Friday 13th February 2026

Hallfield Primary School

Growing, Learning, Achieving together

Headteachers' messages

Hallfield Blog

As we reach the end of a busy and rewarding February half term, we would like to take a moment to reflect on what has been a truly enriching few weeks for our pupils. This term has been packed full of exciting enrichment activities and educational visits, all carefully planned to bring learning to life and to enhance and supplement the curriculum taught in the classroom.
From hands-on workshops to inspiring trips, children have had wonderful opportunities to deepen their understanding and broaden their experiences.

We encourage parents to regularly check our school blog, which is updated frequently and is a fantastic way to see what the children have been learning and experiencing in school.

As we look ahead, we are mindful that the holy month of Ramadan is approaching, a special and meaningful time for many of our families. Ramadan is a month of reflection, compassion, generosity and spiritual growth, and we recognise its deep significance within our school community. We are proud of the respect and understanding our pupils show towards one another, and we will continue to promote kindness and consideration during this time.

Our Ramadan Policy can be found on the school's website.

We wish all those observing a peaceful and blessed Ramadan and thank our school community for continuing to demonstrate respect, understanding and inclusion throughout the month.





Some of the trips that children have been on (British museum and city farm)

Attendance Levels	
99% & 100%	Excellent
96% - 99%	Very good and at expected level Keep it up!
91% - 95%	**Careful** - Your child cannot afford to have any more time off. Try and get the % higher as the year goes by and the weather warmer. **If not** - they could begin to struggle in their learning and will not achieve the progress they are capable of. Do you really want them to fall behind in their learning?
Below 90%	This is the new threshold. If you child's attendance is below 90% - your child is NOW known as a **P.A. Persistent Absentee**
85% - 90%	This is completely unacceptable Your child has possibly **missed** up to **30 days** of school. This is 6 weeks worth of learning
Below 50%	If your child's attendance is below 50% - your child is NOW known as a **Severely Absent**
The Local Authority can issue a fine to you if you do not get your child to school. As a parent / carer it is your responsibility to do this.	
Give your child the start in life they deserve & bring them to school.	

Attendance and Punctuality

Attendance and punctuality continue to be a key focus for our school, and this is an area where we must work closely together with parents and carers to ensure the very best outcomes for our children. Being in school every day and arriving on time makes a significant difference to children's progress, confidence and sense of belonging. Even small amounts of missed learning can quickly add up over time. Please take a moment to review the table above, which outlines attendance categories, including what it means to be classed as persistently absent. By working in partnership and prioritising regular attendance and punctuality, we can ensure every child has the opportunity to thrive.

Children's Mental Health Week

This week, we have also been proud to celebrate Children's Mental Health Week. This year's theme is 'This Is My Place', and throughout the week pupils have taken part in a range of activities focused on mental health and wellbeing, helping them to reflect on where they feel they belong and how they can support one another. We are ending the week by celebrating individuality and self-expression by dressing up as ourselves — a special way to celebrate each child for who they are and to reinforce the message that they belong here and that this is their place.

The week has also included Safer Internet Day, and we encourage you to talk with your children about what they have learned, including how to look after their mental health and wellbeing and how to stay safe online. As part of this, our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils welcomed a special visitor from Barclays Bank, who delivered an engaging workshop on gaming behaviours and managing pocket money. The session helped children to think carefully about responsible online choices, spending habits and making informed decisions.

As parents and carers, modelling positive mental health strategies and taking time to look after our own wellbeing is one of the most powerful messages we can give our children.

Bikeability: Developing Safe Cycling Skills

Some of our pupils have recently been taking part in Bikeability sessions, where they have been developing their cycling skills and learning how to ride safely and confidently. During these sessions, children are taught essential skills such as maintaining control of their bike, understanding basic road awareness and learning how to stay safe when cycling outdoors. This is an important life skill that promotes independence, confidence and physical wellbeing. As the weather begins to get warmer, we encourage families to make the most of local parks and open spaces by giving children regular opportunities to practise their cycling skills in a safe environment.



