



Halam Church of England Primary School

Life in all its fullness

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Dear Parents and Carers,



Thank you to everyone for all of your donations to Children in Need, the delicious cakes you have sent in, and the effort which has gone into the children's outfits! We have all had a super day, and have raised £86.20 for the cause!



Terrific Assembly Awards

Well done this week to:

Cherry Class: Sophia for working hard in Maths.

Sidney for listening well in RE.

Polly for her super singing whilst practising the Christmas Concert songs.

Maple Class: Jacob for super persevering in Maths.

Eliza for her wonderful attitude towards all of her work.

Oak Class: India for having a positive attitude to her work in all subjects.

Alex for always being happy and having a great attitude towards work.

Head Team Award: Dora for working hard in English.

Lunchtime "Good Manners" Awards: Aston & Charlotte

Best attendance this week: Oak Class - 100% *(for the second week running!)*

Housepoints: First – **Emerald** (43)

Second – **Sapphire** (34)

Third – **Ruby** (21)



Birthdays: Clara & Franki

... and a special "well done" this week to our Head Team: Alex, Edward C, Tilly & Archie, for representing the school so well at the Remembrance Services in Halam Church and at the Bomber Memorial.



Choir Performance at the Halam Christmas Market

A reminder that the School Choir will be performing at 1.30pm at the Halam Christmas Market on Sunday (17th November). If you are coming to the Christmas Market, do come and support us!



Official "opening" for the Outdoor Classroom

Our lovely outdoor classroom is now finished, and so we are going to be holding an official opening ceremony on **Saturday, 18 January 2025 at 2pm**. More details about the event will be sent out nearer the time, but we thought you would appreciate a "heads up" of the date.

As part of the ceremony the PTFA will be revealing the name of the new classroom, and we would like all our families to come up with ideas for what it could be called!

Please send your suggestions for the name of the outdoor classroom to the School Office, and then School Council and I will choose the winner. The name will be revealed on 18th January!



Carol Service in St Michael the Archangel Church, Halam

On Sunday, 22 December there is a Carol Service in Halam Church, and Reverend Mary would be delighted to see any of our families there. Unfortunately I have a family commitment that day so am unable to attend, but I am teaching the children the two carols, "Away in a Manger" and "Silent Night" as they will be part of the service.



PTFA Update

The PTFA had an extremely productive meeting on Wednesday evening, and have arranged a few events over the next few weeks:

- There will be a **Bag2School collection** from school on Tuesday, 19 November. Please leave your bags outside the school office before 9am. Thank you.
- The PTFA will be holding a **Christmas Jumper Swap** after school on Wednesday, 27 November. Parents and carers are welcome to come along and choose a jumper for their child or children. If you have any jumpers that no longer fit, and wish to donate them to the swap, then please bring them into school before 27th November, thank you.
- On Friday, 22 November we will be holding a **non-uniform day** to collect prizes for the Christmas Fair Tombola and the raffle hampers. On that day, please send your child in non-uniform with items for the raffle or tombola, thank you.
- A reminder that on Friday, 13 December it is the **Winter Fair**. We do need a few more parents and carers to help us run the stalls at the fair, so please let Mrs Lincoln know if you are able to help, thank you.



Dates for the diary

Sunday, 17 November	Halam Winter Fair – Choir performing at 1.30pm
Tuesday, 19 November	Bag2School 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
Wednesday, 27 November	PTFA Christmas Jumper swap – 3pm *new date for your diary!
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")
Tuesday, 10 December	National Child Measurement Programme – height and weight checks for F2 & Y6 pupils
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
Saturday, 18 January	Outdoor Classroom opening – 2pm *new date for your diary!

Thank you all for your continued support.

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