



NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2026

As we hurtle towards the end of term, there's still lots going on, so please do keep reading and make notes on the dates!

A BIG WELL DONE to all our Sallywags who took part in sports day!
The children did fantastically. Thank you also to those of you who came along to watch and support them.

2026 / 2027 TERM DATES

Autumn Term: 7th September – 17th December

Spring Term: 4th January – 25th March

Summer Term: 12th April – 21st July

You will have already been asked by the team to complete your booking forms for next September – whilst we appreciate this is early, it really will help us to be able to plan staffing for next term – its always very difficult to predict what our numbers will look like – please make sure to confirm your requests to Lorraine or Jenny as soon as possible.

ADMIN & GENERAL INFO

26/27 Admissions - If you or someone you know has a child that is looking to start Sallywags in the Autumn or Spring term next year, please contact Pennie to register interest.

Sun Protection – A reminder that children need to arrive at setting with sun cream applied. – we will apply suncream again after lunch. We will be using **TESCO SOLEIL SENSITIVE SPF50+** in setting, but if you wish for you own to be used, please ask. We also require children to bring in a sun hat and, if possible, something that also covers the neck as well rather than just a cap. On the very hottest of days, we will of course have our canopy up over the playground to offer additional shade. Children will be encouraged to drink regularly, as they always are, and water bottles will be refilled when empty and new 'refilled' stickers applied.

SCALLYWAGS DIARY

JUNE

18th – Rescheduled Sports Day

29th – Stay & Play

JULY

9th – Photo Day (NEW DATE)

13th – Stay & Play

15th – Graduation Ceremony

TBC – End of term Treat

17th – Last day of Term

17th – End of term Disco

AUGUST

7th-9th Gala Weekend

8th – Gala Fun Day

SEPTEMBER

7th – Start of term

17th – AGM

OCTOBER

26th -30th – HALF TERM

DECEMBER

17th – Last Day of Term

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & COMMITTEE RECRUITMENT

Our annual general meeting will be on **THURSDAY 17th SEPTEMBER at Scallywags 7.30pm**

This is a chance for all parents to come and meet the team, see what we've been doing, and what are plans are for the upcoming year – we will have tea and biscuits too! It is also the time when we vote in our committee.

This year we are losing two committee members, and we thank Cat & Caroline for their support this year.

Therefore, we are actively seeking new committee members from our parents for 26/27. It is a very rewarding role and vital to keep the pre-school viable and support with the fundraising we need. We meet once a month for meetings and as you know run several fundraising events throughout the year. There are no required qualifications, but we do need a DBS check (which we pay for) and an Ofsted Vetting check to be completed. We will also provide relevant training if needed with regards to safeguarding as well as role specific training. We will be looking for someone to take on the secretary role and policies.

No committee, no Scallywags so please do get in touch if you think you can help!

Fundraiser Friends & Families – This year we are also looking to form a group of helpers to support with our fundraising events in person – the committee would still do the majority of planning but having helpers on the day of events is invaluable but often tricky to find! Knowing we have a core group to support us would be fantastic. We wouldn't expect you to help at every event but the more volunteers the easier it is for everyone! Please let Lorna know if you are willing to help.

PROPOSED MERGER WITH HALWILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

Things are continuing to progress in the background for the planned merger with the preschool. As I hope you appreciate there are a lot of admin related tasks as well as actions that need completing before any building work can start.

I can now confirm our anticipated opening is September 2027

Obviously there may be unforeseen delays and there is still a lot to get done before we can move but we will keep you all regularly updated and as we move through the next academic year a lot more information will be provided. Information about the move is now included in our welcome pack - and a letter will go out to new families. Although it is written with new families in mind, it does

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Jenny Bryant – Deputy Manager,
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Pennie Channing –
Administrator

Ella Dannan
Tash Lambden
Vicki Bluett
Emma Murphy (Maternity Leave)
Amanda Harrison
Thelma Austin –
Early Years Practitioners

25/26 Committee

Lorna Prickett Treacy
Caroline Rutley-Frayne
Stacey Bellamy
Sarah Gliddon
Milly Clifford
Becky Garrad
Megan Brooking

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contain information that's useful to everyone so I will ask Pennie to circulate it to everyone who will be at Scallywags in September.

As previously mentioned, all our families will be invited to an Extraordinary General meeting to discuss the merger and as part of that the closure of the Scallywags Charity. We expect this meeting will be in the Autumn.

If you have any questions in the meantime please don't hesitate to ask Pennie, Lorraine or me and we will do our best to answer.

WHATS ON THIS TERM??

