



Halam Church of England Primary School

Life in all its fullness

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Well done to our amazing Y6 pupils for working so hard in their SATs this week, (and to Mrs Francis and Mrs Sissons for supporting them!) ... and "Wow!" What a busy end to week we have had! Yesterday afternoon we all went into the hall and joined in with a live link to Joe Wicks's "Big School Workout", then at playtime this morning the ice-cream van appeared (huge thanks to the PTFA for organising such a lovely "end of SATs" treat for all of the children), and finally this afternoon we have held our first ever "Colour Run". Once again, thanks to the PTFA for their hard work organising such an amazing occasion – there are photos on Instagram of all three events!



Terrific Assembly Awards

Well done this week to:

Cherry Class: Chloe for showing kindness and **partnership** all week towards her peers.
Connie for having a great attitude to her work at all times, she demonstrates a real **love** of learning.

Maple Class: Bobby for super work in Science this week.
Alfie for great **partnership**, working in a group to act out a Bible story.

Oak Class: Florence for being a wonderful Halam School role model and **enjoying** all of our activities.
Alice for her consistently positive attitude, and her **love** of a challenge.

Head Team Award: All of the Y5 pupils for being so independent during the Y6 SATs.

Lunchtime "Good Manners" Awards: Oscar B and Harriet

Best attendance this year so far: Cherry Class – 96%

Housepoints:
First – **Ruby** (68)
Second – **Sapphire** (58)
Third – **Emerald** (53)



Certificates from Home: Alice C – Grade 3 award in ballet



Birthdays: Thea T



Special Menu for Thursday, 21 May

On Thursday of next week, the children will be served a themed menu – "A day at the seaside". The menu for that day is:

"Beach BBQ Chicken" **or** "Beach BBQ Chickpea Rocky Beach Bites"
with "Rockpool Rice" and "Seaweed Style Salad"
and for dessert a "Treasure Chest Cookie Bar"

The meals can be ordered as usual via the website – please will all parents and carers visit the site this weekend and check their child's meal order for next Thursday, thank you.



Art Sessions

Y1 had a super time with Anna during their outdoor art session this week. The dates of the next sessions are as follows:

- Tuesday, 19 May – Y2
- Tuesday, 2 June – Y3
- Tuesday, 9 June – Y4
- Tuesday, 16 June – Y5
- Tuesday, 23 June – Y6



MITRE Trust Pupil Sustainability Champions

At every school in MITRE Trust there are two nominated Sustainability Champions. This group of pupils met back in Summer 2025 and worked with Mr Parris and staff across MITRE Trust to write a Sustainability Charter. Last term the Sustainability Champions in the schools took part in a video aimed at launching this charter to pupils, parents, and staff in all our schools. The video and charter are now ready, and I have included links below:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I9vknTx5PTw>
<https://www.mitretrust.org.uk/sustainability-charter>

The next part of the sustainability project is focussing on rewilding, and the Sustainability Champions are meeting again on Tuesday, 2 June to discuss what each school can do.



Woodland Nurture

Please see below for a message from Claire, from Woodland Nurture (the Forest School providers who ran the PTFA Outdoor education Day).

Dear Parents & Carers,

Kate and I were so impressed with the behaviour and enthusiasm of all the Halam children at our Forest School afternoon back in March, they were fantastic and we hope we can come back again soon!

We had some children asking about holiday clubs. The next ones we are holding are on 4th, 5th, 11th, 12th August. Booking link here: [August Holiday Club | Woodland Nurture](#)

We are also hosting a Family Fun Afternoon on Saturday 11th July so that you can come with the children and join in the fun. We are going to light up our pizza oven to cook pizzas for you at this event! More info here: [Family Fun Day | Woodland Nurture](#)

We hope to see you there! Claire, Woodland Nurture.



Contacting School Outside Office Hours

Our School Office is open from 8.30am until 1.30pm each day. Outside of these hours there may not be anyone to answer the telephone. You can leave an answerphone message but if you need to get in touch with us urgently (for example when there is a change of collection arrangements), please e-mail me on head@halamprimary.org.uk (I check these e-mails even when I am at Lowe's Wong).

With this newsletter there is a copy of the MITRE Schools' Home-School Communication Charter Summary for Parents and Carers. The full policy is available on our website if you would like to read it www.halamprimary.org.uk

Finally with this newsletter there are flyers from Moss to Canopy and Canoville Football about their Half Term Holiday activities, and the MITRE Schools' Home-School Communication Charter Summary.

Thank you for your continued support,

AE Speed

Aly Speed
Executive Headteacher



Dates for the diary

Tuesday, 19 May

Oak Class visit to Veolia Waste
Y2 outdoor art session (please bring spare clothes!)

Friday, 22 May

Break up for half term

Monday, 1 June

School closed to pupils for INSET

Tuesday, 2 June

Pupils return for the second half of term

Wednesday, 3 June

Y3 outdoor art session

Friday, 5 June

Oak Class residential visit to Hagg Farm

Monday, 8 June

Oak Class return from Hagg Farm

Tuesday, 9 June

Class Photos

Friday, 12 June

Bag2 School collection

Monday, 15 June

Y4 outdoor art session

Tuesday, 16 June

Oak Class Safety Awareness visit at Sconce & Devon Park

Thursday, 18 June

Minster School staff to meet Y6

Friday, 19 June

Y5 outdoor art session

Tuesday, 23 June

Minster School transition evening for pupils with SEND

Wednesday, 24 June

Cherry Class visit to Southwell Minster – "Time Travelling"

Thursday, 25 June

Y6 outdoor art session

Monday, 29 June

Y6 transition visit to the Minster School

Friday, 3 July

Whole School visit to The Yorkshire Wildlife Park

Transition Day

PTFA's "non-uniform day" for hamper & tombola donations

**new date*

Tuesday, 14 July

2pm & 6pm School Performances

Wednesday, 15 July

2pm – 4pm Open Afternoon for prospective parents & carers

Thursday, 16 July

Sports Day & PTFA Summer Fair

Tuesday, 21 July

9.15am Leavers' Service in Halam Church

Thursday, 23 July

Reserve date for Sports Day

Friday, 24 July

9.15 Leavers' Assembly

Break up for Summer Holiday
