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Dear Families of Hallfield,

What a busy and successful few weeks we have had in school! A huge well done to our Year 6 pupils, who completed their SATs this week with maturity, determination and resilience. We are all incredibly proud of the positive attitude they have shown throughout the week.

Across the school, it has been wonderful to see children continuing to work hard, support one another and take pride in their learning. Our classrooms have been full of creativity, curiosity and kindness.

Children across the school have also enjoyed a wide range of exciting educational trips this term, helping to bring their learning to life beyond the classroom. These experiences have helped to create lasting memories for the children. We have also loved welcoming parents into school for our Topic Launch sessions, where families joined children in class to take part in activities linked to this term's learning themes. Thank you to all parents and carers who attended and helped make these sessions such a success.

We encourage families to visit the school blog (https://hallfieldblog.wordpress.com) to see photographs and read more about these events and many other exciting activities taking place across the school.

We are also very excited about our upcoming Food Festival, where families will have the opportunity to bring in dishes from around the world to celebrate the rich and diverse heritage of our school community. This is always such a joyful event and a valuable opportunity for children to learn about different cultures through food and conversations. We look forward to seeing many of you there!

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and partnership. Together, we continue to make our school a happy, caring and successful place for all children.

Attendance and Punctuality Reminder

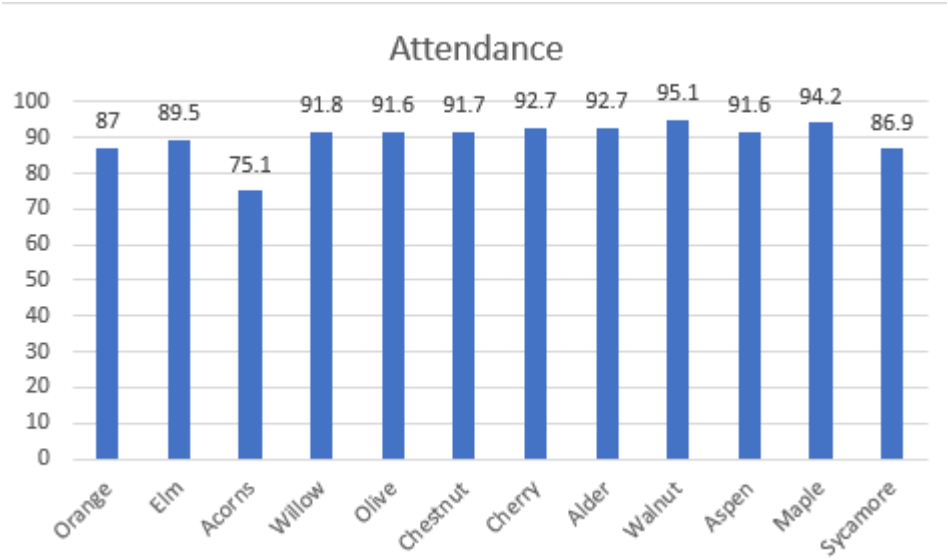
Good attendance and punctuality are essential for children to thrive both academically and socially. Recently, we have noticed a drop in attendance across the school, and we would like to ask for everyone's support in ensuring children attend school every day and arrive on time.

Every school day matters. Missing lessons can make it harder for children to keep up with learning, build friendships and feel confident in class routines.

Please help your child by:

- Ensuring they attend school every day
- Arriving on time each morning
- Booking appointments outside school hours

Working together to support strong attendance gives every child the best opportunity to succeed.



You are almost there, Walnut and Maple!

You are closest to our target of 96%

Family Cooking Sessions with Nourish

This term, we have been delighted to continue our partnership with Nourish Food Charity through our family cooking sessions in school. These sessions have given families the opportunity to cook healthy, affordable meals together while learning more about nutrition and healthy eating habits.

Children and their families have thoroughly enjoyed preparing new dishes and tasting different ingredients, and it has been lovely to see families sharing recipes and ideas. We hope that children will continue to make healthy meals at home.

