



High Halden Church of England Primary School

Newsletter 3



Friday 3rd October 2025

Autumn Term

'Rooted in God, we grow together'

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The term is progressing well, and it has been wonderful to see the children in full flow with their learning. We recently celebrated *European Day of Languages*, where the children and staff enjoyed learning French vocabulary and exploring aspects of French culture. It was a fantastic day full of enthusiasm and curiosity.

I've been popping into classes and have seen some truly exciting learning taking place. In **Bumblebees**, the children have been exploring why their names are special. It was lovely to see them creating colourful name cards decorated with feathers, glitter and lots of creativity!



In **Butterflies**, I joined the children during their independent reading time. They were so absorbed in their books that you could have heard a pin drop – it was fantastic to see them enjoying such a wide range of stories.

Grasshoppers have been learning about Australian culture, and I was impressed by some fabulous Aboriginal artwork. The children showed real creativity and thoughtfulness in their designs.



When I visited **Dragonflies**, I was delighted to find them continuing their English lesson. They were so engaged and keen to carry on that they had a double session – such a joy to see their enthusiasm for learning.

It is wonderful to see how engaged and motivated the children are across the school. Well done to all of them – and to the staff for their hard work in making learning such an exciting experience.



We have begun our school tours for next year, and it has been a real pleasure to meet so many new families. A large number of them have visited us thanks to recommendations from our current families. Thank you for encouraging others to join our community – it's wonderful to hear such positive feedback about our school.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend, and thank you as always for your continued support.

Reception	98.1%
Year 1	98.3%
Year 2	98.4%
Year 3	98.5%
Year 4	97.7%
Year 5	97.8%
Year 6	96.7%
National	96.2%
Local Authority	96.3%

Attendance

Attendance across the school is looking good overall – thank you to all our families who are making that extra special effort to be here every day and on time. Good attendance really does make a difference to children's learning and progress. To ensure children don't miss out on their lessons, they should arrive at school between 8:30 am and 8:45 am when the school gates are open. Arriving during this period guarantees they are on the premises and ready for the start of the school day, avoiding potential disruption and missed instruction that can happen if they are late



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My Run Cross Country

On Tuesday 7th October, a small group of our Key Stage 2 children will be representing our school at a cross country run in Ashford.

We're proud of their enthusiasm and determination and wish them all the best of luck! We hope they have a fantastic time and enjoy the experience.



Hello Yellow

On Hello Yellow Day, we'll be celebrating children's mental health and wellbeing.

♥ Pupils are invited to wear something yellow to school.

♥ **We'd like everyone to bring a packed lunch so we can enjoy a whole-school mindful picnic together.**

♥ The picnic will be a chance for children to sit with their friends, relax, chat, and enjoy a calm lunchtime as part of our focus on wellbeing.

♥ The school will organise a packed lunch for all children who are entitled to benefit-related free school meals.

♥ **Let's make Friday 10th October bright, mindful, and full of smiles** ♥



Parents' Evening Bookings Now Open

Our new online booking system for Parents' Evening is now live.

Primary contacts should have received an email earlier this week from support.jw@junipereducation.org, inviting them to create a password to access the booking platform. If you haven't done this yet, please follow the instructions in the email—as a password is required to make an appointment.

 **Appointments are available on:**

- **Tuesday 7th October**
- **Thursday 9th October**



 **Booking closes on Monday 6th October.**

If you experience any issues with the booking process, please don't hesitate to contact the school office.

Cycle to School Week

Get ready to ride! Cycle to School Week is a great opportunity to encourage our families to travel to school by bike or scooter, enjoying the many benefits along the way—saving money, staying active, and supporting a cleaner environment.

This year, **Cycle to School Week runs from Monday 13th to Friday 17th October**. We're inviting all students to join in by cycling or scooting to school in a safe and responsible way.

