



Halam Church of England Primary School

Life in all its fullness

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Our four Pupil Worship Leads had a super time at the "Pupil Leaders of Collective Worship Conference 2026" in Southwell Minster on Wednesday, thanks to Mrs Sissons for accompanying them.

Well done this week to:

Cherry Class: George G for **aspiring** to do his best in class, and use his listening ears.
Finley for **enjoying** learning during Phonics, and trying hard with his "Fred finger spellings".

Maple Class: Thea for **enjoying** writing when doing a description of a setting.
Arlow for persevering in maths, even when it gets tricky.

Oak Class: Vesper for **aspiring** to do her best in all subjects – well done!
Kara for great **partnership** work, she's a super role model who gets on with everyone.

Head Team Award: Mrs Francis for helping the Y6 pupils with their SATs practise!!!

Lunchtime "Good Manners" Awards: Oscar H-M and Aurelia

Best attendance this year so far: Cherry Class – 96.5%

Housepoints:
First – **Emerald** (45)
Second – **Ruby** (37)
Third – **Sapphire** (28)



Certificates from Home: Alfie & Charlotte – end of the season awards at rugby



Birthdays: Harry



PTFA News

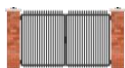
The children will bring home some information today about the Colour Run next Friday. The PTFA have also arranged and for an ice-cream van to visit school on Friday morning, and have paid for an ice-cream or ice-lolly for every child – what a lovely treat for the end of SATs week!



Art Sessions

Just to let you know, we have amended the dates for the art sessions with Anna to improve the experience for the children, the new dates are as follows:

Tuesday, 12 May – Y1
Tuesday, 19 May – Y2
Tuesday, 2 June – Y3
Tuesday, 9 June – Y4
Tuesday, 16 June – Y5
Tuesday, 23 June – Y6



Locking the Gates

Please can I ask parents and carers to leave the school site promptly at the end of the school day, I appreciate that in this lovely weather it's nice to stay and chat, but unfortunately we need to lock the gates promptly as we still have children on site at clubs and Tea Club, thank you.



Mental Health Awareness Week 2026

Next week is 'Mental Health Awareness Week'. The theme this year is "Action", encouraging us to make time to take action to support our Mental Health, and the Mental Health of those around us. With this newsletter is an article from the Mental Health Foundation sharing a list of top ten actions for supporting Mental Health.

As part of Mental Health Awareness Week we are joining in with the "Big School Workout Live" on Thursday afternoon. The session will be run by Jow Wickes and is aimed at boosting wellbeing through movement.



Information from Impact Food Group

With this newsletter is some information from IFG (our catering company) about the consultation into the planned changes to the School Food Standards. The new standards are planned to be launched in September 2027, and feedback from school staff, parents and pupils is welcomed. In the information, IFG have detailed what initial steps they are taking to move towards the new food standards.

Finally with this newsletter there is the article from the Mental Health Foundation about their "top tips", the information from IFG about the School Food Standards Consultation, and two flyers from Next Level Sports about their half term activities (which are at **Farnsfield School** this time).

Thank you for your continued support,

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Aly Speed
Executive Headteacher



Dates for the diary

Monday, 11 May	Y6 SATs week Mental Health	<i>*new date</i> <i>*amended date</i>
Tuesday, 12 May	Y1 outdoor art session	
Thursday, 14 May	2.15pm "Big School Workout"	
Friday, 15 May	PTFA "Colour Run"	
Tuesday, 19 May	Ice-cream van visiting at morning break Oak Class visit to Veolia Waste	<i>*new date</i>
Friday, 22 May	Y2 outdoor art session Reserve date for PTFA "Colour Run" <i>Break up for half term</i>	<i>*amended date</i>
Monday, 1 June	School closed to pupils for INSET	
Tuesday, 2 June	Pupils return for the second half of term Y3 outdoor art session	<i>*amended date</i>

Wednesday, 3 June	Oak Class residential visit to Hagg Farm
Friday, 5 June	Oak Class return from Hagg Farm
Monday, 8 June	Class Photos
Tuesday, 9 June	Bag2 School collection
	Y4 outdoor art session <i>*amended date</i>
Friday, 12 June	Oak Class Safety Awareness visit at Sconce & Devon Park
Monday, 15 June	Minster School staff to meet Y6
Tuesday, 16 June	Y5 outdoor art session <i>*amended date</i>
Thursday, 18 June	Minster School transition evening for pupils with SEND
Friday, 19 June	Cherry Class visit to Southwell Minster – "Time Travelling"
Tuesday, 23 June	Y6 outdoor art session <i>*amended date</i>
Wednesday, 24 June	Y6 transition visit to the Minster School
Thursday, 25 June	Whole School visit to The Yorkshire Wildlife Park
Monday, 29 June	Transition Day
Tuesday, 14 July	2pm & 6pm School Performances
Wednesday, 15 July	2pm – 4pm Open Afternoon for prospective parents & carers
Thursday, 16 July	Sports Day & PTFA Summer Fair
Tuesday, 21 July	9.15am Leavers' Service in Halam Church
Thursday, 23 July	Reserve date for Sports Day
Friday, 24 July	9.15 Leavers' Assembly
	<i>Break up for Summer Holiday</i>
