



Halam Church of England Primary School

Life in all its fullness

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Dear Parents and Carers,

A huge thank you to the children from Maple and Oak Classes who stayed behind for Open Evening on Wednesday – we had lots of families looking around, and they all said how fantastic our children were!



Terrific Assembly Awards

Well done this week to:

Cherry Class: Charlotte for persevering in maths, even when it's tricky.

Thea for aspiring to be an amazing writer.

Polly for enjoying maths while trying really hard.

Maple Class: Clara for being such a kind and thoughtful member of the class.

Bobby for his super artwork in the style of John Constable.

Oak Class: Florence for always trying her best, and being a great role model.

Klay for a positive attitude in maths – with great results.

Head Team Award: Jonny for concentrating well in all his lessons.

Lunchtime “Good Manners” Awards: Elliot and Isaac

Best attendance this week: Maple Class – 100%!

Housepoints: First = – **Ruby** and **Emerald** (59)

Third – **Sapphire** (53)



Certificates from Home: India – for doing really well in a gymnastics competition and coming 6th all round.

Alice C – for taking a jazz exam and winning an award

Sophia – taekwondo



Birthdays: Florence



Fair Trade Coffee Morning & Global Neighbours Project

Our next Coffee Morning is on Tuesday, 4 November. This will be a “Fair Trade Coffee Morning”, and we will be serving Fair Trade Tea and Coffee. Parents and Carers are invited into school after drop off, and can join us in the hall for tea or coffee and cake, then go into the classrooms to join the children before coming to the hall to hear us sing. We would appreciate donations of cake to sell at the Coffee Morning, to raise money for Christian Aid as part of our Global Neighbours project, any cakes left over from the coffee morning will be sold at the end of the day. If possible, our Global Neighbours Courageous Advocates have asked that parents and carers try to use some Fair Trade ingredients in any cakes that they make. As part of our sustainability work the Courageous Advocates will also be holding a pre-loved uniform sale on that morning.

On Thursday, 27 November, we are joining with several schools locally to host a “Pre-loved Christmas Jumper Stall” at Southwell’s late night shopping event, and like last year, the School

Choir will be performing in the Market Square. We will be asking for donations of pre-loved Christmas jumpers after the half term holiday.



Spy Dog Books

We have been made aware that some booksellers are advising schools and libraries to remove the "Spy Dog", "Spy Pups" and "Spy Cat" books from their shelves as a website address included in the series has been hijacked and redirected to unrestricted adult content. We have temporarily removed all of the books from our book corners, and thought that parents and carers should be made aware of the issue.

Newark Advertiser "First Class Photo"

The Newark Advertiser were in school on Tuesday morning to take a photograph of our F2 children (Little Cherries) for their "First Class Picture Special", the photographs will be in next week's paper (Thursday, 16 October).



Nottinghamshire County Council Consultation on school holiday and term dates 2027-30

Nottinghamshire County Council is currently consulting on proposed school term and holiday dates for community and voluntary controlled schools for the periods from 2027/2028 until 2029/2030. The consultation is now open and runs between 29 September 2025 and 14 December 2025.

The consultation on school holiday and term time dates 2027-2030 outlines the proposed dates which follows the current model, including two weeks for the October half-term break, a varied Easter break and slight changes to the start and end dates for the academic year.

Comments can be submitted until 14 December 2025 by:

- completing the online survey response form [School holidays consultation - Nottinghamshire County Council - Citizen Space](#)
- emailing schoolholidayconsultation@nottscc.gov.uk

If you have any particular comments that you would like to bring to our attention please email them directly to schoolholidayconsultation@nottscc.gov.uk

Finally with this newsletter there is a NHS flyer about the "Health for Kids" magazines, a flyer from Cauntton Tennis Club about their half term holiday camp, and the children in Maple and Oak Classes will bring home a letter about the KS2 Sports Club today – please return the consent forms by Wednesday, 15 October.

Thank you for your continued support,

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Aly Speed
Executive Headteacher



Dates for the diary

Tuesday, 14 October	Parents' Evening 3.30 – 5.30pm
Thursday, 16 October	Parents' Evening 3.30 – 5.30pm
Friday, 17 October	Break up for half term
Monday, 3 November	School reopens for staff and pupils
Tuesday, 4 November	"Fair Trade" Coffee Morning
Friday, 7 November	PTFA "Autumn Ball"

***new date**

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
Thursday, 27 November	School Choir singing at Late Night Shopping *new date
Friday, 28 November	Global Neighbours' pre-loved Christmas Jumper Stall
Monday, 1 December	PTFA Non-uniform day for donations for the raffle hampers
Friday, 5 December	Christmas Craft Day (children may wear Christmas jumpers)
Tuesday, 9 December	PTFA Winter Fair
Wednesday, 10 December	Christmas Performances at 2pm & 6pm
Friday, 12 December	Whole school visit to the pantomime at Newark Theatre
Monday, 15 December	School closed to pupils for an INSET Day
Tuesday, 16 December	"Carols and mince pies" – Grandparents invited
	School Christmas Service at Halam Church – 9.15am, all welcome
Thursday, 18 December	School Christmas Party Day
Friday, 19 December	<i>Break up for Christmas</i>
Monday, 5 January 2026	School re-opens for the Spring Term
