



Halam Church of England Primary School

Life in all its fullness

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Friday, 2 October

Dear Parents and Carers,

The proofs from the School Photos on Wednesday have been sent out, with details on how to order your photographs. Children in Oak Class will also bring home a letter today about the visit to the National Holocaust Centre.



Terrific Assembly Awards

Well done this week to:

Cherry Class: Heath for showing a **love** of learning this week, and working hard in lessons.
Madison for **aspiring** to be a good role model for others.

Maple Class: Lola for working very sensibly and independently when researching life in the Stone Age.

Ronnie for a great improvement in attitude during lessons.

Oak Class: Jonny for **aspiring** to write a lovely character description of "William Beech".
Sienna for **aspiring** to listen and work carefully in maths – with good results!

Head Team Award: Ben for doing his work well.

Lunchtime "Good Manners" Awards: Table 1 (Lola, Connie T, George S, Charlotte, Felix, Lily M & Samuel)



Certificates from Home: Pieta – winning a Tennis tournament
Izzy – for prizes at Southwell Ploughing Match:
1st place – Heaviest Bramley Apple
3rd place – Handwriting



Birthdays: Arlow

Housepoints: First – **Sapphire** (85)
Second – **Emerald** (84)
Third – **Ruby** (63)



Open Evening for Children Starting School in September 2026

On Wednesday, 7 October we are holding an Open Evening from 3.30 – 5pm for children who will start school in September 2027. If you have a child who is due to start school then, you are very welcome to come along. Please feel free to spread the word to any friends you have who also has a child starting in September 2027.

We would love some of the children to help us show our visitors around during that evening, so letters will be sent out today and on Monday inviting helpers for the event.



Scarecrow at Maxey's Farm Shop

Once again we have entered the Scarecrow competition at Maxey's Farm Shop. Mrs Robson and Tea Club have made a "Ladybird Scarecrow" so please go and have a look if you are visiting the shop or picking a pumpkin, and please don't forget to vote for us!

School Food Standards

Some of you may be aware that the menu for Breakfast and Tea Club has been changed recently to meet the School Food Standards, for example no confectionery, no chocolate cereals, and no crisps.

These guidelines also inform the menu for school lunches, so in line with this policy, please could we ask that children do not bring packets of sweets or chocolate bars in their lunchboxes or for playtime "snack" (of course a small cake as a "pudding" is absolutely acceptable), thank you.

Finally, with this newsletter there are some flyers from Next Level Sports about their half term activities.

Thank you for your continued support,

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Aly Speed
Executive Headteacher



Dates for the diary

Wednesday, 7 October

3.30 – 5pm Open Evening for parents & carers of children starting school in September 2027

Monday, 12 October

Parents' Evening (more details to follow)

Tuesday, 13 October

Sue Hulme to lead Collective Worship

Wednesday, 14 October

Parents' Evening (more details to follow)

Friday, 17 October

Break up for half term

Monday, 2 November

School closed to pupils for INSET DAY

Tuesday, 3 November

School re-opens for pupils for the second half of term

Wednesday, 4 November

Bag2School collection

Friday, 6 November

Oak Class visit to the National Holocaust Centre

PTFA "Autumn Ball"

Friday, 13 November

Children in Need Day

Monday, 16 November

Anti-Bullying Week – Odd Socks Day

Road Safety Week

Monday, 23 November

NHS flu immunisations

Wednesday, 25 November

2pm – 4pm Open Evening for parents & carers of children starting school in September 2027

Thursday, 26 November

Choir singing at "Late Night Shopping"

Friday, 27 December

PTFA Non-Uniform Day for hamper prizes

Tuesday, 1 December

Christmas Craft Day (Christmas jumpers may be worn!)

Wednesday, 9 December

2pm & 6pm Christmas Performances

Friday, 11 December

PTFA "Winter Fair"

Monday, 14 December

2.30pm Carols & Mince Pies

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

Break up for the Christmas Holidays

Monday, 4 January 2027

School re-opens for the Spring Term