



High Halden Church of England Primary School

Newsletter 20



Summer Term

Thursday 2nd July 2026

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What an incredibly busy couple of weeks it has been at High Halden! Last week began with us preparing for the predicted heatwave, which was then made even more challenging by the arrival of our Ofsted inspection. A few very hot and intense days followed, but throughout it all our children were absolutely brilliant. Despite the very warm classrooms, they continued to engage enthusiastically in their lessons and certainly enjoyed being sprinkled with the hosepipe every now and then! A huge thank you to the kind parents who donated fans and provided the whole school with ice pops to help keep everyone cool. Your generosity was very much appreciated by both the children and staff.



In terms of our inspection, it is very unlikely that we will receive the draft report until September. As you can imagine, the process is rigorous, but we were able to show the inspectors just how fantastic High Halden really is. Personally, the highlight of the two days was hearing all the wonderful things our families, children and staff said about the culture and care that High Halden provides. The parent, pupil and staff surveys were overwhelmingly positive and some of the comments you shared with the inspectors filled us with immense pride – and brought a few watery eyes too! We do not receive copies of these lovely comments, so if you can remember what you said and would like to share it with the school office, we would absolutely love to read them again.



This week has been all about transition. Our Year 6 children have been exploring their new secondary schools in readiness for September, while everyone else has spent time with their new classes and teachers so that they also feel prepared for the next academic year. Ensuring that children feel settled and excited, rather than worried over the summer, helps make the start of September as smooth and positive as possible.



We have also welcomed our new Bumblebees, who have been simply fantastic. They have been busy exploring their new classroom and outdoor environment and learning about the routines of school. They are such a delightful bunch, and we are incredibly excited to welcome them fully into our school community in September.

There is still plenty happening between now and the end of term, so please do take a look through the rest of this newsletter to keep up to date with all of our upcoming events and celebrations.

Attendance

Reception	97.9%
Year 1	96.1%
Year 2	95.6%
Year 3	95.8%
Year 4	95.5%
Year 5	96.7%
Year 6	95.7%
National	94.9%
Local Authority	94.6%

Our whole school attendance currently stands at an impressive **96.2%**, which is fantastic, especially considering the additional absences we experienced during last week's exceptionally hot weather.

A huge thank you to all of our families who continue to make such a big effort to ensure that children are in school, all day, every day. Your support really does make a difference. Every day counts. Regular attendance has a significant impact on children's learning, confidence and overall outcomes. Being in school consistently means children don't miss out on important learning opportunities, experiences with their friends and the chance to build on their knowledge each day.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us make attendance a priority at High Halden.

Generosity

Respect



Wisdom

Trust

Hope

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.



Inset Day

A quick reminder for all parents and carers that our final **INSET day** of the school year will take place tomorrow, **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!

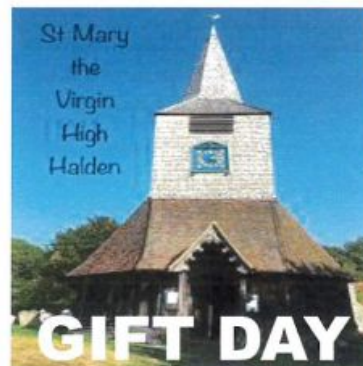


PTFA COLOUR RUN 2026

**FRIDAY
10th
JULY**
at 2:15pm



Playground open to spectators
from 2:15pm
Ice creams will be on sale



SATURDAY 11 JULY

12.30 – 4.30 PM

Feel the peace and tranquility of this beautiful place in God's presence.



Enjoy afternoon tea and some delicious homemade cake.

Amazing tours of this 13th Century tower.

Raffle

Cake sale

Book sale

Flower posies

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AND FRIENDLY
CHURCH COMMUNITY

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Year 6 Go Ape

The children in year 6 will be treated to a trip to Go Ape at Bedgebury Pinetum on Monday 13th July.

This is an annual trip that is funded by the PTFA for all of our year 6 leavers.

We are sure that they will have a lot of fun!



