



High Halden Church of England Primary School

Newsletter 19



Summer Term

Friday 19th June 2026

'Rooted in God, we grow together'

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What a whirlwind of a fortnight it has been! Our children have been busy learning, competing, and exploring. Here is a look at what we've been up to: Our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils recently had the incredible opportunity to visit the world-famous Globe Theatre, taking part in drama workshops linked to *Romeo and Juliet*. The children absolutely shone, showing fantastic creativity and confidence on such a historic stage.

Back in the classroom, a huge well done goes to our Year 1 and Year 4 children. This week, they completed their Phonics Screening Check and Multiplication Tables Check, respectively. They worked incredibly hard to prepare for these assessments, and we are so proud of their focus and determination.



It has also been an action-packed time for school sports! We just wrapped up our annual Sports Week, where the children had the chance to try a brilliant, diverse range of activities—including Irish dancing, flag football, cricket, and football. Amidst the busy week, a group of Key Stage 2 pupils also represented the school beautifully at a local cricket tournament, bowling everyone away by coming second overall! Fantastic teamwork, everyone!



All of this excitement culminated in our highly anticipated Sports Day Celebration. It was wonderful to see so much team spirit and sportsmanship on display, and a massive congratulations goes to Elm for clinching the trophy this year! None of these amazing sporting events could have happened without the tireless work of Mr. De-Keyzer. He organized every single activity for the children, and his hard work is very much appreciated by us all.



Finally, we would like to wish a very Happy Father's Day to all the wonderful dads, stepdads, uncles, granddads, and carers in our school community. We hope you all manage to enjoy some quality, relaxing family time together this weekend!

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Attendance

So far this year, thanks to the brilliant efforts of so many of our families, our overall attendance is sitting above the target set for us by the Department for Education. This is a massive achievement, and we want to say a huge thank you to everyone who ensures their children are in school, on time, and ready to learn every single day. Your support makes a world of difference.

However, we are still receiving a high number of requests for term-time holidays. While we completely understand that traveling during the school holidays is often far more expensive, taking children out of school during term time has a real, lasting impact on their education. When a child misses school, they miss out on vital, consecutive sequences of learning. It can be incredibly difficult for them to catch up on these missed building blocks once they return. Our Attendance Policy can be found on our school website.

Attendance percentage

School	96.3%
National	94.9%
Local Authority	94.6%
Reception	98.1%
Year 1	96.1%
Year 2	95.7%
Year 3	95.8%
Year 4	95.7%
Year 5	96.8%
Year 6	95.7%

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2026 Challenge

You may remember that at the very beginning of the school year, we held our **2026 Challenge**, where our amazing children raised over £1,000 by completing a wonderful variety of challenges all linked to the number 26.

Recently, senior leaders met with our Pupil Governors, Head Boy, and Head Girl to decide how best to spend these fantastic funds. Their absolute top choice was to invest in more resources for playtimes! We are delighted to share that these new items have been ordered and have already started to arrive. We are really looking forward to adding them to our playground and school field for the children to enjoy very soon.

Once again, a huge thank you for your incredible support with this fundraising initiative, it is truly going to make a wonderful difference to the children's breaktimes!



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.



ONLINE KENT TEST / 11+ INFORMATION EVENING

TUESDAY JUNE 23rd 6:00 PM

ONLINE EVENT - DETAILS SENT UPON REGISTRATION

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

YEAR 4 PARENTS (THINKING AHEAD)



- FUTURE PLANNING
- GRADUAL PREPARATION
- CONFIDENCE BUILDING

YEAR 5 PARENTS (CURRENT CYCLE)



- REGISTRATION DEADLINE LOOMING!
- LAST CHANCE FOR IMPORTANT UPDATES BEFORE THE DEADLINE!

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS & KEY TOPICS

11+ FORMAT & STRUCTURE OVERVIEW



KENT TEST CONTENT & SCORES



FURTHER SUPPORT & GUIDANCE FOR PARENTS

- Practical Tips
- Resources & Practice
- Wellbeing & Motivation



DON'T MISS OUT - REGISTER YOUR PLACE NOW!



