



High Halden Church of England Primary School

Newsletter 18



Summer Term

Friday 5th June 2026

'Rooted in God, we grow together'

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Welcome to the final term of the academic year! I am sure you have already noticed that it won't be a quiet one! We have an incredible number of events, trips, and activities planned as we draw this school year to a close.

We've kicked things off at a lightning pace this week and the school has been absolutely buzzing with energy.

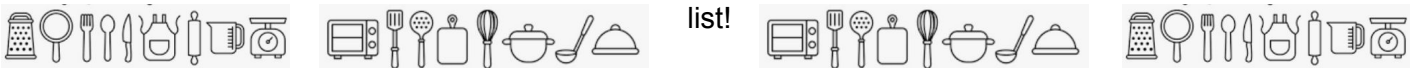
We started the term with a whole-school Play Day, and it was an absolute triumph! The children were fully immersed in a brilliant range of play opportunities across the entire day, including outdoor learning and exploring nature, role-play, hands-on crafts and giant construction builds. Every single child I spoke to on their way out of the school gates told me they'd had a truly great day. The teachers had a fantastic time too, though I think it's safe to say they were completely exhausted by home time! Thank you to Mrs Smith for coordinating and leading this day for us- a truly memorable one.



Bumblebee class, had a fantastic trip out to the Hastings Aquarium this week. The feedback from both the children and the staff was really positive. The children represented our school beautifully, asking brilliant questions and marveling at the marine life. Well done, Bumblebees!



Today, the school smelled absolutely incredible! We welcomed Darren from Roots to Food, who spent the day working with all of our classes to cook up a delicious, Indian-inspired dish. The aromas wafting down the corridor were highly tempting, and the final results tasted even better than they smelled. Darren's recipe will be shared on ClassDojo. If you fancy recreating this delicious dish together at home, keep an eye out for the ingredients



Because there is simply so much going on over the next few weeks, your ClassDojo app is going to be very busy! We want to apologise in advance for the sheer number of Dojo posts heading your way. We promise we aren't trying to spam your phones, we are just doing our absolute best to keep you up-to-date and provide as many helpful reminders as possible so no one misses out on the fun. Thank you so much for your patience and understanding with this!



If you are looking for some family fun this Saturday (6th June), the biannual Woodchurch Carnival is taking place! It promises to be a fantastic day out with a parade, fairground rides, and lots of brilliant stalls.



Attendance

Our current school attendance is sitting at **96.1%**. This is a great effort, but we want to finish the year strong! Come on, let's really make a push together and see if we can reach **96.5%** by the end of this year.

As you can see from this week alone, there is simply too much going on for the children to miss out. Every single day matters, and we want every child here to enjoy these final, special weeks of the year.



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Multiplication Tables Check

Our Year 4 children have started getting ready for the official government multiplication check. They have been trying out the system and getting used to the exact digital platform that the DfE (Department for Education) uses to administer it.

To give them the biggest confidence boost possible, please can we ask that Year 4 parents support their child to practise, practise, practise at home over the next week or so? Short, sharp bursts of times tables practice will make all the difference to their speed and confidence on the day!

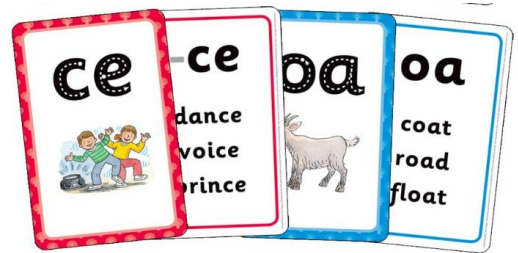


Phonics Screening

Our Year 1 children will be taking part in the official Phonics Screening Check to see if they have reached this important reading milestone.

Please rest assured that we keep these screenings incredibly low-key and stress-free for the children. They won't even know they are doing a "check"! Mrs Smith will be doing them individually with each child in a quiet, relaxed space.

[You can find out more about the screening here.](#)



Inspiring Futures

We are absolutely thrilled to share some incredible news with you all, we have won another award! This week, we received official notification that our school has won a Gold Award, which is the highest possible level of achievement in the Primary Futures Recognition Scheme.