Y6 Leavers' Service

Our final church service of the year will take place at St Mary's Church from 2:30pm on Monday 20th July.

All families are welcome to join us at service of celebration for our year 6 children before they bid farewell to High Halden Primary School.



Y6 Leavers' BBQ

Following the Leavers' Service on Monday 20th July, we would like to invite our Y6 children and their families to a short award presentation and bbq.

This event will be held at the school.

Further details have been sent directly to our Y6 families. Please remember to check your emails and let us know no later than Tuesday 7th July if you will be attending.



Last Day of Term

A reminder that **Tuesday 21st July** will be the last day of term.

We hope all of our pupils and families have a safe, happy, and relaxing summer holiday. We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on **Thursday 3rd September** for the start of the new term.



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FOR 2026/2027

1. WHO CAN APPLY?

- Young residents of High Halden parish
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- Needs financial assistance for studies (school, college, university, etc.)



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ACTIVITIES



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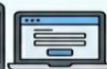


GUIDES



ADVENTURE TRAINING

3. HOW TO APPLY



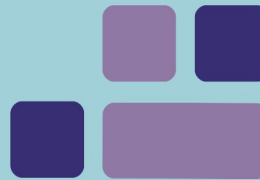
FILL OUT THE ONLINE FORM

<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



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SUMMER
FAMILY FUN DAYS

WEDNESDAY 29TH JULY 10.30AM – 4PM

FACE PAINTING*
DROP-IN CIRCUS SKILLS WORKSHOP
11.00–12.30, 1.00–3.30
ARTS & CRAFTS*
BOUNCY CASTLES & BABY BALL PIT
ACTIVITY TRAIL* WITH GUARANTEED PRIZES
MAGIC SHOW 11AM, 12PM 1.30PM & 2.30PM

*SMALL CHARGES WILL APPLY

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SUMMER
FAMILY FUN DAYS

TUESDAY 4TH AUGUST 10.30AM – 4PM

FACE PAINTING*
CRAZY SCIENCE FUN
DROP-IN CIRCUS SKILLS WORKSHOP
11.00–12.30, 1.00–3.30
BOUNCY CASTLES & BABY BALL PIT
ARTS & CRAFTS*
ACTIVITY TRAIL* WITH GUARANTEED PRIZES

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SUMMER
FAIR

HIGH HALDEN
VILLAGE GREEN

SATURDAY 18TH JULY

12.30 – 4.30PM

STILT WALKERS; TRAPEZE
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SUMMER INTENSITY CLINICS

ACROSS THE SUMMER WITH
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28TH - 30TH JULY
AFC MINSTER
ME12 3DB

TIMES
Year R-2: 10:00am-12:00pm
Year 3-6: 12:30pm-2:30pm

AGES
Year R-6



4TH - 6TH AUGUST
HERNE BAY YOUTH FC
HERNE BAY SPORTS HUB, CT6 5DN

TIMES
Year R-2: 10:00am-12:00pm
Year 3-6: 12:30pm-2:30pm

AGES
Year R-6



11TH - 13TH AUGUST
HIGH HALDEN HORNETS FC
TN26 3ND

TIMES
Year R-2: 10:00am-12:00pm
Year 3-6: 12:30pm-2:30pm

AGES
Year R-6



18TH - 20TH AUGUST
HERNE BAY YOUTH FC
HERNE BAY SPORTS HUB, CT6 5DN

TIMES
Year R-2: 10:00am-12:00pm
Year 3-6: 12:30pm-2:30pm

AGES
Year R-6



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2026/27







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 Diary Dates 	
Date	Event
Friday 3rd July	Inset Day
Monday 6th July	FAB First Aid Workshops
Friday 10th July	PTFA Colour Run
Monday 13th July	Year 6 Go Ape Trip
Monday 20th July	Leavers' Service Leavers' BBQ
Tuesday 21st July	Last Day of Term
Thursday 3rd september	Term 1 Begins
Generosity Respect Wisdom Trust Hope	