 **Remember to wear your helmet**
 **Be alert around traffic, pedestrians, and when crossing roads**

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Wall of Fame

We are very excited to introduce our brand-new Wall of Fame, which will be displayed just outside my office! Each week, teachers will be nominating children who have produced exceptionally high-quality work and/or are making brilliant progress with their learning. Their names will be proudly added to the Wall for everyone to see and celebrate.

I can't wait to see all the wonderful achievements that will be recognised. We'll also be sharing photos on Dojo so that families can celebrate with us.



Show Racism the Red Card Day

We are proud to take part in **Show Racism the Red Card Day**, a national campaign that harnesses the power of sport and education to challenge racism and promote inclusion.

This year's event will take place on 17th October. To show our support, we're inviting all children to wear **an item of red clothing** on the day. ●

At school, we'll be exploring key themes through discussions and activities, including:

- ✨ **The value of diversity** – celebrating what makes each of us unique
- ✨ **Tolerance and respect** – treating everyone with fairness and kindness
- ✨ **Taking a stand against racism** – learning how we can challenge prejudice and promote equality

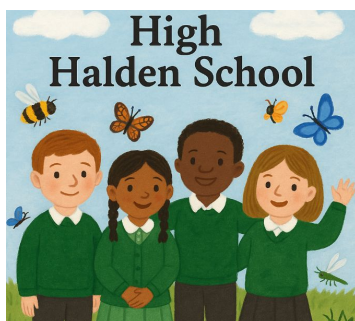
This day is an important opportunity for children to reflect on how they can help build a safe, inclusive, and respectful community. Together, we can show that racism has no place in our school—or in our society.

Our School Website

We hope you are enjoying exploring our new school website! Each newsletter, we will be highlighting different areas of the site to help you become familiar with everything that's available.

This week, we are focusing on the **Class Pages**. Here you'll find a selection of resources designed to help you learn more about your child's learning journey. Why not take a look and see what's on offer?

[Click here to visit the Class Pages.](#)



NHS - Stop, Think, Choose

Do you need medical help but you're unsure where to go? Choose the right place to get the right help quickly, such as a pharmacy, NHS 111 or an urgent treatment centre.

Emergency departments are for people with serious and life-threatening illnesses and injuries, such as severe chest pains, serious head injuries, loss of consciousness or breathing difficulties. Please choose an alternative service if you have a less serious condition.

Further information can be found at:

<https://www.kmhealthandcare.uk/choosing-the-right-service>



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Home-School Agreement



Our school is committed to working in partnership with families and their children to provide the highest quality of education. This is based on a shared understanding of our vision, values and beliefs. We take pride in creating a nurturing environment where our community of learners are valued as individuals. Through God's love, rich experiences and a sense of belonging, all will make strong roots to grow, flourish and bear fruit.

The school will...	Families will...	Children will...
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do all in its power to ensure that your child has a safe and secure environment in which to work and play including safe and appropriate use of the internet Encourage your child to do his/her best at all times Promote our Christian Values of Generosity, Respect, Love, Wisdom, Trust and Hope Inform you of your child's progress at regular parents consultation evenings, Provide a broad and balanced curriculum and strive to meet the individual needs of the pupil Provide regular homework opportunities suitable for your child's age range Let parents know of any concerns or problems that affect the pupil's attendance, work or behaviour Keep parents informed about general school matters and about the pupil's progress in particular Be open and welcoming at all times and offer opportunities for parents to become involved in the life of the school Ensure your child is ready for the next stage in their educational journey. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> See that my/our child attends school regularly, on time and in full school uniform Provide an explanation if my/our child is absent in accordance with the school's attendance policy Make the school aware of any concerns or problems that might affect my/our child's work or behaviour Support the school's policies and guidelines Support my/our child in homework and other opportunities for home learning Attend parents' evenings and discussions on my/our child's progress Get to know about my/our child's life in school Support the school's vision and Christian Values Encourage my/our child to do his/her best at all times Encourage my/our child to take care of his/her surroundings and others around him/her Not take family holidays during term time 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend school regularly and on time Do all my classwork and homework as well as I can Be polite, helpful and considerate to everyone within school and outside Wear the school uniform and be tidy in appearance Remember that I represent my school both at school and outside of school Always behave sensibly in class Look after my personal belongings Look after myself, the school equipment and building Follow the e-safety rules, ensuring that I use technology appropriately

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Is your child due to start school in September 2026?



