

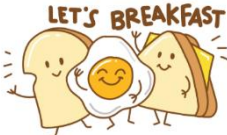
23rd October 2026

End of Autumn Term 1 Newsletter

Dear Families,

As we reach the end of a busy and successful half term, I would like to take the opportunity to thank our pupils, staff and families for their continued hard work and support. It has been wonderful to see so much progress across the school, both academically and personally, and I am incredibly proud of everything our children have achieved. With a number of exciting developments, important updates and key reminders to share, we have brought everything together in this newsletter rather than sending separate communications. Thank you for taking the time to read through the information below, and I hope you and your family enjoy a well-deserved and restful half-term break.

	<p>Communication</p> <p>We are aware that some families have experienced difficulties receiving communications from school recently, and we apologise for any inconvenience this has caused. We are working closely with the Trust to implement a longer-term solution and improve the reliability of our communication systems. As a result, this newsletter includes both new information and some key updates that may have previously been missed, helping to ensure all families have access to the same important information. Thank you for your patience and understanding while we work through this issue.</p>
	<p>Congratulations, Mrs Faben!</p> <p>We are delighted to share the wonderful news that Mrs Faben has welcomed a beautiful baby girl. Both mum and baby are doing well, and we know our whole school community will join us in sending their warmest congratulations and best wishes to the family as they enjoy this very special time together. We look forward to meeting the newest member of their family in the future!</p>
	<p>Leadership Update</p> <p>We are pleased to share that, following a successful internal recruitment process, Mrs Hurst has been appointed to the temporary role of Assistant Headteacher until the end of this academic year. This role will include the continuation of her current Early Years Lead role. This means our current leadership structure is: Mrs Faben (Head of School), Mrs Hendley (Head of School during Mrs Faben's maternity leave), Mrs Hughes (Assistant Headteacher), Mrs Sewell (Assistant Headteacher) and Mrs Hurst (Assistant Headteacher). We are delighted to have such a strong leadership team supporting our school.</p> <div data-bbox="492 1423 1468 1661">      </div> <div data-bbox="565 1623 662 1650">MRS FABEN</div> <div data-bbox="760 1623 873 1650">MRS HENDLEY</div> <div data-bbox="930 1623 1027 1650">MRS HURST</div> <div data-bbox="1109 1623 1206 1650">MRS SEWELL</div> <div data-bbox="1304 1623 1401 1650">MRS HUGHES</div>

	<p>A Reminder: Nut-Free School</p> <p>We would like to remind all families that Hallam Primary School is a nut-free school. This is because we have children and staff with severe nut allergies, and even small amounts of nut products can pose a serious health risk.</p> <p>Please ensure that children do not bring any foods containing nuts into school, including Nutella, peanut butter, nut-based cereal bars, chocolate spreads containing nuts, and products that list nuts as an ingredient.</p> <p>We appreciate your support in helping us keep all members of our school community safe. Thank you for checking lunchboxes and snacks carefully before sending them into school.</p>
	<p>Lunchtime Clubs</p> <p>We are aware that some children who have signed up for lunchtime clubs have not been attending regularly. Whilst these clubs may take place during the school day, they are still planned and staffed based on the number of children registered to attend.</p> <p>If your child no longer wishes to take part in a lunchtime club, please let the school office know. This helps us to keep accurate registers, make the best use of staff time, and where appropriate, offer places to children on waiting lists.</p>
	<p>School Photos</p> <p>Our school photographer will be in school on Tuesday 3rd November to take individual pupil photographs.</p> <p>If you would like a photograph of siblings who attend the school together, these will take place between 7:30am and 8:40am in the Main Hall. Please note that this will be the only opportunity for sibling photographs this year, so we encourage families to attend during this time if you would like a sibling photo.</p> <p>Children attending for sibling photographs are welcome to access our free Breakfast Club afterwards before the start of the school day. We look forward to welcoming everyone and capturing some wonderful school memories.</p>
	<p>Behaviour at Lunchtimes</p> <p>We are aware of some behavioural challenges at lunchtimes in certain areas of the school and are actively addressing these in line with our Behaviour Policy. We would also appreciate families being mindful of the content children are accessing at home, as we are increasingly seeing some themes and language being brought into school and reflected in children's interactions.</p> <p>Following a review of our lunchtime provision, we will be introducing some changes designed to support positive behaviour, improve pupils' experiences and ensure lunchtime remains a safe and enjoyable part of the day. Further details will be shared with families after half term.</p>
	<p>Voucher Payments for Breakfast and After School Club</p> <p>A reminder for parents to please email voucherpayments@hallam.sheffield.sch.uk each time you are requesting the finance team to pay a childcare voucher and how you wish the voucher to be applied, either to Breakfast or After School Club.</p>
	<p>Nursery Breakfast Club and After School Club</p> <p>After half term, all Nursery Breakfast Club and After School Club provision will be based within the main school alongside our existing Breakfast Club and After School Club. Children should therefore be dropped off and collected from the Breakfast Club and After School Club entrance. Nursery staff will continue to support children during the transition and throughout the sessions.</p>

