



Halam Church of England Primary School

Life in all its fullness

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Friday, 18 October

Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't believe it is half term already! Thank you all for your support so far this year, I hope you all have a super break.



Terrific Assembly Awards

Well done this week to:

Cherry Class: Lily for wonderful writing.

Ronnie for his brilliant art work.

Grayson for working well in class.

Maple Class: Ronald for such a super character description.

Lochlan for his excellent efforts in class.

Oak Class: Tilly for having a positive attitude.

Archie for being a positive role model.

Head Team Award: Flo for sitting well in assembly and looking after the Little Cherries.

Lunchtime "Good Manners" Awards: Clara & Edward C

Best attendance this week: Oak - 88%

Housepoints: First – **Emerald** (60)

Second – **Sapphire** (44)

Third – **Ruby** (19)

Over the half term:

First – **Sapphire** (278)

Second – **Emerald** (230)

Third – **Ruby** (212)



Birthdays: Sophia & Billy



Certificates from Home:

Franki for Level 2 Gymnastics

India for doing a "Round Off Flick Tuck"



Bag2School Collection

Our next Bag2school collection is on Tuesday, 19 November. Bag2School collect clothing, bags, shoes (tied together), towels, jewellery or soft toys that you no longer require. You can see a full list of items that they collect on the website: <https://bag2school.com/what-we-collect>

Please leave any items for collection in bags outside the school office before 9am on Tuesday, 19 November, (or just inside the door if it is raining). The collection is weighed in and then the money is sent to the PTFA. If you are unable to get the items to school on that day then please give them to Rebecca Bower or Gemma Bust by Monday, 18 November, thank you.



PTFA Christmas Card Project

Thank you to everyone who has already placed orders for Christmas cards and gifts. The orders should start to arrive after the half term holiday.

If anyone missed the deadline, but would still like to order, the online shop will reopen on Friday, 15 November and will close again at midday on Sunday, 24 November.

Thank you again for your support of the PTFA.



Individual Photographs

Your child brought home their photograph proofs this week. The closing date for any orders is on the proof – please make sure that you order in time to ensure we get the photographs back promptly. Thank you.



October Half Term

A reminder that we break up for the half term holiday on Friday, 18 October. We have two weeks for this half term break, and staff and pupils return to school on Monday, 4 November.



Dates for the diary

Friday, 20 October	Break up for half term
Monday, 4 November	School re-opens for staff and pupils
Tuesday, 5 November	Worship Leads visit to Southwell Minster
Friday, 8 November	PTFA Autumn Ball (3.30pm – 5pm)
Monday, 11 November	Anti-bullying Week
Tuesday, 12 November	Odd Socks Day
Wednesday, 13 November	PTFA meeting 7.30pm in school
Sunday, 17 November	Halam Winter Fair – Choir performing at 1.30pm
Tuesday, 19 November	Bags2School collection
Wednesday, 20 November	Maple Class visit to Brackenhurst
	Open Evening for children due to start in September 2025
Friday, 22 November	PTFA non-uniform day
Thursday, 28 November	Southwell Late Night Shopping – Choir performing
Monday, 2 December	School Christmas Concerts – 2pm & 6pm
Wednesday, 4 December	Christmas Jumper & Craft Day
Monday, 9 December	Whole school visit to the pantomime in Newark (“Aladdin”)
Wednesday, 11 December	Carols & Mince Pies – 2pm
Friday, 13 December	PTFA Winter Fair – 3.30pm – 5pm
Tuesday, 17 December	Christmas Service in St Michael the Archangel's Church– 9.15am
Thursday, 19 December	Christmas Party Day in school
Friday, 20 December	Break up for the Christmas Holidays
Monday, 6 January	School re-opens for the Spring Term 2025

Finally, with this newsletter there is a flyer for a Parent/Carer drop-in about anxiety, neurodivergence and mental health, which is being held at Southwell Methodist Church on 12th November, and a flyer from Inspire about a free maths games session being held in Southwell Library over half term.

Thank you all for your continued support.

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