We warmly invite you to come for a personalised family tour of our school.

At High Halden, families are always pleasantly surprised by:

- our spacious indoor and outdoor learning environments.
- how children are supported with nurture and care in a welcoming, family feel community.
- our happy, calm and fun environment full of enriching experiences.



Discover how our children grow in a school that is warm, supportive and alive with opportunities to flourish!



We'd love to show you around, answer your questions, and help you picture your child's exciting journey with us. Contact the School Office to book your individual tour.

01233 850285 or office@high-halden.kent.sch.uk

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HIGH HALDEN CEP SCHOOL EYFS OPEN EVENING



An opportunity for new and prospective families to hear all about our wonderful school. Come and meet our Headteacher and Early Years staff as well as tour the school.

Thursday 13th November at 6:30pm



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Times Tables Workshop

Mrs Dunn would like to invite parents to a Times Tables workshop on Friday 17th October at 2:30pm

During this workshop she will show you some of the ways we teach times tables in school as well as look at how you can support this at home. This workshop is aimed at parents of children from years 3-6 who do not yet know their times tables.

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Come and Play!

We'd like to invite children and their families who are interested in joining our school in September 2026, to come and play!

17th November at 2:30pm - Storytime
26th November at 9:15am - Outside Play
2nd December at 9:15am - Dough Disco
11th December at 9:15am - Christmas Crafts

Call 01233 850285 or email office@high-halden.kent.sch.uk to book your space.

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GODINTON HOUSE AND GARDENS

HALF TERM WORKSHOPS GETTING BATTY AT GODINTON! THURSDAY 23RD OCTOBER

Start with a bat-tastic trail around the gardens, discovering amazing bat facts. Then warm up inside with a hot drink and make your own bat mobile using natural materials.

Workshop times:
10am - 12pm
1pm - 3pm

TICKET PRICE: £3 PER CHILD
Under 4s are free. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

For more information and to purchase tickets please visit www.godintonhouse.co.uk

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Diary Dates



Date	Event
Tuesday 7th October	Parents Evening
Thursday 9th October	Parents Evening
Friday 10th October	Hello Yellow Day
Monday 13th-Friday 17th October	Cycle to School Week
Friday 17th October	Show Racism the Red Card Day Last day of term 1
Monday 27th October	Term 2 begins

E-scooters – are you breaking the law?



Can I ride my e-scooter to school or work? No, it's illegal...

E-scooters are classed as motor vehicles and are required to be taxed and insured. It's not possible to get insurance for privately owned e-scooters, which means it's illegal to use them.

Can I ride my e-scooter on the pavement? No, it's illegal...

You cannot use e-scooters on public footpaths, cycle lanes or roads.

What happens if I'm caught using my e-scooter in public spaces? The scooter may be seized and as a result, destroyed.

If stopped by an officer, you may be asked to complete a breath and drugs test. You also risk a £300 fine and six penalty points on your licence for no insurance.

Kent Police

Think before you buy:
The number of electrical scooters being used on our streets has risen, as well as reports of serious injury and fatalities.
For more information and advice on the use of e-scooters visit www.kent.police.uk/road-safety

Half Term Soccer School

Maidstone United Soccer School is back during October half term.
Monday 20th to Wednesday 22nd October.

The sessions will include football coaching, mini-tournaments, penalty shootouts and more, with prizes, medals and trophies up for grabs.

The soccer school is open to children in school years 2 to 9. It starts at 10:00 and finishes at 15:00, with check-in and collection half an hour either side.

With no more than 12 children to one coach, the groups will be organised by the age of players.
All Maidstone United coaching staff are FA qualified and DBS checked.

For further information and to book:
<https://maidstoneunited.co.uk/youth/soccerschool/>