Friday
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2025

Hallfield Primary School

Growing, Learning, Achieving together

Headteachers' messages

Hallfield Blog

As we move into the heart of this term, we are delighted to reflect on the sense of community and care across our school. Over the past few weeks we have taken part in national events such as Anti-Bullying Week and Show Racism the Red Card as well as attending the Into Film Festival and working with The Floating Classroom. It has been heartening to see so many of our children show kindness, empathy and support for one another and these causes.

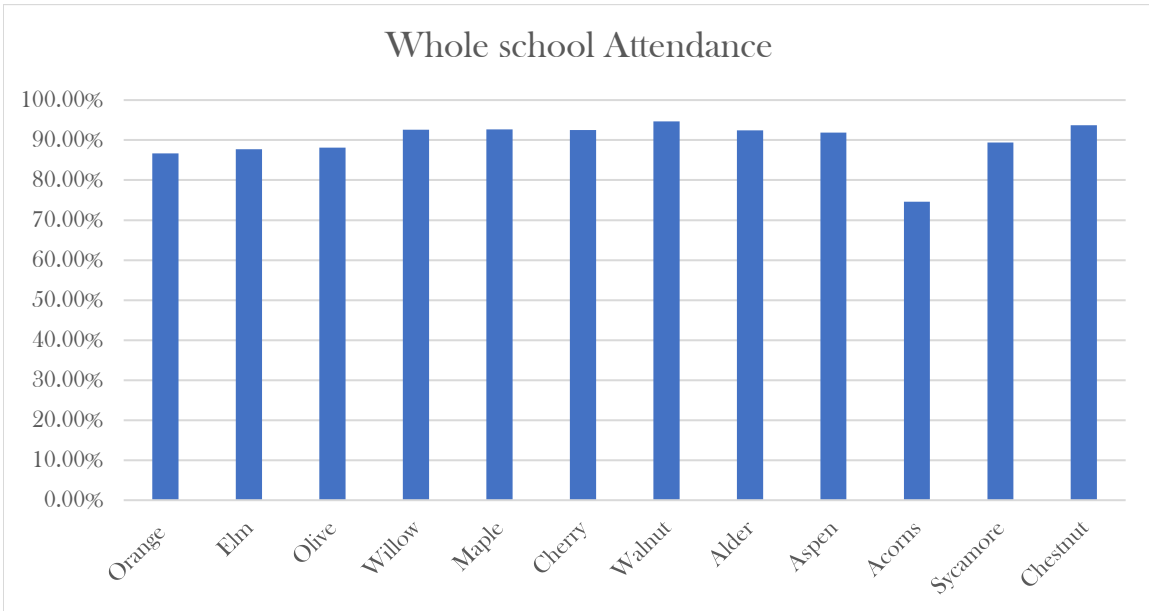
Our Anti-Bullying Week activities reminded us that every child deserves to feel safe, valued and included. Through assemblies, classroom discussion, and our one school rule children have helped to build a culture where respect and support are the norm. Moments like these show that Hallfield is more than a place for learning: it's a place where we grow together as a caring community.



At the same time, I need to draw your attention to an important issue: our overall school attendance and punctuality remains significantly below the national average. Recent data for primary schools in England show attendance rates commonly around 94–95 %, with absence at roughly 5–6 %. While we recognise that children may occasionally need to be away through illness, frequent absence — even when it seems small — can seriously affect a child's learning, friendships, and sense of belonging.

That is why we are asking all parents and carers to reflect on how we can improve attendance together. Please support us by ensuring children arrive promptly, are in school every day where possible, and we are kept informed when absence is unavoidable. Regular attendance is not only about academic progress — it's about making sure every child benefits from the rich experiences, friendships and shared life of school.

Looking ahead, we have more events planned and blog-worthy moments to come. As always check the blog to see the wonderful things happening across school.



Well done Chestnut and Walnut Class!!!!! Now lets work together to reach the national requirement of 96%

10x10 program in Westminster

How Hallfield is helping children enrich their experiences



Westminster have set the challenge of children achieving 10 activities by the age of 10. At Hallfield we have always been committed to ensuring our children have a rich experience in school and by engaging with opportunities beyond the classroom. We were excited to be part of the commitment to making sure our children have as many positive and inspiring experiences as they can during their time here. Our work with Children's University and our Hallfield Promise means our children participate in the 10 experiences. If you would like to know more or support your child at home in achieving these milestones visit the website found by clicking this link: Family Information Hub | 10 by 10 Programme Westminster

1. Join in competitive team sports
2. Play an instrument
3. Learn to swim
4. Take part in drama and performing arts. Attending a theatre production
5. Visit the seaside and the countryside
6. Experience museums, galleries, and heritage sites in Westminster that include the National Portrait Gallery, Tate Britain, Cartoon Museum, Somerset House, (and sites in nearby local authorities – like Natural History Museum, Science Museum, London Zoo)
7. Take part in camping trips and overnight residentials
8. Learn to ride a bike to improve children's confidence
9. Take part in debating
10. Register with a library and use it at least 5 times per year

Supporting Charities at Hallfield

Children raised £396 on Christmas Jumper day – beating our original target of £200!! Thank you to all the families for making this happen.

