



Halam Church of England Primary School

Life in all its fullness

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Friday, 19 September

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everyone who has already returned their "Emergency Contact" form, if you haven't returned it yet please could you send it into the School Office by Friday, 26 September, thank you.



Terrific Assembly Awards

Well done this week to:

Cherry Class: Harrison for persevering in Phonics every day this week.

Millie for persevering with her writing, and enjoying the process.

Harry for working really hard in Phonics and with his writing.

Maple Class: Oscar for super reading, great enthusiasm and lovely expression!

Eliza for a wonderful, detailed picture showing how the Egyptians made good use of the River Nile.

Oak Class: Jonny for having a positive attitude, and trying his best in all subjects.

Ronald for a great start to Y5, and for improvement in his reading.

Head Team Award: Isaac for having a big smile on his face, and enjoying everything he does!

Lunchtime "Good Manners" Awards: Martha and Phoenix

Best attendance this week: Oak Class – 99%

Housepoints:
First – **Sapphire** (74)
Second – **Ruby** (69)
Third – **Emerald** (50)



Certificates from Home: Pieta – winning a tennis tournament

Sophia – passing the first grade in taekwondo

Franki – joining "mini squad" in gymnastics (the first competition group)

NHS

Flu Immunisations

A reminder that the Immunisation team will be in school on Wednesday, 24 September. If you would like your child to receive the flu vaccine in school this year, please follow this link to complete the online consent form. If you wish to decline the vaccine, please use the same link to complete the 'No Consent' form. **The link will close on Sunday, 21 September.**

<https://nhslmms.azurewebsites.net/session/94991435>

If you have any problems accessing the link, please telephone 0333 3583 397 using option 4, and then option 2. If your child has already had the Flu vaccine elsewhere since September 2025, then please disregard this message.



Individual Photographs – Monday morning

On Monday, (22nd September) the school photographers will be in school to take individual photographs of the children, they will also take group photographs with siblings who are in school. If you would like family groups including siblings who are not at our school then please come to the School Reception at 8.30am.



Parent Governor Nominations

The Local Governing Body of the school are seeking nominations for a new Parent Governor as we currently have a vacancy. Earlier this week your child brought home a letter about the nomination process, a nomination form, and some information about who is eligible to be a Governor.

If you have any questions, or would like to know more about what is involved in being a Parent Governor please feel free to contact the School Office to talk to me, or to arrange a meeting with one of our current Governors.



Trainers for Maple Class

On Tuesday afternoon Maple Class are walking to Norwood Hall to do some sketching. Please could the children come to school in old trainers on that day, (which they don't mind getting muddy), and also bring a coat in case it rains.



School Harvest Festival

On Friday, 26 September we will be walking to Halam Church for our School Harvest Festival at 9.15am. Parents and carers are extremely welcome to join us for the service. We would welcome donations (just one item per child) of "non-perishable" food stuffs, this year these will be donated to local food banks and food hubs.



Minster Melody Makers

Y1 & Y2 have had a taster session from "Melody Makers" this afternoon, which was a lot of fun! The group is for Y1 and Y2 children, and runs on Saturdays during term time from 10am to 10.45am in Trebeck Hall (which is next to Southwell Minster). It is just £5 per session, and the first session is free – children do not have to attend every week. There is more information on the flyer with this newsletter.

Finally with this newsletter are a newsletter from the Healthy Families Team, and the flyer from Melody Makers for Y1 and Y2.

Thank you for your continued support,

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Aly Speed
Executive Headteacher



Dates for the diary

Monday, 22 September	Individual photographs
Wednesday, 24 September	Flu immunisations for pupils
Friday, 26 September	9.15am Harvest Festival in Halam Church
Wednesday, 8 October	3.30 – 5pm Open Evening for parents & carers of children starting school in September 2026
Tuesday, 14 October	Parents' Evening 3.30 – 5.30pm (more details to follow)
Thursday, 16 October	Parents' Evening 3.30 – 5.30pm (more details to follow)
Friday, 17 October	<i>Break up for half term</i>
Monday, 3 October	School reopens for staff and pupils
Friday, 7 November	PTFA "Autumn Ball" (more details to follow)
Wednesday, 12 November	PTFA meeting, 7.30pm in the School Hall

Friday, 14 November	Children in Need (more details to follow)
Tuesday, 25 November	Bag2School collection
Wednesday, 26 November	2 – 4pm Open Afternoon for parents & carers of children starting school in September 2026
Friday, 28 November	PTFA Non-uniform day for donations for the raffle hampers
Monday, 1 December	Christmas Craft Day (children may wear Christmas jumpers)
Friday, 5 December	PTFA Winter Fair
Tuesday, 9 December	Christmas Performances at 2pm & 6pm
Wednesday, 10 December	Whole school visit to the pantomime at Newark Theatre
Friday, 12 December	School closed to pupils for an INSET Day
Monday, 15 December	"Carols and mince pies" – Grandparents invited
Tuesday, 16 December	School Christmas Service at Halam Church – 9.15am, all welcome *new date
Thursday, 18 December	School Christmas Party Day
Friday, 19 December	<i>Break up for Christmas</i>