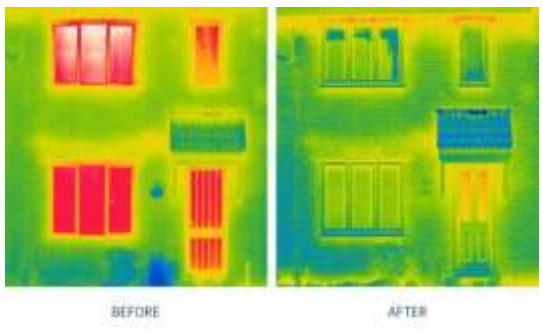
Aspirational Futures: Careers in Aviation

As part of our commitment to being an aspirational school, our Year 5 pupils recently took part in an inspiring careers workshop focused on opportunities within the aviation industry. The children first attended an engaging online session, where they learned about the wide range of careers available in aviation and the skills and dedication required to pursue them. This was followed by a very special in-person visit from a pilot, who spoke to the pupils about his own journey into the profession. The session was both inspirational and engaging, and our pupils asked thoughtful and insightful questions, demonstrating our Hallfield values of curiosity and ambition. Experiences such as these help broaden horizons and encourage our children to dream big about their futures.



Working Together Towards our Climate Action Plan

Our School Councillors and Peer Mediators recently took part in a workshop led by visiting experts to deepen their understanding of our school building and explore quick, effective ways to save energy as part of our Climate Action Plan. During the session, the children learned about fossil fuels and renewable sources of energy, as well as how tools such as thermal imaging can help identify where heat is lost. They also explored the impact of different types of windows, including single, double and triple glazing. Pupils had the opportunity to walk around the school site, making careful observations and thinking critically about how energy is used and how it could be reduced. We encourage families to continue these important conversations at home by discussing the types of windows in your house and identifying simple ways to save energy together.



Art Exhibition on 12 February 2026

Thank you to all parents, family and friends who contributed to Y2 Maple Class Art Exhibition. We have collected £182.30! All the money will be donated to charity chosen by children in Year 2. Based on all the positive feedback and encouragement from the parents, we have already decided to organise a similar event in the future, so look out for more information soon. Thank you very much!

Reading at Home Reminder

A gentle reminder of the importance of reading at home every day for at least 20 minutes. Children can choose what they read — whether it is a book about football, pets, Vikings or any other topic that sparks their interest — as the key aim is to nurture a genuine love of reading. Regular reading exposes children to rich vocabulary and high-quality writing, which not only develops their reading skills but also has a significant impact on their oracy and writing. Your support in building this daily habit makes a real difference.



Free Breakfast Club available from 13th April 2026

We are pleased to announce that our school will take part in the new **Free Breakfast Club Programme**. Pupils from Reception to Year 6 are welcome to join us for a nutritious breakfast each morning at no cost from 13 April.

This programme is designed to give children a positive start to the day, helping them feel ready to learn. Schools already taking part have seen better punctuality, improved attendance and more settled behaviour.

Our Free Breakfast Club will run every morning from 8:20–8:50am. The club can accommodate a maximum of 30 pupils, and children must arrive by 8:30am at the latest in order to take part.

For families who require childcare from 8:00am, a small fee will apply for the extra time before the free session begins.

To help us understand expected numbers, we will soon be sending out a short questionnaire. Your responses will help us plan effectively and set up a simple booking system for the free Breakfast Club.

We encourage all families to make the most of this fantastic opportunity!

