



Halam Church of England Primary School

Life in all its fullness

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school for the new academic year, I hope that you all had a super Summer. May I extend a special welcome to all of our new children and their families who are joining us this year – we hope that you will all be very happy at Halam C of E Primary School.

This year I will once again e-mail the newsletter every Friday. Newsletters are also available on our website www.halam.notts.sch.uk in the "School Office" section. In addition to this, we will continue to use our text system, so please make sure that your contact details are up to date.

We also have an Instagram page, simply search for [halam_primary](https://www.instagram.com/halam_primary) to follow us.



Terrific Assembly Awards

Well done this week to **all of our children** for settling back into school life so well!



Birthdays: Blossom



PTFA AGM

The PTFA (our parent/teacher association) are holding their AGM on Wednesday, 9 September at 7.30pm in the school hall. All parents and carers are welcome, so come along to find out how you can get involved and support our school.



Contact details and times

I will usually be based in Halam School on Tuesday mornings, Wednesday afternoons, Thursday mornings and Friday afternoons. For the remainder of the week I will be based in Lowe's Wong Infant School. Please feel free to contact me at any time on head@halamprimary.org.uk even if it is not one of my "Halam days".

The School Office is open from 8.30am to 1.30pm, please feel free to leave an answerphone message or e-mail me outside of those times.



School Uniform

Please will parents and carers label their child's school uniform clearly. Everyone looks very smart in their new uniform, and we need to be able to make sure the right clothing is returned to the right child!



PE Days

This term Oak Class will do PE on Tuesdays and Thursdays, Maple Class will do PE on Thursdays and go swimming on Fridays, and Cherry Class will do PE on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

On PE days children need to come to school in their PE kit (navy school sweatshirt with a white t-shirt or polo shirt and navy joggers or shorts). Please make sure that all jewellery is removed or taped up, and long hair is tied back – thank you.



Class Arrangements for this Year

This year the children are once again in three classes, which are arranged as follows:

Mrs Lo Bue, Cherry Class – F2 (Reception), Y1 & Y2

Mrs Hammond, Maple Class – Y3 & Y4

Mrs Francis, Oak Class – Y5 & Y6

Miss Wilmott will work alongside Mrs Lo Bue in Cherry Class, and Mrs Sissons will work in Maple and Oak Classes and also cover the teachers' PPA sessions on Thursdays.

On Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons Mrs Fraser will continue to release Mrs Francis for her Leadership Time.



Water Bottles

Please can the children bring a water bottle to school every day, this should be filled with water (not squash or juice). Please make sure that the bottle they bring is one that they can open easily themselves, and is clearly labelled with their name, thank you.



Morning Snack

The children may bring a small snack to eat at morning playtime (F2 children eat their snack before assembly with Miss Wilmot). This should be a "healthy" snack, such as fruit or a snack bar. Small chocolate biscuits or "baked crisps" are also acceptable, but please do not send sweets, or chocolate bars.

Children in Cherry Class also have fruit in the afternoons which is supplied by the "School Fruit and Vegetable Scheme".



Pupil Premium Grant

Children of parents and carers who are in receipt of certain benefits may be entitled to the Pupil Premium Grant. This grant entitles children to extra support in school, free milk, and reduced cost school visits and after school clubs. If you think you may be entitled to this grant, please contact the School Office and we can give you more information.

Children whose parents work in His Majesty's Armed Forces, children who are 'Looked After', and children who are recently adopted, are also entitled to this grant, so if you think your child should receive this funding please notify the School Office as soon as possible, thank you.



School Times

The children will be collected from the playground at **8.50am** each morning by their teachers.

Please do not leave your child unsupervised on the playground before 8.40am as there is no staff member on duty before then, thank you. If your child arrives after 8.50am for any reason, please bring them in through Reception. School finishes at **3.25pm**.



Cool Milk

The children in Cherry Class are eligible for the milk in schools scheme. If your child would like milk in school this needs to be ordered online at www.coolmilk.com

Milk is free until your child is 5 years old, and for children in receipt of the Pupil Premium Grant, there is a small charge for other infant aged children. Please order your child's milk online even if they are entitled to free milk as they only send us enough milk to cover the online orders.



Form for Leave of Absence During Term Time

There are national regulations for Pupil Attendance, which includes term time holidays. The school's policy can be seen on our website www.halamprimary.org.uk in the "Key Information" section under "Policies and Documents".

These regulations make it very clear that absence during term time will only be granted in exceptional circumstances, and that unauthorised absences of ten sessions or more in a rolling period of ten school weeks may lead to a penalty notice (fine) being issued.

Please note that the **threshold for penalty notices is ten sessions**, (not "more than ten sessions"), which means that if your child misses ten sessions (five days) of school then a penalty notice will be issued.

If you do need to take your child out of school during term time please complete the Holiday Request Form which is also available on our school website in "School Office" under "Useful Forms and School Meals".

Thank you all for your support, please feel free to come and say "hello" when I am on gate duty, either before or after school.

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Executive Headteacher



Dates for the diary

Monday, 7 September
Wednesday, 9 September
Friday, 11 September
Tuesday, 22 September
Tuesday, 29 September

All clubs and music lessons start this week
PTFA AGM at 7.30pm in school – all welcome!
Swimming starts for Maple Class
9.15am Coffee Morning for parents and carers
9.15am Harvest Festival in Halam Church
NCMP height & weight checks for F2 and Y6
School Photographs
3.30 – 5pm Open Evening for parents & carers of children starting school in September 2027
Parents' Evening (more details to follow)
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Break up for half term

Wednesday, 30 September
Wednesday, 7 October

Monday, 14 October
Wednesday, 14 October
Friday, 17 October

School closed to pupils for INSET DAY
School re-opens for pupils for the second half of term
Oak Class visiting The National Holocaust Centre
Children in Need Day
Anti-Bullying Week – Odd Socks Day
Road Safety Week
NHS flu immunisations
3.30 – 5pm Open Evening for parents & carers of children starting school in September 2027
Christmas Craft Day (Christmas jumpers may be worn!)
2pm & 6pm Christmas Performances
2.30pm Carols & Mince Pies

Monday, 2 November
Tuesday, 3 November
Friday, 6 November
Friday, 13 November
Monday, 16 November

Monday, 23 November
Wednesday, 25 November

Tuesday, 1 December
Wednesday, 9 December
Monday, 14 December

Tuesday, 15 December	9.15am School Christmas Service in Halam Church 12.30pm whole school visit to the pantomime
Thursday, 17 December	Party Day!
Friday, 18 December	<i>Break up for the Christmas Holidays</i>
Monday, 4 January 2027	School re-opens for the Spring Term

These are all of the dates we have for this term so far, there may be more to add! Further information will be sent ou in newsletters, e-mails and texts, so please make sure that your contact details are up to date.