Inset Day

A quick reminder for all parents and carers that our final **INSET** day of the school year will take place on **Friday, 3rd July**, and school will be closed to pupils.

This is always a particularly exciting day for our teaching staff, as we spend the time mapping out and planning for the forthcoming academic year. From designing an inspiring curriculum to scheduling exciting events and school celebrations, it is a very busy but rewarding day of preparation. We look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday, 6th July, as we head into the final weeks of the summer term!



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

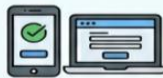


GUIDES



ADVENTURE TRAINING

3. HOW TO APPLY



FILL OUT THE ONLINE FORM

<https://forms.gle/vNv5P2PSFDYhGuh57>

4. DEADLINE

COMPLETED FORM BY 10TH JULY 2026

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

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.



Breakfast Club Bookings Term 1

☀ Breakfast Club Bookings – Term 1
(September 2026) ☀

To help families plan ahead for the new academic year, bookings for Breakfast Club and Early Drop Off for Term 1 will open at 9:00am on Monday 22nd June.

- 📄 Pre-booking for the term is strongly recommended, as spaces are limited. If you would like your child(ren) to attend, please complete the booking form once bookings open.
- ✉ An email will be sent to all families on Monday morning containing:
 - The booking form link
 - Full booking information
 - Breakfast Club times and charges

The booking form link will also be shared on Class Dojo

After School Club Bookings Terms 1-2

📅 After School Club Bookings – Terms 1 & 2
(September 2026) 📅

Bookings for our Term 1 and Term 2 After School Clubs will open at **4:00pm on Thursday 25th June** and will close at midday on **Thursday 2nd July**.

- ⚠ **Spaces are limited**, so if you would like your child(ren) to attend, please complete the booking form as soon as possible once bookings open.
- ✉ An email will be sent to all families on Thursday containing:
 - The booking form link
 - Full booking information
 - After School Club times and charges

The booking form link and details of available clubs will also be shared on Class Dojo.



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PTFA COLOUR RUN 2026

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

SAVE THE DATE

FRIDAY 10th JULY

playground
open to spectators
from 2:15pm



DON'T FORGET! Please complete the consent form for your child to participate by Friday 26th June. The consent form link and full details have been shared by email and on Class Dojo.



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.



BOTTLED
DRINKS

BUBBLE BATH,
SHAMPOO

SUMMER FAIR

HIGH HALDEN VILLAGE GREEN

SATURDAY 18TH JULY

12.30 - 4.30PM

**STILT WALKERS; TRAPEZE
ARTISTS & MORE !**

LIVE MUSIC

CRAFT STALLS

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY TENT

TEA TENT

FOOD STALLS

GODINTON HOUSE AND GARDENS



SUMMER HOLIDAY FAMILY WORKSHOPS 2026

WOODLAND ANIMAL PORTRAITS

TIC TAC TOE

JOURNEY STICKS

SCRAPS TO MASTERPIECES - WEAVING

POND DIPPING

JOIN US FOR A RANGE OF FAMILY-FRIENDLY WORKSHOPS THAT CHILDREN OF ALL AGES CAN ENJOY!

For more information, workshop dates, and to purchase tickets, please visit the Events page at www.godintonhouse.co.uk

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NORMAL MUSEUM ENTRY FEE APPLIES

OPTIONAL PRE-BOOKING AVAILABLE

RAF MANSTON HISTORY MUSEUM
Charity No. 1179982

COMICON
AT THE MUSEUM

JUNE 20TH-21ST 2026
10AM - 4PM

ANY QUESTIONS EMAIL [INFO@RAFMANSTON.CO.UK](mailto:info@rafmanston.co.uk)

@RAF Manston History Museum
WHAT THREE WORDS - REMARRIED.MORNINGS.PAVE

BOOK HERE

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Diary Dates



Date	Event
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
Friday 10th July	PTFA Colour Run
Tuesday 21st July	Last Day of Term

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