



# Lower Halstow School Newsletter

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## **Welcome Back to a New School Year!**

Welcome back to a brand-new academic year at Lower Halstow Primary School! We hope you all had a wonderful Summer break and feel refreshed and ready for the exciting term ahead.

We would like to give a very special welcome to our new Reception (Year R) pupils and their families, who are joining our school community: although most of the class are very familiar with the school as we have a huge number of younger siblings joining us. We are thrilled to have you all with us and cannot wait to see you grow and thrive at Lower Halstow.



This year sees the launch of Chestnut Tree Corner, our in-house wrap around care offer. The team have been hard at work reconfiguring the space and getting new resources and activities set up ready. Please email or call the office with any enquiries or see the information on the school's website.

Term 1 is already shaping up to be a busy and fun-filled term. We're looking forward to swimming lessons for Year 6, a focused and informative Safety Week for the whole school as part of our personal development curriculum and some inspiring hands-on workshops with the Maidstone Museum team to support our learning in History. Pupils will also enjoy a challenging Times Tables Rockstars Day and take part in our Heritage Month celebrations, with a focus on favourite family dishes this year. This will include exciting outdoor cooking activities featuring traditional dishes from around the world and hopefully lots of mouthwatering discussions.

We'll be capturing the smiles of the new year during individual school photos (which we have set early enough so that these can be purchased as Christmas gifts for extended family if you wish). As usual younger siblings are welcome to be included. Towards the end of the term, we will be coming together for a reflective and community-focused Harvest Festival and rounding off the term with the always-popular Friends of Lower Halstow School disco.

You may have noticed that the October break is a little earlier than usual this year. We have no idea why this is as Kent County Council set our term dates. This means that Term 1 is bound to fly past, but it promises to be a fantastic start to the school year, and we're excited to see all our pupils learning, exploring and enjoying school-life.

Best wishes,

Mrs Deevoy and Miss Crowe

## Dates for your diary

### Term 1

Date	Event
10.9.25	Year 6 swimming begins for the whole term
10.9.25	Chance to Shine Cricket Coaching for Year 2 – 6 every Weds in Term 1
11.9.25	Year 6 Kent Test Day
Wk beg 15.9.25	Safety Week begins
18.9.25 am	Scooter Training for Year 1 and 2
18.9.25	Year 6 to Creed Adventure Centre
19.9.25	Year 5 to Margate Railway Safety Centre
23.9.25	Maidstone Museum Workshops for Year 3, 5 and 6
23.9.25	Year 1 to the Edith May barge
25.9.25	Flu vaccination day
26.9.25 at 2pm	FOLHS AGM
30.9.25	Times table Rockstars Day – details to follow
1.10.25	Heritage Month begins, focusing on music, stories and traditional food.
3.10.25	Individual Photo day
6.10.25 – 8.9.25	Year R – 6 Outdoor Cooking workshops
8.10.25 at 9.15	Year 5 Class Assembly to parents
9.10.25	Harvest Festival – details to follow
10.10.25	School Disco – details to follow
10.10.25	FOLHS Non-uniform Day – bring a bottle for the tombola – details to follow
14.10.25	Parents' Evening – details to follow
15.10.25	Parents' Evening – details to follow
17.10.25	Show Racism the Red Card – wear red day – details to follow

### Term 2

27.10.25	Start of Term 2 – Children return
29.10.25	Meet the Experts careers day
5.11.25	Year 5 swimming begins for the whole term
Week Beg 10.11.25	Anti-Bullying Week
14.11.25	Children in Need – details to follow
28.11.25	FOLHS non-uniform day – please bring chocolate for the tombola
5.12.25 at 1.00pm	FOLHS Christmas Fayre – details to follow
10.12.25 2pm	Year 1 and 2 nativity to parents
11.12.25 5.30-7.30	FOLHS Shopping Event
12.12.25 2pm	Year 1 and 2 nativity to parents – details to follow
15.12.25 2.15pm	Year R Christmas songs to parents
16.12.25 pm	Santa Run (children only)
17.12.25	Christmas jumpers, Christmas dinner and parties day
17.12.25 – 3.15 – 4.00pm	Open Classrooms
18.12.25 am	Year 3 -6 Christingle Church Services – details to follow
18.12.25	End of Term 2
19.12.25	Staff Development Day – children do not attend
5.1.26	Staff Development Day – children do not attend
6.1.26	Start of Term 3

