



Halam Church of England Primary School

Life in all its fullness

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Friday, 21 November

Dear Parents and Carers,

Unfortunately, the coach from Nottingham Forest did not arrive for the netball session with Maple Class this morning, we will try to rearrange this if possible.

The booking form for seats at the Christmas performances, "Baarmy Bethlehem" was sent out on Monday. We are not issuing tickets, we just need to know numbers – thank you.



Terrific Assembly Awards

Well done this week to:

Cherry Class: Gregory for super reading in class.

Lily for remembering her role in the performance practise and acting well!

Daisy for behaving beautifully in class – a true role model!

Maple Class: Megan for super writing, a diary entry as Rhodipis from "The Egyptian Cinderella"

Lily for good concentration in maths – well done!

Oak Class: Thomas for **persevering** with tricky tasks, especially in story writing.

Martha for showing a **love** of reading, and reading for pleasure.

Head Team Award: Aubrey for improving focus in class.

Lunchtime "Good Manners" Awards: Connie and Alfie

Best attendance this week: Maple Class – 98%

Housepoints:
First – **Emerald** (55)
Second – **Ruby** (49)
Third – **Sapphire** (45)



Birthdays: Clara & Izzy



Choir Performance at Southwell Late Night Shopping Event - Thursday, 27 November

The children in the School Choir are performing at Southwell's Late Night Shopping Event on Thursday, 27 November. The children in Choir will bring home a letter about this event today. If you want to come along and hear the Choir sing, they will be performing at 5.55pm at the back of the Market Square, near King's Court. With this newsletter are three flyers about the Late Night Shopping Event.

Christmas Jumpers: As part of our Global Neighbours Project we are holding a stall at the Late-Night shopping Event selling pre-loved Christmas jumpers/tops/dresses. If parents and carers have any more jumpers or tops to donate please could they be handed in to the School Office before Thursday 27th, thank you.



Bag2School Collection

A reminder that our next Bag2School collection is on Tuesday (25th November).

Please leave any items for collection in bags outside the school office before 9am, (or just inside the door if it is raining).

There is a full list of items that they collect on the website: <https://bag2school.com/what-we-collect>

If you are unable to get the items to school on the day, please give them to Rebecca Bower or Gemma Bust before Tuesday. Many thanks for your support.



Message from the PTFA:

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our much-loved **School Winter Fair** is fast approaching, alongside our wonderful **nativity and carol performances**, and we'd love your support to make them a success!

On **Friday 28th November**, we'll be holding a **non-uniform day**. In exchange, we're kindly asking for donations to help fill our **hampers, tombola, and game prizes**.

We'd be delighted to receive contributions such as:

- 🎁 Festive food & drink: chocolates, crisps, popcorn, biscuits, Christmas crackers, wine etc
- 🧴 Toiletries and pamper items
- 🧸 Toys (pre-loved welcome), books, and unwanted gifts
- 🎉 Leftover party bag fillers or small treats

Every single item, big or small, helps us create a magical event for the children and raise vital funds for our school. Donations can be dropped off at the school office on Friday or any time before **5th December**.

Thank you in advance for your generosity and support! ❄️ 🎁

Thanks,

Gemma



Oak Class DAaRT Information Evening

A reminder that there is an information meeting at 3.25pm on Monday (24th November) for parents and carers of children in Oak Class about the DAaRT Course they will be doing in January.

Finally, with this newsletter there is a flyer from the PINS Team about some free online training for parents and carers.

Thank you for your continued support,

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Executive Headteacher



Dates for the diary

Monday, 24 November

Tuesday, 25 November

Wednesday, 26 November

3.25pm DAaRT Meeting for parents & carers of Oak Class

Bag2School collection

2 – 4pm Open Afternoon for parents & carers of children starting school in September 2026

Thursday, 27 November	5.55pm School Choir singing at Late Night Shopping Global Neighbours' pre-loved Christmas Jumper Stall
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
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
