



Hadlow Primary School 04.09.26

Happiness, Progress, Success!

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Welcome Back!

A very warm welcome back to all of our Hadlow families! We hope you have had a wonderful summer and enjoyed some precious time together. There is always something special about the start of a new school year; new classrooms, new beginnings and lots of exciting opportunities ahead.

It has been wonderful to see the children returning this week looking so happy, enthusiastic and ready to learn. We have been particularly proud of how well they have settled back into school routines and of the kindness they have shown to one another.

This year, we continue to be guided by our vision of Happiness, Progress and Success. We want every child at Hadlow to feel safe, valued and supported, while being encouraged to challenge themselves, build their confidence and discover what they are capable of.

As we begin the year, we are looking forward to working closely with you to make it another happy, successful and memorable year for every child. Thank you, as always, for your continued support and for being such an important part of the Hadlow community.

Here's to a fantastic year ahead!

Happiness • Progress • Success

Our School Improvement Priorities

As we begin a new school year, we wanted to share the key priorities that will help guide our work at Hadlow Primary over the year ahead. These priorities reflect where we believe we can make the greatest difference to our children and will shape our teaching, learning and wider school development throughout the year.

We are ambitious for every child and are committed to continually reflecting on what we do, celebrating what works well and identifying where we can improve further. The priorities below will be the driving force behind our school improvement work this year, helping us to ensure that every child can flourish, make progress and experience success.

As always, we value the support and partnership of our families in helping us make Hadlow the very best it can be.

Priority 1: Inclusion	Priority 2: Teaching	Priority 3: Curriculum	Priority 4: Outcomes	Priority 5: Personal Development
Strengthen our inclusive culture so every pupil can access, participate in and succeed within an ambitious curriculum.	Teaching is consistently high quality across all classrooms and subjects.	Ensure an ambitious curriculum enables pupils to know more, remember more and apply their learning with confidence.	Secure strong outcomes across the curriculum through precision assessment, adaptive teaching and targeted intervention.	Develop confident, resilient and aspirational pupils through an exceptional personal development curriculum.
				
<i>Can every pupil access the whole curriculum?</i>	<i>Is high quality teaching enabling every pupil to learn effectively?</i>	<i>Is what we teach ambitious, sequenced and retained?</i>	<i>Is this translating into strong outcomes?</i>	<i>Are we developing the whole child for a life beyond Hadlow?</i>

Welcome: New Staff

We are also delighted to welcome some new faces to the Hadlow family this September!

Mrs Chantler has returned to her home, Apple Class, after successfully achieving her Qualified Teacher Status (QTS). We are thrilled to have her back with us in a new role and know that Apple Class is a very special place for her. It has been wonderful to see her back where it all began!

Mrs Knight has joined Plum Class as the Teaching Assistant. Mrs Knight will already be a familiar face to many of you, having spent lots of time at Hadlow last year completing her work experience with us. She is a qualified Early Years Practitioner and we are delighted that she has chosen to become part of our team.

Miss Beck has joined our team as the Cherry Class Teacher. She brings with her five years of teaching experience and we are very pleased to welcome her to Hadlow. We are looking forward to seeing the experience, enthusiasm and expertise she brings to our school. The class are very lucky to have her.



1 - Mrs Chantler



2 - Mrs Knight



3 - Miss Beck

Welcome: New Children

We would like to extend a huge and very warm welcome to the new children who have joined Hadlow Primary School this week!

Thank you for choosing our school and becoming part of our Hadlow family. We hope you have already been made to feel safe, happy and welcomed and that you are beginning to settle into your new classrooms, make new friends and get to know our wonderful school community.

We are so pleased to welcome:

Frankie – Year 2

Eliza – Year 3

AJ – Year 4

Bella and Lulu – Year 5

Sidney – Year 6

Welcome♥

Home Learning Expectations

A Guide for New Parents and Carers

At Hadlow Primary School, we believe home learning should be supportive, manageable and meaningful for families. Our approach is designed to help children build strong learning habits while recognising that every family's routines and commitments are different.

To support this, we use a three-tiered approach to home learning:

Our Three-Tiered Approach

1. Essential (Supported)

These are the key learning activities we expect children to complete each week. They focus on the core skills that underpin progress across the curriculum.

Reading

Children should read at least **five times per week** with an adult where possible. Reading regularly helps develop fluency, comprehension, vocabulary and confidence.

Parents are encouraged to:

- Record reading in the child's reading record
- Discuss books using comprehension questions
- Celebrate enjoyment and progress in reading



Spellings

Weekly spellings are sent home in advance to support practice throughout the week.

We encourage families to:

- Practise little and often
- Use fun and interactive methods
- Build confidence through repetition and games



These **essential** tasks provide the strongest foundation for learning in school.

2. Recommended (Independent)

These activities are designed to be completed regularly in short bursts. They help children reinforce classroom learning and develop independence.

Handwriting

Children are encouraged to practise letter formation, joins and presentation using:

- Interactive online resources
- Handwriting practice sheets available from school



Maths

Children can consolidate their maths learning through short, engaging activities linked to the methods taught in class.

We recommend:

- Regular number fluency practice
- Short daily sessions
- Using interactive apps and games to build confidence



These tasks support classroom success without creating unnecessary pressure at home.

3. Optional (Compulsory for Year 6)

Optional activities are designed for families who wish to explore learning more creatively or in greater depth when time allows.

These activities may include:

- Creative projects
- Outdoor learning
- Research and discovery tasks
- Art, design or practical activities
- Real-life experiences linked to the curriculum

Children are welcome to share their learning in school, and achievements will be shared, displayed and celebrated.

