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Dear Families of Hallfield

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn term! We hope you all enjoyed a refreshing half-term break and are ready for another exciting half-term ahead. Autumn is in full swing and as the leaves turn golden, it is a great moment to look back at some of the highlights from what was a busy and inspiring term.

Our school community shone brightly — from wearing yellow to raise awareness for *World Mental Health Day*, to proudly wearing red to *Show Racism the Red Card*. We also came together for our vibrant *Food Festival*, where families shared delicious dishes from around the world – a wonderful celebration of our community's diversity. Children also took part in valuable *NSPCC* sessions and *Get Online Week* workshops, where representatives from Barclays and Three Mobile led engaging lessons on coding, budgeting and internet safety. Classes enjoyed a number of exciting trips, designed to enhance children's learning and bring their classroom topics to life. A huge thank you to all the parents who volunteered their time to support us on these visits; your help makes such a difference and is always greatly appreciated. There will be plenty more opportunities to lend a hand on trips this half-term too.

This term, we will also continue to place a special focus on our Hallfield Values. Each week, we will explore a different value across the school community, with teachers choosing *Stars of the Week* who best demonstrate that week's theme. We would love for families to join in by looking out for these values at home too — celebrating and praising your children when you see them demonstrating the values in their daily lives. Small conversations at home about what each value means can make a big difference and help children see how these qualities matter both in and out of school.

Our Hallfield Values this half term: *Independent, Trustworthy, Resilient, Reflection and Kindness*.

It was a term full of learning, kindness and connection — and we're looking forward to keeping that momentum going this half-term!

There is always so much exciting learning taking place all the time at Hallfield. Remember you can keep up to date with all that is going on in school by visiting our blog at:
https://hallfieldblog.wordpress.com/

Attendance Reminder



Whole school attendance so far this term is still below the national benchmark of good attendance at **96%** and needs to improve! So far this term we have had several requests for annual leave or children simply not coming to school without an explanation given for absence. As you are aware, we take attendance very seriously and missed days at school impact on your child and their learning and the learning of other children. Please be reminded of the following:

- **All requests for annual leave for holidays will be refused**. Holiday dates are published in school and on the website well in advance and it is your responsibility as a parent to check these.
- In **exceptional circumstances**, a parent may request absence leave for their pupil. In such instances, we expect appropriate evidence and documentation that the leave is unavoidable: for example, death certificates in the instance of death of a family member or medical evidence of any hospitalisation and proof of any visa applications.
- In the case of a child attending a dental, clinic or hospital appointment, typically we would expect any such appointment to be made after school or as close to the end of the school day, as is possible to avoid the need to miss crucial learning time.
- Any period of leave taken without the agreement of the school, or in excess of that agreed, may attract sanctions such as a Penalty Notice issued by the Local Authority.
- If a pupil is taken out of school without the Head Teacher's authorisation, it will be recorded as **unauthorised absence**. This may lead to the issuing of a penalty notice and legal action being taken.

A copy of the school's attendance policy can be found on our website: attendance-policy-sep-2025-nwf.pdf

Remember, it is important that all children attend school on time every day. Failure to attend school without good reason, could lead to further action being taken!

Application for Reception Year Group Places

Please be aware that the online application form for Reception Year group places for September 2026 is now open. If your child was born between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022 it will be time to start thinking about the primary school you would like your child to attend from September 2026. **If your child is currently in our Nursery, you must still complete an online application form to secure a place in Reception for September 2026**. The online application form and a 'Hints and Tips' guide can be found by clicking the following link: www.westminster.gov.uk/admissions

The closing date for applications is 15th January 2026.

Allergies

We are a nut free school. If you are sending your child into school with packed lunches, please ensure that this contains no products with nuts or seeds. The school nurse will run a Parent Information session about Childhood illness and allergies on Monday 10th November at 2.30pm, so please do come along.

Medication in school premises – IMPORTANT



Pupils may **not** bring prescribed or any other medication into school **themselves**. Medicines must be stored safely in the school for your child and others' safety. If your child has a medical need and you have not yet told us, please contact Ms Gina Frascogna, our Assistant Headteacher and SENCo, on 0207087 4960 or senco@hallfieldschool.org.uk who will create a 'Health Care Plan' to support your child.