Enrichment Activities at Hallfield

Children attended the Into Film Festival – a free, annual nationwide celebration of film and education for young people aged 5–19. There were lots of opinions about the films they saw, provoking thoughts about all sorts of issues. This was followed by a Green Seas workshop raising awareness for our KS2 children about pollution of the ocean. Most classes have also attended the Floating Classroom for events around Science, History and Art, using our local area to enhance our learning in key curriculum areas.



Peer mediators earn their badges

Children from Year 5 and 6 achieved their peer mediator status. They will be putting their training to use, supporting children in their playtime with any friendship issues or conflicts, helping children make friends and stay friends.

Hallfield's Choir performs at the Royal Lancaster

Father William and Ms Chineata have worked very hard along with the children of our school choir. They were taken to the Royal Lancaster Hotel where they sang to their families and the guests of the hotel. Thank you to the Royal Lancaster Hotel who have also supported us for 3 years now in the 'Adopt a School' program where their chef's come and work with our year 4 children and we even get to vist the hotel to see how it runs!



Nursery and Reception's performance

Thank you to all the parents from our Early Years who came to watch the children perform the nativity. The songs were delivered so clearly and all of the children showed how confident they are becoming. We were all so very proud!

Volunteers decorate Hallfield

Volunteers from Kingfisher decorated the school, just in time for Nursery and Reception's wonderful Nativity Performance.



Reminders

Parents / Carers

Only children over the age of 16 are allowed to collect from school. Please do not send older siblings under the age of 16.

Clubs

Thank you to our local coucillors for funding more clubs

Parents/carers/ children of Hallfield

We have received a grant from the local council to be able to add to our club offer this Spring. Look out for the sign up for clubs early January. This will include KS1 football (free of charge), KS2 footbal (cost attached), KS2 basketball, KS1 bike club, lunchtime chess club. Some clubs will continue with the same children including coding and KS1 games club.

Drama Projects

Toucan Roar will be returning to Hallfield

Clubs / school projects

With the grant from the local councillors, we will also be running a drama program in school as well as offering children the opportunity to work towards a qualification through LAMDA. Children will audition for a place and this will be funded by the school.

Federation Consultation Outcome

We are pleased to share that, following the recent consultation and formal votes by each Governing Body, the London Community Education Federation, the North Westminster Federation and Oxford Gardens Primary School will form a single federation from 12th January 2026.

The response to the consultation was overwhelmingly positive, with 94% supporting the proposal and strong endorsement from both Local Authorities. Parents, staff and community partners highlighted the benefits of shared leadership, stronger safeguarding, improved SEND pathways, and greater opportunities for staff development and enrichment.

Our New Federation Name

The new federation will be called **Connected Futures Partnership**, chosen through an open nomination and voting process across all stakeholders. The school name, Hallfield Primary School will stay the same.

What This Means for Schools

From January 2026:

- Each school remains legally separate, with its own name, uniform, admissions and budget.
- Ofsted will continue to inspect each school individually.
- Heads of School will continue to lead day-to-day.

The federation will strengthen leadership, governance, safeguarding, SEND, curriculum development and professional learning across all settings, helping secure long-term sustainability.

Thank You

Thank you to everyone who took part in the consultation. Your constructive feedback has shaped this next step in our shared journey. We look forward to building the Connected Futures Partnership together.

Important Dates

January	
5th	INSET (school closed to pupils)
6th	INSET SRP only (school closed to Acorns, Chestnuts and Sycamore
Wk begin 12th	EYFS parent drop in
12th	Year 3 & 4 topic launch and parents meeting 9am
13th	Y1 & 2 topic launch and parents meeting 9am
14th	UPKS2 topic launch and parents meeting 9am
15th	Nourish charity in looking at school's food offer across the day
15th	Parent workshop understanding behaviour 2.30pm
February	
5th	Parent workshop: MIND children and screen use
13th	School closes for half term at 3.25pm
23rd	School opens
March	
6th	Number Day
wk begin 9th	Support staff appraisals
wk begin 9th	Science Week
9th	3/4 food festival 2.30pm
10th	EYFS food festival 2.30pm
10th	KS1 food festival 2.30pm
11th	LKS2 food festival 2.30pm
12th	UPKS2 food festival 2.30pm
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

Mental Health Hub Drop-in Service

WCL Mind Mental Health Hub is starting drop-in sessions in December at the Victoria Library Hub for young people between the age of 11-25.

We can support you through providing information about our service, navigating referral forms for 1-1 support, and delivering psychoeducational workshops!



For more details:

Visit our website
www.wclmind.org.uk
or contact us at:
MentalHealthHub@wclmind.org.uk

Support over the festive period

The service will be taking a break from all the clinical work over the festive period from 22/12/2025-02/01/2026

If you require urgent help during this time, you can contact:

- Childline - call on 0800 1111
- Kooth - www.kooth.com
- Samaritans - call on 116 123
- SHOUT Crisis Team - text 'SHOUT' to 85258
- Papyrus Crisis Support - Call on 0800 068 4141 or text 07860 039967