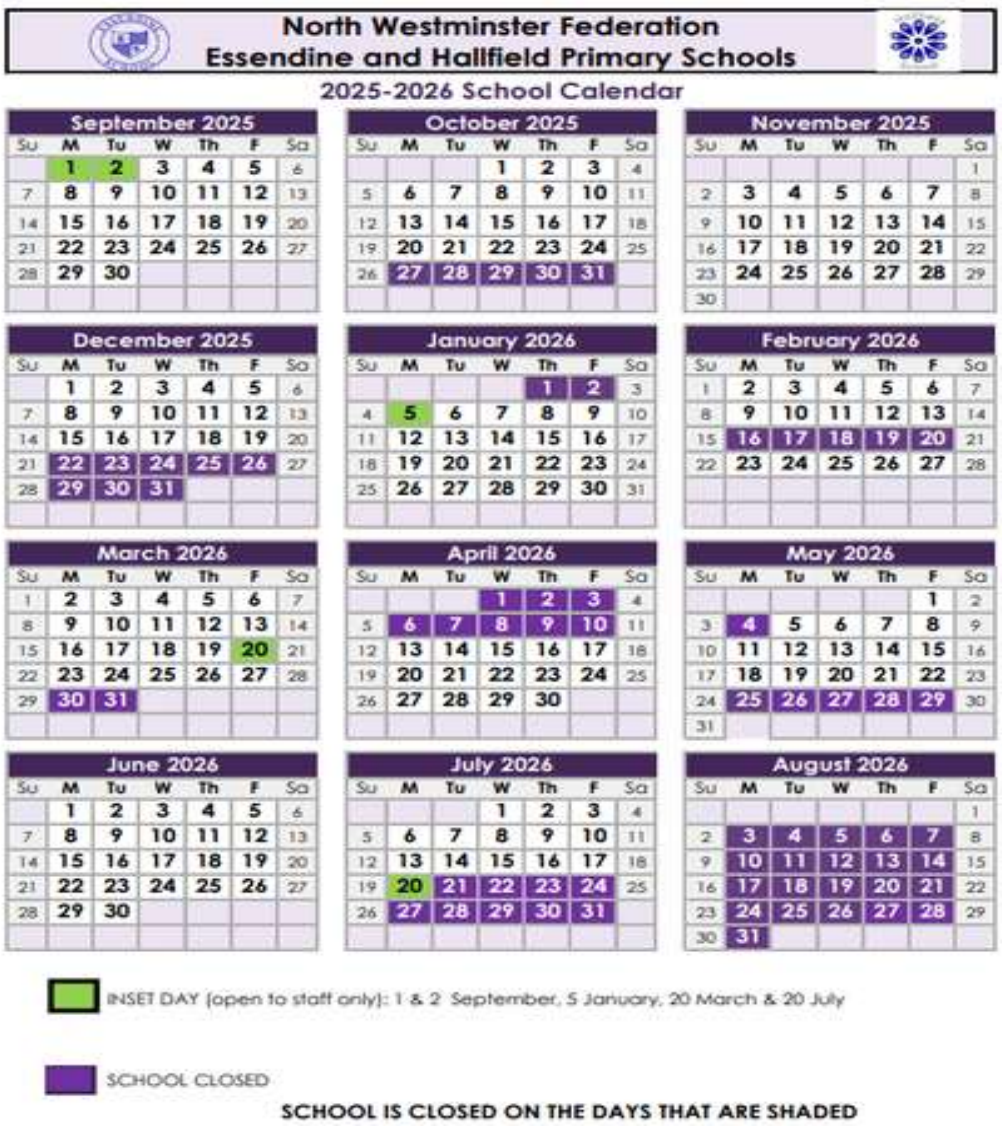
Important Dates

February	
13th	School closes for half term at 3.25pm
23rd	School opens
Week beginning 23rd	National Story-telling week
25th	Parent workshop: Make it Happen Neurodiversity (understanding and inclusion) at 2.30pm
March	
3rd	Year 6 trip
5th	World Book Day Year 3 trip
6th	Year 5 trip
Week beginning 9th	Science Week
13th	EYFS Mother's Day
17th & 18th	Parents Evening
20th	INSET (school closed)
23rd	Topic presentation KS1 9am
24th	Topic presentation EYFS 9am
25th	Topic presentation LKS2 9am
26th	Topic presentation UPKS2 9am
26th	Parent workshop: MIND managing tantrums
27th	School closes 1pm
April	
21st	Year 4 trip
22nd	Year 5 trip

School Uniform Offer for orders: offer till 22 February



Term dates 2025-26



MIND Newsletter



Tips for Parents and Carers

We understand it can be difficult to navigate how to support your child with their mental health. Start by trying these tips:

- Look out for signs of mental health difficulties
- Give a listening ear
- Show understanding
- Model emotions and strategies
- Don't take it personally
- Ask the right questions
- Know your own triggers

If you need extra support



Workshops for Parents and Carers

We offer a range of psychoeducational workshops for parents and carers at schools in Westminster and Kensington & Chelsea. These workshops focus on learning how to support the emotional wellbeing of your child.

- **Challenging conversations**
- **Communicating with a teenager**
- **Emotional intelligence and regulation**
- **Low mood**
- **Mental health awareness**
- **Transitions**
- **Screen use**
- **Anxiety**
- **Panic attacks**
- **Sleep hygiene**
- **Managing behaviour**
- **Self care and relaxation techniques**
- **Understanding behaviour**

If you would like to know more about these workshops, please talk to your school to find out which topics are coming up :)

Feedback from our Service Users

"It opened my eyes to how to help my child."

"I would like you to know how much I enjoyed this service, the depth of knowledge covered, and the skills and strategies I learned."

"Strategies were really helpful; we use them daily."

"I really appreciated the clear and consistent routine of the sessions, the ability to see and track progress, and the weekly check-ins."