Reception to Year 5: Completion is entirely optional.

Year 6: Completion is compulsory. These activities are an important part of preparing children for the increased independence, organisation and responsibility expected at secondary school. Learning completion will be tracked and written feedback will take place routinely.

Our Expectations

We aim for home learning to:

- Encourage positive learning habits
- Build confidence and independence
- Strengthen the partnership between school and home
- Be achievable and flexible for all families
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We understand that family life can be busy and we value quality engagement over quantity. Even small, regular moments of reading, talking and practising make a significant difference to children's progress.

If you ever need support with home learning, please speak to your child's class teacher. We are here to help.



PTA AGM

PTA Annual General Meeting – Everyone Welcome!

Our PTA plays such an important part in school life, helping us to provide those extra experiences and opportunities that make such a difference to our children. We are incredibly grateful to the small group of parents who give their time and energy to make this possible.

However, many hands make light work, and at the moment there is a lot of demand on a small number of parents. We would really love to welcome some new faces and spread the load a little!

Our PTA Annual General Meeting (AGM) will take place on:



Thursday 24th September



5.00pm



Hadlow Primary School

Whether you are a new family to Hadlow or have been part of our school community for years, you are very welcome to come along. You don't need to have lots of spare time or any previous PTA experience; every contribution, however big or small, makes a difference. We would love to

get together and start planning some of this year's events, including **school discos, film nights,** fairs and other exciting opportunities for our children.

If you've ever thought *"I'd love to help, but I'm not sure what I could do"*, this is the perfect opportunity to come along, meet the team and find out more.

We'd love to see you there – together, we can make a real difference to our school and our children!

Achievement Award



Apple Class: **Millie** for such a fantastic start to school! You have been so helpful with tidying up and have tried so hard with your writing.

Plum Class: **CJ** for an awesome start to Plum Class, we are so proud of your listening and joining in with activities. Well done!

Cherry Class: **Lily-May** for being a fantastic friend to the new member of Cherry Class; helping her when she was unsure and being so kind.

Oak Class: **Eliza** for settling in so well and being a wonderful addition to Oak Class. We are delighted to have you!

Chestnut Class: **Isla** for being so resilient with the new year and the changes that come with it. You have made an amazing start to Year 4- keep going!

Maple Class: **Ollie M** for showing excellent behaviour, asking for help when needed and joining in with all lessons. You have made a great start!

Rowan Class: **Harry** for being a great role model this week! You have shown initiative and responsibility to help your classmates.

Sports Star

Montana (Oak Class) has been chosen as Sports Stars of the Week by Mr Velvick.

Montana has demonstrated excellent netball skills, listening and determination.

Well done Montana, you are a sports star!



Diary Dates

Please note that parents are invited to all dates highlighted in **bold**.

Term 1

Monday 7th September: Rowan Class swimming to commence

Monday 7th September: All clubs to commence

Thursday 10th September: Kent Test for registered Y6 pupils

Monday 14th September: Apple Class move to full days

Wednesday 16th September: Maple Class visit to Tonbridge School

Thursday 17th September (5.00pm): Rowan Class trips and treats meeting

Monday 21st September: Apple Class Baseline assessments to begin

Wednesday 23rd September: Maple Class visit to Tonbridge School

Thursday 24th September (5.00pm): PTA AGM

Tuesday 29th September: Oak Class village fieldwork

Thursday 1st October: School Council visit to the Royal Courts of Justice

Friday 2nd October: Maple Class visit to Greenwich Maritime Museum and Planetarium

Monday 5th October: Open Morning for new entrants

Tuesday 6th October: Flu vaccinations for all registered pupils

Wednesday 7th October: Chestnut Class fieldtrip to Rochester

Friday 9th October: Harvest Festival at St Mary's Church

Monday 12th October- Wednesday 14th October (3.30-4.00pm): Classroom 'Happiness' drop ins

Monday 12th October: Plum Class village fieldwork

Wednesday 14th October: Chestnut, Maple and Rowan partnership sports afternoon with Shipbourne

Thursday 15th October (1.15pm): KAE Calm Together workshop for registered families

Friday 16th October: PTA school disco

Monday 19th October: Maple Class fieldtrip to Canterbury

Monday 19th October (2.45pm): Plum Class red carpet event

Tuesday 20th October: Oak Class fieldtrip to Tunbridge Wells

Wednesday 21st October (9.15am): Choir performance

Friday 23rd October: Term 1 ends

[Term Dates 2026-2027](#)

Term 1

INSET DAY: Tuesday 1st September 2026

First day of term: Wednesday 2nd September 2026

Last day of term: Friday 23rd October 2026

Term 2

First day of term: Monday 2nd November 2026

Last day of term: Friday 18th December 2026- 1.15pm finish

Term 3

First day of term: Monday 4th January 2027

Last day of term: Friday 12th February 2027

Term 4

First day of term: Monday 22nd February 2027

Last day of term: Thursday 25th March 2027– 1.15pm finish

Term 5

First day of term: Monday 12th April 2027

Bank Holiday: Monday 3rd May 2027

Last day of term: Friday 28th May 2027

Term 6

INSET DAY: Monday 7th June 2027

First day of term: Tuesday 8th June 2027

Last day of term: Friday 16th July 2027– 1.15pm finish

Parent Leaflets

WINGS & WHEELS WEEKEND 2026

| 12TH & 13TH SEPTEMBER | 10AM TO 4PM |
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Refreshments available

Subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances including, but not limited to, weather conditions, mechanical breakdowns and shortage of volunteers and/or exhibitors.

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