This prestigious award reflects the passion, dedication, and commitment our school has shown in inspiring our pupils to "think big" about their futures and the endless possibilities ahead of them. A huge thank you to all the staff who work so hard to bring these opportunities to life, and to our wonderful children whose big ambitions made this win possible. We are incredibly proud!



Half Term Dates

Here are the remaining term dates left for this academic year:

Term	Starts	Ends
6	Tuesday 2nd June	Tuesday 21st July

Just a reminder that we also have an Inset Day in school on:

Friday 3rd July



Sports Day

Sports Day will take place on **Thursday 18th June**. Events will begin promptly at 10:00am, with gates opening from 9:45am. Families are warmly invited to join us for the morning and stay to enjoy a picnic lunch between 12:00pm and 1:00pm. Drinks and ice lollies will be available to purchase during the lunch break. As usual, we recommend bringing a picnic blanket and, if required, some form of shade or seating for your comfort. We look forward to an enjoyable day of fun, participation and friendly competition.

Further information has been shared with all families via email and class dojo this week.



Sports Week

Sports Week is coming up next term and will take place during the week beginning **Monday 15th June**. We have another exciting programme of activities planned for the children and would ask that they wear clothing suitable for sporting activities each day throughout the week. Please note that **full PE kit (inc their new t-shirts) must be worn on Thursday for Sports Day**.

Our planned activities are:

- **Monday:** Flag Football
- **Tuesday:** Cricket
- **Wednesday:** World Cup Theme Day
- **Thursday:** Sports Day
- **Friday:** Irish Dancing



Transition Week

Transition Week will take place from **Monday 29th June to Thursday 2nd July**. During this time, all children will spend their days in their new classes and year groups, helping them to become familiar with new routines, expectations, staff and classmates ahead of September. Our Year 6 children will also have opportunities to spend time at their new secondary schools during the week.

We understand that moving to a new class or school can sometimes feel daunting for children. Transition Week is carefully planned to help ease any worries and build confidence before the summer holiday. By spending time in their new learning environment and getting to know the people around them, children will return in September feeling more settled, comfortable and ready for the year ahead.



Safety in Action

As part of our work to prepare our Year 6 pupils for their big transition to secondary school, they will be taking part in the interactive **Safety in Action** event.

This brilliant, half-day learning experience is run by Salus alongside emergency services and community partners like Kent Police, Kent Fire and Rescue, the RNLI, and UK Power Networks.

Our pupils will rotate through realistic, hands-on scenarios designed to develop their citizenship skills, increase danger awareness, and give them practical safety tips for their newfound independence. It promises to be a fun, engaging, and highly valuable session for them!

Safety in Action is scheduled to take place on

16th July



Kent
Police



Lifeboats

FAB First Aid

It has been a few years since Rhona last visited us here at High Halden, but we are incredibly excited to welcome her back soon!

Rhona from *Help Save Lives* will be joining us to run her fantastic, age-appropriate **FAB First Aid** workshops with the children. From learning how to call 999 to dealing with minor bumps, choking, and basic life-saving skills, it is a brilliant opportunity to give our pupils the tools and confidence they need to stay safe and potentially save a life. You can read more about her amazing work here: [Help Save Lives](#).

These sessions are booked for 6th July.



JAMES TILDEN FOUNDATION GRANTS

FUNDING FOR YOUR FUTURE

FOR 2026/2027

1. WHO CAN APPLY?

- Young residents of High Halden parish
- Under 25 years old
- Attending or attended High Halden CofE Primary School
- Needs financial assistance for studies (school, college, university, etc.)



2. WHAT CAN THE GRANT COVER?



BOOKS & UNIFORMS



TOOLS



MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS & SCORES



TRAVEL FOR STUDIES



EXTRA COACHING



ACTIVITIES
PHYSICAL TRAINING / SPORTS EQUIPMENT



SCOUTS



GUIDES



ADVENTURE TRAINING

3. HOW TO APPLY



FILL OUT THE ONLINE FORM

<https://forms.gle/vNv5P2PSFDYhGuh57>



Scan me!

