



# Halam Church of England Primary School

*Life in all its fullness*

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had another busy week, Maple Class had a super time at Southwell Minster on Wednesday, and everyone looked brilliant for World Book Day yesterday – they enjoyed sharing stories and making posters in their House Groups too.



## **Terrific Assembly Awards**

Well done this week to:

**Cherry Class:** Finley for **perseverance** – working hard to write his numerals with the correct formation.

Gregory for **aspiring** to do well in Phonics, and making good progress.

**Maple Class:** Phoenix for greater focus on his work, particularly in Maths – fractions.

Sienna for having a super positive attitude towards all her work and showing a **love** for all she does.

**Oak Class:** Klay for **aspiring** to improve his skills, particularly in Maths and English.

Ben for **enjoying** History lessons and working hard to produce a lovely poster about the Mayans.

**Head Team Award:** Jonny for excellent effort in Science and English learning about the circulatory system.

**Lunchtime “Good Manners” Awards:** Thea

**Best attendance this year so far:** Cherry Class – 96.4%

**Housepoints:**  
First – **Ruby** (46)  
Second – **Emerald** (42)  
Third – **Sapphire** (37)



**Certificates from Home:** Franki – cheer-pom competition



**Birthdays:** Phoenix, Megan & Madison



## **INSET Days for 2026-27**

With this newsletter is the MITRE Schools Calendar for next academic year. This includes the school holidays, and the proposed INSET dates. Please note INSET Days are subject to governor approval, and may be changed to suit staff training needs.



## **Staffing update**

I'm pleased to tell you that Mrs Lo Bue will be starting back at work next week on a part-time basis. She will initially be working alongside Mrs Rees and Mrs Fraser in Cherry Class.



## **Form for Leave of Absence During Term Time**

Please can I remind parents and carers that absence during term time will only be granted in exceptional circumstances, and that unauthorised absences of ten sessions or more in a rolling period of ten school weeks may lead to a penalty notice (fine) being issued.

Please note that the threshold for penalty notices is ten sessions, which means that if your child misses ten sessions (five days) of school then a penalty notice will be issued.

If you do need to take your child out of school during term time please complete the Holiday Request Form which is available on our school website under "School Office" in "Useful Forms & School Meals", and make sure you send this in at least four weeks before the planned absence, thank you.



### MITRE "Flourish" Art Project

Last Summer all of the children in our school took part in "Flourish", an Art project and competition for all of the pupils in MITRE Trust. As you can imagine this was a huge project with almost 1500 entries! We were extremely proud that some of the children from Halam School were awarded prizes. With this e-mail is some information about the competition, which includes a link and a QR code allowing you to view some of the artwork.

Finally, with this newsletter there is the MITRE Schools Calendar, the poster about the "Flourish" Art project, and flyers from Caunton Tennis Club, Next Level Sports, and Lumarise Kids' Yoga about their Easter Holiday activities.

Thank you for your continued support,

*AE Speed*

Aly Speed  
Executive Headteacher



### Dates for the diary

**Tuesday, 10 March**

Katie Kabia Theatre School Assembly  
NCMP for Y6 & YR  
Parents' Evening

**Wednesday, 11 March**

Reverend Mary & Jeremy leading Collective Worship

**Thursday, 12 March**

Parents' Evening (no Y6 Booster session that night)

**Friday, 20 March**

Woodland Nurture sessions for all classes

**\*new date**

**Thursday, 26 March**

9.15am Easter Service in Halam Church

**Friday, 27 March**

PTFA "Break The Rules" Day

*Break up for Easter Holiday*

**Monday, 13 April**

School re-opens for staff & pupils

2.30pm DAaRT Graduation for Oak Class