We look forward to offering more opportunities for families to get involved in the future!






Free Breakfast Club

A reminder that our free Breakfast Club is available every morning for children from Reception to Year 6.



🕗 Time: 8:20am till school starts. No admission after 8:30am.

Children can enjoy a healthy breakfast and start the day ready to learn in a calm and welcoming environment.

We encourage families to make use of this fantastic offer. New commers, please complete the enrolment form .

Free School Meal (FSM) Support – May Half Term (holiday vouchers)

We would like to inform families that changes have been made to the Free School Meal (FSM) holiday voucher scheme following updates from Westminster Council.

From now on holiday FSM vouchers will continue to be available for:

- Pupils eligible for FSM who live in Westminster
- Pupils eligible for FSM whose families are placed in temporary accommodation outside Westminster by Westminster Council

For the May half-term, eligible families will receive vouchers at a rate of **£3.50 per day**, totalling **£17.50 for the week**.

Please note that pupils who are eligible for FSM but do not live in Westminster, and are not placed in temporary accommodation by Westminster Council, will no longer qualify for holiday vouchers under the new scheme.

The school will arrange the purchase and distribution of vouchers before the holiday.

Mental Health Awareness Week

Next week, children across the school will be taking part in a range of activities to support Mental Health Awareness Week. Throughout the week, children will explore different ways to look after their mental health and wellbeing, while learning about the importance of healthy lifestyles and positive habits.

Children will take part in activities linked to:

- The connection between healthy eating and mental health
- Gardening and spending time outdoors
- Exercise and physical activity
- Creative activities such as art, music and mindfulness

The week will encourage children to reflect on what helps them feel happy, calm and healthy, while also developing strategies to support their wellbeing both in and out of school.

To conclude the week, children will work together to create a “Mental Health Guide” for pupils their age, sharing helpful ideas and advice to support positive mental health and wellbeing.

Gentle reminder: Toys From Home



We kindly ask that children do not bring toys or personal items from home into school, including balls or toys attached to school bags. Recently, we have noticed an increase in children bringing in items from home, which can sometimes lead to disagreements, distractions or upset between peers if items are lost, damaged or shared unfairly.

To help maintain a positive and focused learning environment for all children, we would appreciate your support in ensuring that toys remain at home unless specifically requested for a special school activity or event.

Online Safety Tip for Parents

As children spend more time online using games, apps and devices, it is important that we continue working together to help keep them safe online.

Talk Regularly About Online Activity

Take time to talk with your child about the games they play, videos they watch and who they communicate with online. Children are much more likely to speak up if something worries them when they know they can talk openly and without fear of getting into trouble.

Helpful reminders:

- Keep devices in shared family spaces where possible
- Check age ratings on games and apps
- Use parental controls to help manage access
- Encourage children never to share personal information online
- Remind children to tell a trusted adult if something online makes them feel uncomfortable or upset

There will be a parents information session led by the school nurse about screen time and online safety on 4th June at 2.30pm. Please do come along and help us promote safe and positive online experiences for all children.

