



# Halam Church of England Primary School

*Life in all its fullness*

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Friday, 7 November

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back after the half term holiday, I hope that you all had a super break? What a lovely week, it was so nice to see so many of you at our Coffee Morning on Tuesday, and we have just finished the Autumn Ball – huge thanks to the PTFA for a wonderful event for the children, we all had a great time!



## **Terrific Assembly Awards**

Well done this week to:

**Cherry Class:** Connie for actively enjoying and participating in all lessons.

Finley for aspiring to succeed in Maths.

Silke for aspiring to be a good role model.

**Maple Class:** Frankie for working accurately in maths, doing addition problems with an exchange.

Thea for having a positive attitude towards all of her work.

**Oak Class:** Billy for increased focus and aspiring to complete the task.

Noah for showing enjoyment in lessons – great participation!

**Head Team Award:** Daisy for singing well in assembly, and trying hard with the signing.

**Lunchtime “Good Manners” Awards:** Lola and Bobby

**Best attendance this week:** Oak Class – 99%

**Housepoints:** First – **Ruby** (51)

Second – **Emerald** (33)

Third – **Sapphire** (32)



## **Certificates from Home:**

There were no certificates from home, however, well done to all of our children who entered the Young Artists “Food Friends” competition. Fourteen of them won “certificate of creativity” awards, they were:

-Alice C

-Bella-Grace

-Connie

-Felix

-Megan

-Polly

-Sophia

-Angelo

-Clara

-Eliza

-India

-Pieta

-Silke

-Thomas



**Birthdays:** Billy



## **Anti-Bullying Week & Odd Socks Day!**



Next week is Anti-Bullying week and the theme this year is, “Power for Good”. To start Anti-Bullying Week, on **Monday** (10<sup>th</sup> November) it is **Odd Socks Day**, and so we are encouraging the children (and the staff!) to wear odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique. The socks can be

different colours, different patterns or even different styles, anything goes, so I can't wait to see everyone's feet on Monday morning!



### **Children in Need – Friday, 14 November**

It is "Children in Need Day" on Friday, 14 November – and it is also the King's birthday! So in honour of King Charles III we will be working in House Groups on Friday, designing crowns for ourselves and Pudsey Bear!

The children should come to school in their uniform on Friday, but of course they are also welcome to wear any Children in Need merchandise they have too (such as wristbands, badges or Pudsey Bear ears!)

If anyone wants to donate to Children in Need then please send the money in to the School Office, thank you.

Finally, with this newsletter there is a flyer from the Children's Bereavement Centre about their Grief Café, a newsletter for parents and carers from the Mental Health Support Team, and some information from Nottinghamshire County Council about applying for a school place in September for Reception (F2) children and for Infant to Junior School transfer.

Thank you for your continued support,

*AE Speed*

Aly Speed  
Executive Headteacher



### **Dates for the diary**

<b>Monday, 10 November</b>	Anti-Bullying Week – Odd Socks Day	<b>*new date</b>
<b>Wednesday, 12 November</b>	PTFA meeting, 7.30pm in the School Hall	
<b>Friday, 14 November</b>	Children in Need Day	
<b>Tuesday, 25 November</b>	Bag2School collection	
<b>Wednesday, 26 November</b>	2 – 4pm Open Afternoon for parents & carers of children starting school in September 2026	
<b>Thursday, 27 November</b>	School Choir singing at Late Night Shopping Global Neighbours' pre-loved Christmas Jumper Stall	
<b>Friday, 28 November</b>	PTFA Non-uniform day for donations for the raffle hampers	
<b>Monday, 1 December</b>	Christmas Craft Day (children may wear Christmas jumpers)	
<b>Friday, 5 December</b>	PTFA Winter Fair	
<b>Tuesday, 9 December</b>	Christmas Performances at 2pm & 6pm	
<b>Wednesday, 10 December</b>	Whole school visit to the pantomime at Newark Theatre	
<b>Friday, 12 December</b>	School closed to pupils for an INSET Day	
<b>Monday, 15 December</b>	"Carols and mince pies" – Grandparents invited	
<b>Tuesday, 16 December</b>	School Christmas Service at Halam Church – 9.15am, all welcome	
<b>Thursday, 18 December</b>	School Christmas Party Day	
<b>Friday, 19 December</b>	<i>Break up for Christmas</i>	
<b>Monday, 5 January 2026</b>	School re-opens for the Spring Term	