The sun is appearing more and more which we are making the most of! This term we are looking at Sports & Healthy Eating, Mini Beasts – with our own setting caterpillars, and finally - Our Favourite Things!

Stay & Play Sessions

Our stay and play sessions this term will run on selected Monday afternoons from 1.30 – 3pm. It's a great opportunity for little ones and their grown-ups to get a taste of what Scallywags is all about! Come and meet the team and let your children enjoy freeplay. Session costs £2 per child
Current Scallywags are also welcome if it's not their normal day.

Summer term remaining sessions – **June 29th & July 13th**

Photo Day – Thursday 9th July (PLEASE NOTE THE DATE CHANGE)

Harley-Jo Photography is back this year for both individual, sibling and group shots. A letter will be coming home about this, and the booking sheet will be available by the sign in sheet in setting.

School Leavers / Graduation – Wednesday 15th July

At the end of term we say goodbye to **13** of our children who are moving up to school – We hope they enjoy their transitions sessions.

For our graduation ceremony this year, we are inviting Parents of school leavers to join us at **4PM** as we reflect on their time with us.

A reminder: We will be gifting the children a PE bag in their correct primary schools' colours so please avoid ordering these as part of uniform orders.

If your child is booked on the late session that day please speak to us about pick up times.

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End of year fun & activities

This year we will be running a few activities on different days to bring some extra fun to the end of term. This includes Moo Music sessions, a creative session from Sarah Balsdon (INFUSION), dance sessions with Jess Squire, and outdoor pizza making for lunch with Pennie. Dates and more details to come. We will open these sessions to all our children where possible.

Reports & Parent Consultations

We are currently writing your child's report, which will come out to you soon – we will provide you with 2 copies and we ask that one is signed and returned to us by the date given. You will then be invited to book a parent consultation if you wish to with your child's key person – please remember though we always have an open-door policy and if ever you feel you would like to speak to your child's keyperson or Lorraine or Pennie with any concerns or queries please do ask.

HALWILL GALA WEEKEND – 7th - 9th August

You may have already seen the posters – Halwill Gala is Back! The Parish Hall is organising a weekend of activities with something for everyone.

On the Saturday, Scallywags will be there raising funds for the Preschool – selling cakes and refreshments as well as a selection of activities! Please keep an eye out for more information and visit the Halwill Parish Halls Facebook page for a full timetable of the weekend's events.

Overall money raised from the event will be going towards Parish Hall improvements – something which will benefit the whole community.

FUNDRAISING

As previously mentioned, it is getting harder to get support for fundraising events which means our finances take a hit. Neither the fees we charge, nor the funding rates we can claim off government are enough to cover our expenses – and we would rather not pass the extra costs onto our families therefore fundraising is essential.

We completely understand the financial pressures affecting us all in recent years, but support does not only have to come in the form of money – we are always really grateful for any help to run events – whether its selling cakes, helping at our discos and making teas and coffees! We also always appreciate any help with advertising the events – putting up posters or sharing the event across social media – it all really helps.

How you can help us fundraise!

Don't forget you can support us every time you shop online with easyfundraising.co.uk.

Simply set up an account – choose us as your cause and then visit hundreds of your favourite websites, via the easy fundraising app and we will get an extra cashback donation with no extra cost to you!

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Challenge £20.26 - May Half term / Early June

We hope the children have been enjoying their outdoors and get active challenges! We'd love to hear how you have been getting on. Thank you to those of you who have returned your challenge monies so far – apologies with the date mix up – that's totally my fault (Lorna!) as I copied and pasted without checking! Can all remaining monies could be returned by the end of June please.

End of term Disco – Friday 17th June

Our popular end of term disco returns – with DJ Pete! Entrance cost is £1 and as usual we will have a tuck shop, glow sticks and temporary tattoos for sale.

As per usual the evening will be split into two sessions:

- **5.30pm – 6.30pm- Early Years & Key stage 1 (Toddlers, Scallywags, Class 1 & 2)**

Parents must accompany their children at this session.

- **7pm – 8.30pm - Key stage 2 & 3 (Class 3 & 4)**

Parents must sign in children at the door and provide a contact telephone number before leaving.

Please note that the children will not be allowed to bring mobile phones to the disco, and for safety children in the lower age group will not be allowed to stay during the second session.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! - As with previous years, we will be needing some extra volunteers for the second session so that we can guarantee entry to all children and keep in line with legal ratios. If you are able to help, please let us know.

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Please remember you can continue to support us over the summer by shopping at your favourite retailers through easy fundraising online! Simply sign up for an account and select us as your cause – then when you shop at thousands of your favourite retailers online, we get some extra pennies in our pot without costing you extra!

Thank you

Lorna, Staff & Committee.

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