



A message from our Governing Body

We hope you have all had a great start to 2026!

We wanted to give you an update of our involvement so far this term. Mrs Lamb, our Chair has been into school to meet with Mrs Gilbert, Mrs Taylor and Mrs Roden to see how things are going. Ms Senya has also met with Mrs Wall to look at Science in school. Other governors will also be in school during the next few weeks to speak to the children and we are hoping to organise time to meet with parents too!

Uniform

Our uniform is a bottle green jumper, with a white or yellow polo shirt. We encourage grey or black trousers/skirts. Please encourage your child to wear their uniform to show they are proud to be a member of Hall Green Primary! Should any families need help, we have good quality pre-loved uniform in school – please see Mrs Taylor if you would like some.

Attendance

Parents and carers have a legal responsibility to ensure all school age children attend regularly at the school where they are on roll. Should your child be late (after 9am), a parent/carer should accompany them to the main door to sign them in, with the reason as to why they are late.

What we are doing about attendance?

- Parents are informed by letter, telephone or via a face to face conversation, when attendance is a concern.
- We do home visits when we do not know why a child is absent from school.
- Parents are invited into school for meetings to discuss poor attendance.
- Attendance workshops with children are held to look at the importance of coming to school every day
- Referrals to the Attendance Service are made for further legal action.

Leave of absence will only be granted for exceptional circumstances.

Holidays in term time cannot be authorised. However, this does not mean that you should go on holiday and not complete a LOA form from the office.

Please support your child and make sure they attend school regularly and thank you to all who ensure their children are always present and on time every day.

The year group with the highest attendance so far this year is Year 5 with 96.4%.

Congratulations to 5B who have the best attendance with 96.7%

Well done to classes FT Nursery, RB, 1A, 3A, 3B, 4B, 5A, 6A and 6B who all have over 95% attendance.

Our overall school attendance is currently 95.3%.

Our end of year target is to reach 95.5%. We can only do that with the support of all of you.

Football in the morning

We allow children younger than Y6 to bring a ball and play in other specific areas of the playground. However, there are expectations to be followed:

- There is no capacity for staff to supervise children playing on the playground, so this will remain parents' responsibility until the start of the school day.
- Children cannot go on the field to collect their ball without an adult's permission.
- Children must be considerate of other people on the playground, keeping the ball away from other parents and children.
- Balls should be carried to the area they are allowed to play in and carried to the door as soon as the doors open – bouncing and dribbling the ball in and out of other site users is not acceptable.

Bicycles & Scooters

There are an increasing number of children arriving at school with a scooter or bike. To their credit, this is a much healthier option than being given a lift to school in a car and doubtless this helps a little with the ridiculous traffic congestion at the beginning and end of every day.

A quick reminder of few key guidelines will help this healthy approach to life remain positive:

- Scooters and bikes must not be ridden on the school premises. This includes the car park.
- If a scooter or bike is to be left at school through the day, it remains the responsibility of the child. As parents you should be aware that the school cannot provide any assurances that nothing could happen in terms of damage or theft. Electronic gates and high fences prevent the very greatest majority of unauthorised people from accessing the site, but no promises can be made about the security of property left outside.
- At the far end of the main playground (at the top of the pathway that leads to the bottom gate) there is a small bike shelter with bars that can be used to secure bikes and scooters. Children are welcome to bring a bike lock and use this facility if needed. Whilst I will happily show them where it is and how to secure their bike/scooter the first time they need it, and will usually be available to help if they have a problem, they would need to take responsibility for themselves after being shown.

Hall Green Needs You!

We are looking for willing volunteers to join our PTA! If you are interested in supporting the school with fundraising and events, please speak to Mrs Dicken.

Changes are afoot!

We are delighted to announce that we will be welcoming a brand-new catering company to our school community this April. Grow – Fuel for Young Minds by ABM Catering will be taking over our school meals provision, bringing with them a fresh, nutritious, and child-focused approach to dining. Their commitment to healthy, balanced choices and engaging food experiences aligns wonderfully with our school values, and we are excited for our pupils to enjoy their delicious new menus. We look forward to sharing more information as we get closer to the launch! Please look out for more information over the coming weeks.

Concerns about your child

We would like to remind parents that should you have a concern about your child that you should speak to the class teacher in the first instance. It is important to do this as usually they are the people who have first-hand knowledge of your child and therefore can deal with any issues or concerns quickly. Teachers are usually available at the end of the school day, but please bear in mind that if it more than a 'quick word or two' you may need to make an appointment. You can also liaise with teachers via year group emails or if you pass on a message, someone will aim to call you.

Should issues not be resolved, you may need to speak on occasions to Mrs Gilbert or Mrs MacDiarmid. They are usually outside at the beginning and end of the day should you need to see them. Should you wish to speak to them for longer, please speak to the school office staff who will make an appointment for you.

Mrs Taylor is also available at the start and end of the day and appointments can also be made via the school office should you need to speak with her in detail.

Term Dates

Important dates for this half term are attached to this newsletter. Other dates may need to be confirmed.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.

Tuesday 3 rd March	Class photographs for Nursery, Reception & Year 6
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day
Monday 9 th March	Science Week
Tuesday 10 th March	Parents Evening
Wednesday 11 th March	Parents Evening
Friday 13 th March	Non-Uniform Day - £1 donation
Friday 20 th March	Comic Relief Day
Wednesday 25 th March	EYFS Spring Assembly (time tbc)
Thursday 26 th March	EYFS and KS1 Celebration Assembly (invite only)
Friday 27 th March	KS2 Celebration Assembly (invite only) Pupils break up for the end of term.
Mon 30 th March to Fri 10 th April	Easter Holidays – School Closed to all pupils
Monday 13 th April	Pupils return to school.
Thursday 16 th April	Year 5 trip to Think Tank
Monday 4 th May	School closed – Bank Holiday
Thursday 7 th May	Polling Day – school closed to pupils
Friday 8 th May	Training Day – School closed to pupils
Monday 11 th May	Year 6 SATs week – all Y6 pupils need to be in school.
Friday 15 th May	Non-Uniform Day - £1 donation
Thursday 21 st May	EYFS and KS1 Celebration Assembly (invite only)
Friday 22 nd May	KS2 Celebration Assembly (invite only) Pupils break up for half- term.
Monday 25 th May to Friday 29 th May	Half Term Week
Monday 1 st June	Pupils return to school