Halam Church of England Primary School

Life in all its fullness

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Friday, 13 November

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a super week! The two-minute silence was beautifully observed in school, and thank you to the children who represented us at the Church Service and at the Bomber Memorial. This morning all of the children had a wonderful time during the Forest School sessions, thanks to Frankie and Charlotte from Moss to Canopy for such a super experience for the children, and of course thank you to the PTFA for funding it!

Terrific Assembly Awards

Well done this week to:

Cherry Class: Finley for showing **love** and dedication to his role as an Eco-Warrior.
Daisy for **aspiring** to work independently when doing her writing.

Maple Class: Charlotte for **persevering** in Maths (subtraction).
Isaac for **aspiring** to be the best he can be.

Oak Class: Megan for **enjoying** literacy, writing a lovely version of "The Piano".
Florence S for excellent **partnership** work – nurturing and supporting the younger children.

Head Team Award: Henry for being sensible in class.

Lunchtime "Good Manners" Awards: Table 4 (Megan, Clara, Kara, Eliza & Martha)

Housepoints: First – **Emerald** (111)
Second – **Ruby** (89)
Third – **Sapphire** (88)

Certificates from Home: Jonny – for sailing during half term

Birthdays: Tristan, Franki & Devon



Anti-Bullying Week 2026

Next week is Anti-Bullying week, and the theme this year is: ***Break the Silence***.

The theme focuses on encouraging children, young people, and adults to:

- **Speak up** when they experience bullying
- **Report concerns** when they witness bullying
- **Listen carefully** when someone shares their experiences
- **Take action** rather than ignoring bullying
- **Create open conversations** about bullying in schools, homes and communities

If you would like any resources to help discussions at home, they can be found here:

Parent and carer pack

We will start the week by celebrating '**Odd Socks Day**' on Monday, 16 November, and we would love the children (and staff!) to wear odd socks to school on Monday to celebrate what makes us all different and unique! On Monday afternoon the children will be doing a House Group activity based on our odd socks!



Choir Performance at Southwell Late Night Shopping Event - Thursday, 27 November

The children in the School Choir are performing at Southwell's Late Night Shopping Event on Thursday, 26 November. The children in Choir will bring home a letter about this event today. If you want to come along and hear the Choir sing, they will be performing at 5.50pm at the back of the Market Square, near King's Court.

Christmas Jumpers: As part of our Global Neighbours Project, we are also holding a stall at the Late-Night shopping Event selling pre-loved Christmas jumpers/tops/dresses. If parents and carers have any more jumpers or tops to donate please could they be handed in to the School Office before Thursday 26th, thank you.



Staffing News

I am delighted to tell you that Mrs Hammond will be back in school on Monday – I know the children have missed her! We are very grateful to Mrs Rees and Mrs Sissons for covering in Maple Class during her absence.

PTFA Non-Uniform Day

On Friday, 27 November, the PTFA are holding a non-uniform day, and on that day in exchange for coming to school in non-uniform they are asking for donations for the tombolas, and also for items to help fill the hampers which are raffled at the Christmas performances.
They would be delighted to receive contributions such as:

- 🎁 Festive food & drink: chocolates, crisps, Christmas crackers, wine etc
- 🍫 Chocolate items (large or small) for our new stall – "The Chocolate Tombola"
- 🧴 Toiletries and pamper items
- 🧸 Toys (pre-loved welcome), books, and unwanted gifts
- 🎉 Leftover party bag fillers or small treats

Every single item, big or small, is appreciated – thank you.

Finally, there are lots of flyers this week! With this newsletter there is some information about "Vocals!" (a singing workshop for children aged 5 to 14), flyers from Lumarise Yoga and Next Level Sports about their Christmas Holiday activities, a poster from Southwell Rugby Club about their Girls' Rugby Team, and a flyer from Halam Events about their Children's Chrostmas Party.

Thank you for your continued support,

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Executive Headteacher



Dates for the diary

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	5.50pm Choir singing at "Late Night Shopping" in Southwell
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	
	Christmas lunch (Christmas jumpers may be worn!)	***new date***
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	