Kind Regards

Feben Ghirmay

Co-Head of School

School Dates for the Summer Term 2026

May	
15th	Reception trip
18th	Year 5 & 6 Food Festival (2.30pm)
19th	Year 1 & 2 Food Festival (2.30pm)
20th	Year 3 Food Festival (2.30pm)
21st	EYFS Food Festival (2.30pm) School Photography
22nd	Year 4 trip
	School closes at 3.25pm
Week beginning 25th	Half-term
June	
Week beginning 1st	Bikeability for Reception children
2nd	Year 4 Food Festival (2.30pm)
4th	 Parent information session – screen time and online safety by school nurse (2.30pm)
5th	Year 4 trip
Week beginning 8th	Phonics Screening Bikeability for Year 1 children
9th	Year 6 trip
17th	Year 6 trip
18th	Parent information session – Self-care – 2.30pm Year 3 – Pleasure for Reading (parents invited) 2pm
22nd	Year 5 & 6 Sports Festival (9.30am)
24th	Reception, Year 1 & 2 Sports Festival (9.30am)
25th	Year 3 & 4 Sports Festival (9.30am)
30th	Year 4 trip
July	
2nd	Parent information session – Secondary Transition - 2.30pm
3rd	Year 6 Performance – 2pm (to be confirmed)
Week beginning 6th	Year 6 Residential trip (6th to 8th July) Bikeability for Year 6
16th	Year 6 Leavers Assembly 2pm (to be confirmed)
17th	Last day of academic year (close at 1pm)

UK Government



Get help to pay for breakfast, after-school and holiday clubs!

See what support you could get: scan the QR code, or visit: **BestStartInLife.gov.uk**

If you are eligible for Tax-Free Childcare or Universal Credit Childcare, you could use this to help cover costs.

What you could save:

Tax-Free Childcare:

- Save up to £2,000 per year for each child aged up to 11.
- Save up to £4,000 per year for each child aged up to 16 with disabilities.

Universal Credit Childcare:

- Get back up to 85% of your childcare costs for children aged up to 16.

Kensington and Chelsea and Westminster Councils School-aged Childcare contact email:
marianna.lill@rbkc.gov.uk

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May 2026

Children and Young People's Newsletter

Allkind

Happy May everyone! In this month's newsletter we are discussing Mental Health Awareness Week and World Laughter Day as well as our online forums coming up in June for CYP, school staff, and parents and carers.

Mental Health Awareness Week

This month, we are marking Mental Health Awareness Week, which takes place from 11th to 17th May. This annual event is organised by the Mental Health Foundation to raise awareness and promote positive mental wellbeing.

The theme for this year is "Action". We are shifting our focus from simple awareness to creating real, practical change. This is a call to take small, meaningful steps toward improving our own wellbeing and supporting those around us.

You might take action for yourself by finding one simple thing that supports your mental health. You can also take action for others by thinking about how you can help build a more supportive and connected community. When we come together, our actions become more powerful.

Taking action for mental health

What we can do for ourselves

- Take regular breaks and rest when needed
- Move your body, e.g. walking, stretching
- Do something you enjoy, even for a short time



What we can do for someone else

- Check in regularly
- Listen without judgement
- Invite them to join activities so they feel included
- Encourage them to seek help if they are struggling



Summer Term Online Forums

As part of our Whole School Approach Offer, we offer forums for children and young people, parents & carers and school staff. This is an opportunity for you to share your feedback with us on using our service and contribute to the future development of our service. We deeply care about shaping our services based on your feedback.

CYP	School Staff	Parents & Carers
24 June 2026 4:30pm	25 June 2026 4:00pm	26 June 2026 4:30pm

For more information or to show your interest in the forums, contact us on mhsteam@allkind.org.uk or speak with your allocated Practitioner.

World Laughter Day

World Laughter Day on the **3rd of May** is a global event dedicated to promoting happiness and spreading positivity through laughter. On this day, communities organise laughter sessions, group activities, and public gatherings to celebrate joy and togetherness. The concept behind this day goes beyond entertainment - it highlights laughter as a natural therapy that can improve both mental and physical health.

Laughter has the power to: reduce stress hormones, improve mood instantly, strengthen social bonds and boost overall mental health. So come on, laugh away!

What you can do



- Have a comedy film marathon
- See a stand-up show
- Share jokes with those around you
- Try laughter yoga with friends and family
- Try a solo laugh meditation



Mindfulness Corner

Sit in a comfortable position. Massage your jaw and yawn at least two times to loosen your mouth and relax the muscles in your jaw. Start by slightly smiling and then begin laughing without too much effort. Move to deep belly laughs. Pause for a moment and recognise what comes up for you. Then try again.