4. DEADLINE

COMPLETED FORM BY 10TH JULY 2026

For enquiries, contact the Treasurer, Mr Nik Le Marechal: niklem72@yahoo.co.uk

PTFA COLOUR RUN 2026

HIGH HALDEN C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL PTFA INVITES YOU TO...

SAVE THE DATE

FRIDAY
10th
JULY
at 2 PM



FURTHER DETAILS
TO FOLLOW

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PTFA NON-UNIFORM DAY!

FRIDAY 12TH JUNE 2026

WEAR YOUR BRIGHTEST & MOST COLOURFUL CLOTHING!

COLOUR THEMED RAFFLE PRIZE DONATIONS!

EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Red	Orange	Yellow	Green	Blue	Pink	Purple

IN EXCHANGE FOR DONATIONS OF PRIZES OF YOUR ASSIGNED COLOUR. ANY ITEMS WELCOME! (e.g. food, toys, crafts - but STRICTLY NO NUTS)

 DONATIONS WILL BE USED TO MAKE PRIZE HAMPERS FOR OUR COLOUR RUN EVENT! 



PTFA NON-UNIFORM DAY!

FRIDAY 26TH JUNE 2026

CHILDREN CAN WEAR THEIR OWN CHOICE OF CLOTHING FOR THE DAY!

IN EXCHANGE FOR THE DONATION OF A BOTTLE



DONATIONS WILL CONTRIBUTE

to our BOTTLE TOMBOLA STALL

AT THE VILLAGE FETE
being held on

SATURDAY 18TH JULY 2026

DONATIONS COULD INCLUDE:
e.g.



Fathers Day Gift Shop

We're excited to let you know that the PTFA will be running a Father's Day / Someone Special Gift Shop on Thursday 18th and Friday 19th June 2026.

During the afternoon on both days, children will have the chance to visit the gift shop, make a gift and wrap it themselves, ready to take home for Father's Day. It's always a lovely experience and a great opportunity for children to enjoy giving a thoughtful gift to someone special.



Booking & Payment



Children will need to be pre-booked to visit the gift shop. We suggest a £4 donation per child, which will be used to purchase their gift.

To book your child's place, please visit the school office between Thursday 4th June and Friday 12th June to complete a short sign-up form. Payment is required at the time of booking. Card payments are preferred (BACS payments are not accepted for this event).

Thank you, as always, for your continued support of PTFA events — it really does make a difference.

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WOULD YOU LIKE:

**Summer Social
Denswood Parish?**

IF THIS INTERESTS YOU

PLEASE CONTACT REVD MARIA:

denswoodcurate@gmail.com

07716 815275

Instagram: denswoodcurate

Pick up a drink
Pick up a bite
Sit or slouch
Inside or out
Chatter or play
Pay what you can snacks

Space for socialising

Space to be still

Space for all ages

Space for everyone

St Mary's, High Halden

August 2026

Prayers for Peace, Side Chapel

HOLIDAY TENNIS COACHING CAMPS AT SELLINDGE TENNIS CLUB

PLAY. IMPROVE. HAVE FUN!

THE IDEAL WAY to get started with tennis –

OR, IF YOU ALREADY PLAY, **LEVEL UP YOUR GAME** with our qualified LTA coaches.

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SUMMER FUN
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FITNESS
SKILLS
CONFIDENCE**

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SPACES ARE LIMITED – BOOK EARLY TO AVOID MISSING OUT!

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO BOOK:
david.weller22@btinternet.com

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Diary Dates



Date	Event
Friday 12th June	PTFA Non-uniform Day
W/C Monday 15th June	Sports Week
Thursday 18th June	Sports Day
Tuesday 23rd June	Kent Test (11+) Online Information Evening
Friday 26th June	PTFA Non-uniform Day
Monday 29th June - Thursday 2nd July	Transition Week
Friday 3rd July	Inset Day
Tuesday 21st July	Last Day of Term