	<p>We understand that this change may take some getting used to for some children and families. However, we believe it will help children develop confidence, independence and familiarity with the main school environment, supporting a smooth transition into Reception and beyond. We appreciate your support as we implement this change.</p>
	<p>Digital Learning Update</p> <p>We are excited to begin the rollout of iPads for all Key Stage 2 pupils during the next half term as part of our ongoing commitment to enhancing teaching and learning through technology. This is an important step in our digital learning journey and will provide children with new opportunities to develop key digital skills and support their learning across the curriculum.</p> <p>Further information will be shared with parents after half term, including details about a parent working party and drop-in information evenings. These opportunities will allow families to learn more about the rollout, ask questions and help shape the next stages of this exciting development.</p>
	<p>Pantomime Visit</p> <p>Following careful consideration, we have decided not to run a pantomime trip this year. We understand that this may be disappointing for some children and families; however, we are currently exploring alternative festive experiences that can be delivered in school. Our aim is to provide an enjoyable and inclusive opportunity for all children, and we look forward to sharing further details as plans are confirmed.</p>
	<p>Dogs on Site</p> <p>We kindly remind families that dogs should not be brought onto the school site at drop-off or collection times. While we know many dogs are friendly and well-behaved, this helps us ensure the safety and comfort of all children, particularly those who may be nervous around animals. We recognise that many families walk their dogs when travelling to and from school, and dogs are of course permitted on the surrounding public footpaths. However, we ask that they remain outside the school gates and grounds at all times. Thank you for your support in helping us maintain a safe environment for everyone.</p>
	<p>Children in Need - 13th November</p> <p>This year's Children in Need theme is "Challenge Yourself", and we're encouraging everyone at Hallam to get active!</p> <p>Children can come to school wearing their PE kit, sportswear, active clothing or Pudsey merchandise. We would also love to see as many children as possible travelling to school in an active way, whether that's by walking, jogging, scooting, cycling, skipping or even helping to push a buggy!</p> <p>As always, if your child needs any clothing items for this or future themed days, please get in touch with our office as we have a pre-loved scheme we can use to provide clothing.</p> <p>Thank you for helping us raise money for a fantastic cause while having fun and keeping active.</p>
	<p>Welcome to Our New Governors</p> <p>We are delighted to welcome two new parent governors to our governing body:</p> <p>Kim Frost - Year 2 parent Ali Khurram - Year 2 parent</p> <p>Governors play an important role in supporting and challenging school leaders to ensure the very best outcomes for our children. We are grateful to Kim and Ali for volunteering their time, skills and experience to support the school and our wider community. We look forward to working with them and are pleased to have their involvement as we continue to develop and improve our school.</p>

	<p>KEY DATES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11th November - Y6 Parent Event – WWII Singing – Main Hall at 2:45pm • 18th November – Dynamic Therapy Group – 9:30 – 11:30 – Main Hall: Speech and Language and Occupational Therapy presentations followed by a coffee morning. This invite is open to all families. • 26th November – Y4 Parent Event – Ancient Greek Pottery – Main Hall at 2:45pm • 2nd December – Reception Nativity – Main Hall – 2:15pm • 3rd December – Reception Nativity – Main Hall – 9:30am • 4th December – Y3 Parent Event – Christmas Singing at Tapton – 2pm • 8th December and 10th December – Robins Christmas Songs – 2pm • 12th December – Reception Phonics Reading Meeting – Main Hall - 9am
	<p>Working Together Respectfully</p> <p>We are proud of the positive relationships that exist between our staff, pupils and families, and we are grateful for the support shown by the vast majority of our school community. We understand that there may be times when parents have concerns, questions or frustrations, and we are always committed to listening and working together to find solutions.</p> <p>However, we kindly ask that all communication with staff is conducted in a respectful and considerate manner. Our staff work incredibly hard to support every child and deserve to be treated with courtesy and kindness at all times. By working together respectfully, we can ensure that concerns are addressed positively and that our focus remains on achieving the very best outcomes for our children.</p>
	<p>Thank You</p> <p>As we reach the end of another busy half term, I would like to extend my sincere thanks to all our families for your ongoing support, encouragement and kindness. It is always appreciated when parents take the time to share positive feedback, recognise the efforts of our staff or celebrate the successes of our children. Your kind words mean a great deal to the team and help to reinforce the strong partnership we have between home and school.</p> <p>Thank you for your continued support. We wish all our children and families a happy, restful half-term break and look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed and ready for the new half term.</p>

Best wishes,



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