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Dear Families of Hallfield

Spring term has come to a close but we packed so many things into a short term. We had neurodiversity week, science week, storytelling week and writing competitions, observations of PSHE lessons as well as many trips and visitors linked to the curriculum. We hope you were able to check in on your child's progress at parents evening or have had some opportunity to come in and see what your child is learning through all our opportunities.

Don't forget that school returns after the Easter Break on Tuesday 22nd April 2025 and that Monday 5th May is a national Bank Holiday.

Important School Dates



Please make sure that you check out the calendar of school dates attached to this newsletter and on the school website Calendar | Hallfield Primary School. All the important dates are included. We try to give weekly reminders via the boards by the school gate too.

Don't forget that a feature of the school's website is that you can subscribe to the school calendar so that school events download into your own personal calendar on your mobile phone, tablet or computer.

Stay up to date with all that is going on at Hallfield by regularly checking the website and our school blog: https://hallfieldblog.wordpress.com

SATs



Next term is a busy term for Year 6 as they prepare to take their SATs. Year 6 will be taking their SATs from **Monday 12th May to Thursday 15th May.** In the lead up to the SATs, teachers will be supporting the children in being able to confidently answer the test questions. The SATs are an important time for schools and just like any 'exams' it is important that children are at school on time ready to learn, not just during these weeks but also leading up to them.

Teachers will be sharing the outcomes of the SATs and their own ongoing teacher assessments later on during this term. However, if you have any questions about the SATs, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher.

Multiplication Tables Check in Year 4

During the week beginning 2nd June, children in Year 4 will be participating in a times tables test online. It is essential that children have fluent recall of the times tables to support their progress in maths, particularly moving to more challenging calculations and problem solving. This assessment is in place to check that children have achieved their knowledge of all the tables up to 12x12 reading for starting in their final years of primary school. We begin teaching times tables in Year 1 – check out our maths curriculum for more information. Thank you to all those parents helping their children at home!

Phonics Year 1

Every year, Year 1 undertake the government's Phonics Screening tests in June. This year the screening will take place during the week beginning 9th June.



Drama productions in Year 3, 4 and 5

Thank you to the St Marylebone Foundation who provided us with funding to run drama workshops across KS2 and to Toucan Roar for delivering them. The children had 10 weeks of specialist teaching from Adam from Toucan Roar and worked towards a final performance to showcase their skills. I hope you were able to attend the fantastic performances this Thursday. We were so very proud as a school of how the children learned their lines in school and in their own time and how they brought their best performances on the day. There were some surprise stars! Well done to all!!!!!!!!

National Story Telling Week Competition

This term Hallfield, along with our partner school Essendine, has celebrated National Storytelling Week by taking part in a very exciting competition. The theme was "Reimagine Your World." Children from nursery to year 6 were asked to design a new purpose for parts of the school playground or local area in a more colourful, imaginative way.

The competition was judged by the school governors. Winners from each year group received: prizes, certificates and medals! They will also be taking part in a bowling trip with the Chair of Governors. Congratulations to all the children on their fantastic effort and hard work. Here are some of the exciting designs from Hallfield. Please check our website blog entry on 3 March for the photos!

School Ziz-Zag line parking restrictions



We have noticed some drivers are stopping on the School Zig-Zag lines by the school gate.

The Highway Code states: **"You MUST NOT wait or park, or stop to set down and pick up passengers, on school entrance markings."** (Highway Code rule 238, Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.). Those stopping on these lines during the restricted hours, even just to open the door and drop/collect someone, may face a penalty fee – there is no grace period.

We all want to keep our children safe. You can help – keep the zig-zags clear!

Summer Uniform



Hopefully when we come back from the Easter Holiday, the weather will be warmer as we head into the Summer months. Please be reminded that the summer uniform is made up of a short sleeved white shirt, tie (optional), grey shorts/skirts/trousers, navy or grey socks and black shoes. **There is no summer dress** and the school blazer does not have to be worn.

Attendance and school holidays

If a child is absent before and/or after school holidays, parents will be asked to provide evidence to cover the absences. In the event no evidence is provided, the leave may not be authorised and could potentially lead to a penalty notice being issued by the local authority.

Coffee Mornings

We invite you to come into school for coffee mornings. These are designed to provide information to parents about services. Abla will also be running a session that explains how to use the school website and the calendar to keep up to date on information and events in school.

- Thursday 24th April 2.30pm Westminster family information service
- Wednesday 7th May 2.30pm How to use the school website

Kind Regards
Claire Dunnet
Head of School

School Dates for the Summer Term 2025

April	
22nd	Children return to school
23rd	KS1 parent meeting at 9.00am
	KS1 topic launch at 9.20am
24th	LKS2 parent meeting at 9.00am
	LKS2 topic launch at 9.20am
	Parent information session - Early Years Parent Champion volunteering programme at 2.30pm
28th	UPKS2 parent meeting at 9.00am
	UPKS2 topic launch at 9.20am
30th	Y4 Trip
May	
1st	Reception Trip
7th	Parent's workshop - How to use the school website at 2.30pm
12th - 15th	SATS
13th	Keep Smiling Programme - Nursery & Reception
15th	Parent information session - understanding autism & neurodiversity at 2.30pm
26th - 30th	Half-term break
June	
2nd	Children return to school
4th	Aspen Trip
5th	School Photography (groups)
6th	School closed for staff training
11th	Redwood Trip
July	
1st	Year 5 & 6 workshops - keeping children safe in the community
7th - 9th	Y6 PGL
7th	Poet Neal Zetter in - Assembly & Book Sale
14th - 18th	Y6 Bikeability
14th	KS1 Topic presentations
15th	LKS2 Topic presentations
16th	UPKS2 Topic presentations
22nd	School closes at 1.45pm

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- Create original characters and stories
- Build confidence performing

When: Every Wednesday 28th April to 18th June 4.15pm - 6pm (excluding half-term on 21st May)

Where: The Floating Classroom in Paddington

To find out more and sign-up:

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