

1st October 2026

Fortnightly Newsletter

Dear Families,

As we move further into the autumn term, it has been wonderful to see our school buzzing with learning, laughter and excitement. Our recent Open Evening was a fantastic opportunity to welcome both current and prospective families into our school, and we would like to thank everyone who attended and helped make the event such a success. We are looking forward to another busy and exciting few weeks ahead.

	<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="423 1251 1455 1499">      </div> <div data-bbox="500 1461 607 1488">MRS FABEN</div> <div data-bbox="704 1461 834 1488">MRS HENDLEY</div> <div data-bbox="886 1461 993 1488">MRS HURST</div> <div data-bbox="1073 1461 1192 1488">MRS SEWELL</div> <div data-bbox="1276 1461 1398 1488">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>Wear Red Day - Friday 16th October</p> <p>On Friday 16th October, we will be taking part in Wear Red Day, an opportunity to stand together against racism and celebrate the diverse community we are proud to be part of.</p> <p>Children are invited to wear an item of red clothing alongside their usual school uniform and will take part in age-appropriate activities that promote kindness, respect, inclusion and equality. Wear Red Day reminds us that everyone belongs and that we all have a role to play in ensuring our school is a welcoming place where differences are celebrated.</p> <p>We look forward to seeing a sea of red across school as we come together to support this important message.</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>

As always, thank you for your continued support. The partnership between home and school plays such an important role in helping our children thrive, and we are grateful for everything you do to support school life. Have a wonderful weekend when it arrives and thank you for being part of our Hallam community.

Best wishes,



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