has, in turn, forced pedestrians to walk on the road with a few near misses.

The last thing we want is for anyone to get hurt!

Please 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!



GOOD NEWS!

We heard just before the end of Term 3 that Medway Council have now recruited a Road Crossing Patrol.

Please watch this space.

Thank you!

**SAFER, HEALTHIER
STREETS**

We're updating the way we enforce school keep clear measures at Halling Primary School

We are introducing static camera enforcement to better manage the existing school keep clear measures outside Halling Primary School, on Howlsmere Close.

School keep clear markings provide safe, visible areas for students to cross the road and enter the school grounds. The school keep clear is currently enforced using camera cars and foot patrol officers. By updating to a static camera we can better enforce current restrictions and encourage safer and compliant parking, for the benefit of children, their families and road users.

The enforcement of school keep clear measures is designed to create a clear space for ease of access to

help protect children on their way to and from school.

To ensure the keep clear zone is highly visible for drivers and pedestrians there will be new signage and clearly marked lines painted on the road.

Cameras will be installed from 25 November 2024. These cameras are only used for the purpose of enforcing this parking restriction.

If you have any comments or questions regarding these safety enforcement measures, please email:

consultation@projectcentre.co.uk.

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

£1 TICKET

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

GambleAware 18+

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](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 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 [here](#).

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.



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 **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.

3

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 £1,455 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.





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:



Ms Shona Eakins

ASSISTANT HEADTEACHER,
SENDCo & DSL



Mrs Debbie Tyler

PASTORAL LEAD,
SENIOR MENTAL HEALTH LEAD & DDSL

If the concern is
about our DSLs,
please contact the
Chair of Governors:

Julie Rattenbury
(j.rattenbury@halling.medway.sch.uk)



Ms Lisa Taylor

HEADTEACHER & DDSL



Mrs Ellie Nott

ASSISTANT HEADTEACHER & DDSL



Mrs Claire Coleman

EARLY YEARS LEAD & DDSL

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 7 th January – Friday 14 th 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

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

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 £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