Year 4 Multiplication Practice

Our Year 4 children took part in the *Officially Unofficial Multiplication Tables Check (OUMTC).* This fun and friendly practice helped children experience what it is like to complete the check under test conditions, while giving them a chance to show off how well they know their times tables. The OUMTC is a great way to build confidence and prepare for the official Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) at the end of the year. Parents who would like to learn more about the Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check can visit the government website here: www.gov.uk/government/publications/multiplication-tables-check-information-for-parents

Children in Years 2 to 6 can continue to practise their times tables at home using *Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS)* — a fun and interactive way to build speed and accuracy.

Proposal for Federation:

We are excited to share that we are currently consulting on a proposal to form a new, larger Federation, bringing together the London Community Education Federation, the North Westminster Federation, and Oxford Gardens Primary School from January 2026.
This proposal builds on the strong partnerships and shared work already taking place across our schools and settings. Over the past few years, we have collaborated on key priorities, supported one another's growth, and seen first-hand how working together can benefit children, families and staff. Formalising this partnership through federation feels like the next natural step in our journey.
For more information please go to: Federation Proposal | North Westminster Federation

Upcoming Parent Information sessions

- Parent information session on 10th November at 2.30pm - Childhood illness and allergies
- Parent information session on 20th November at 9am – Parenting in the digital age
- Parent information session on 27th November at 2.30pm – Understanding anxiety

Anti-bullying week 10th – 14h November

Next week is *Anti-Bullying Week*, and our school will be taking part in a range of activities to help children understand the importance of kindness, respect and speaking up if they ever feel upset or hurt by someone's actions or words. As a *Rights Respecting School*, we will also be reminding all children of their **right to feel safe** (Article 19 of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child). To mark the start of the week, we invite all children to wear **odd socks on Monday 10th November** – a fun way to celebrate that everyone is unique! Throughout the week, we will be reinforcing our one school rule: **to be kind** – in how we treat one another every day. The school has a strict antibullying policy as part of our overall behaviour policy which can be found on our website. Policies | Hallfield Primary School

Remembrance Day

Next Tuesday, our school community will take time to reflect on *Remembrance Day*. We will hold a **two-minute silence** to remember those who gave their lives for others and to think about the values of peace, respect and kindness that we strive to show every day. Classes will also explore why we wear poppies and how we can continue to show appreciation for others in our daily lives.

Support for Jamaica After the Hurricane

Our thoughts are with the people of Jamaica as they recover from the recent hurricane, which has caused severe damage to homes, schools and communities. As a school community, we would like to offer our support. Families who wish to help can make donations—either monetary or in the form of essential items such as toiletries, non-perishable food and school supplies. All contributions will go directly to trusted relief organizations working on the ground in Jamaica. Together, we can make a meaningful difference for families and children in need. Below are an online link and address of a drop-off point:

British Red Cross Appeal

https://freedom2roam.lgfl.org.uk/#/client/SGFsbGZpZWxkIFByaW1hcnkgU2Nob29sOiBIYWxsZmllbGQgUmVtb3RlIEFjY2VzczogTWFyaWEgTSBXaW5kb3dzMTE6IFJEUABjAHRlc3Q=



Save the Children – Christmas Jumper Day on Thursday 11th December

We are taking part in Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day on Thursday 11th December!
By pulling on our Christmassy knits and donating, we will be supporting children in the UK and around the world to keep safe, healthy and learning. We will be helping them fight for the future they deserve.

If you wish to donate, whatever you can, please go to: Hallfield Primary School - Christmas Jumper Day is raising money for Save The Children!

Kind Regards
Feben Ghirmay, Co-Head of School

School Dates for the Autumn Term 2025

November	
10th - 14th	Anti-bullying week
10th	Green Seas workshop for KS2
	Parent information session: School nurse on Childhood ilnesses and allergies (2.30pm)
13th	Y1 and Y2 trip
14th	Y5 and Y6 trip
19th	Y3 and Y4 trip
20th	Parent information session – Parenting in the Digital Age (9am)
	Y2 trip
21st	Reception audiology and vision screening
27th	Parent information session – Understanding anxiety (2.30pm)
December	
3rd	Y4 and Y6 trip
4th	Nursery and Reception Christmas Concert
17th	Y6 trip
19th	School closes at 1.45pm