NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2026

A big welcome back to Scallywags!
It's been lovely to hear all about your fantastic summers and see how much you have all grown! A big hello to our new Scallywags as well! As we enter what could be our final year at Scallywags as we know it, we are looking forward to having lots of exciting experiences.

The children have already been enjoying learning 'all about me' and now we are moving into our Autumn themes – and discovering the brand new Gruffalo story!

Emma also officially returns from maternity leave this month – Welcome back Emma!

Committee for 26/27

Following our AGM I can announce our committee for this year – thank you to all our returning volunteers.

Lorna Prickett Treacy – Chair / H&S

Milly Clifford – Treasurer / Vice Chair

Stacey Bellamy – Safeguarding

Sarah Gliddon – Secretary / Policies

Becky Garrad

Megan Brooking

This year is going to be exciting and busy, but as you can see we have our smallest committee for at least 6 years, therefore if you are able to help out at events, we would be grateful. **It's also still possible to join as a Trustee/Committee member at any time.**

EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

You will have received a letter separately about a planned EGM on **MONDAY OCTOBER 19th at Scallywags 7.45pm**

This is a really important meeting, and we really do need parents to support us. Important decisions need to be made regarding our constitution and the merger with Halwill Primary School – and the committee legally cannot do that without parents voting for it.

SCALLYWAGS DIARY

OCTOBER

12th - Stay & Play

17th – Jen's Big Breakfast

19th – Extraordinary General Meeting

26th -30th – HALF TERM

30th – Halloween Disco

NOVEMBER

2nd – Term Starts

9th - Stay and Play

21st – Winter Fayre

DECEMBER

4th – Nativity

11th - Christmas Bingo

14th – Stay & Play

17th – Last Day of Term

JANUARY

4th – Term Starts

Every family with a child registered with us, counts as a member of the charity and as such are eligible to vote on the 2 proposals. It is one vote per family and only those in attendance can vote.

This will also be a great opportunity to find out more about the school project and ask questions too!

We look forward to seeing you there.

Update on the move to Halwill Primary School

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

Anticipated opening remains as September 2027

We will keep updating you regularly and you will soon see a display board at our events where you will be able to see the project progress.

Waiting Lists for 2027/28

We have now been given the go ahead to start a waiting list for those children who will be 2 and wish to start in the next academic year – if your child, or a child you know, will be 2 and looking to start between September 2027 and July 2028 please get in touch with Pennie.

Please note at the moment this is for 2+ only and we will share details later on for the 9month+ provision.

Social Media & AI

With increasing safeguarding concerns over the misuse of AI, we are adapting how we share what we get up to on social media.

We will continue to share the same things we always have – just from a different angle so that we are sharing hands on activities, backs of heads and side facing photos and not sharing children's faces.

WHATS ON THIS TERM??

Stay & Play Sessions

Our stay and play sessions this term will continue to 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

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Jenny Bryant – Deputy Manager, Deputy Safeguarding

Pennie Channing – Administrator

Ella Dannan
Tash Lambden
Vicki Bluett
Emma Murphy
Amanda Harrison
Early Years Practitioners

25/26 Committee
Lorna Prickett Treacy
Stacey Bellamy
Sarah Gliddon
Milly Clifford
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Megan Brooking

IMPORTANT INFORMATION
Registered Charity Number: 1033643
Ofsted registered number: 106369

Current Scallywags are also welcome if it's not their normal day.

This terms remaining sessions – **Oct 12th, Nov 9th, Dec 14th**

Date for your diary:

Scallywags Nativity – Friday December 4th

More details to follow

FUNDRAISING

Fundraising has always been hugely important to us as a charity and each term we hope to run a selection of great activities, some for the kids, some for the adults, and some for all the family – we really do value all the support we get so if you are able to join in, please do!

BIG BREAKFAST – October 17th – 10am-12pm – Halwill Parish Hall.
Although this one isn't a Scallywags fundraiser your support would be appreciated - Jenny's son Luke, plans to visit South Africa with two of his footballing friends Oscar and Malih. Both Luke and Oscar are former Scallywags! As part of GAP Africa's project, they will be going into local schools and communities to help develop a love of sport! But they need to raise some cash to do so, and Jenny would really appreciate your support at the planned BIG BREAKFAST on October 17th in the main hall. Serving 10-12.

More details can be found on the poster in setting or on the parents Facebook group!

ALL MY OWN WORK – In Setting
Every year we get the children to create a seasonal picture which we send off to All My Own work who work their magic and make the children's artwork into beautiful keepsakes – please make sure that when these are sent home you complete the order form (and any payment due) and return to us before the specified deadline. We receive a cashback donation on all orders, so any orders placed help contribute towards Scallywags funds.

HALLOWEEN DISCO – Friday 17th June – 5.00pm – 6.30pm
Its spooky season and our Fancy Dress Disco Returns!

This will be a single session open to all 11's and Under

Parents must accompany their children.

We will have a tuck shop, spooky activities, lucky dip, and of course there will also be a Fancy Dress competition for the two best dressed! Outfits do not need to be Halloween themed.

Please note that the children will not be allowed to bring mobile phones to the disco, and we ask that no trick or treat hauls are brought in.

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 and account - choose us as your cause and then visit hundreds of your favourite websites, via the easyfundraising app and we will get an extra cashback donation with no extra cost to you!

As of 2025 you can now add in-store donations! If you regularly shop in stores and pay with Apple or Google pay, then please download the easy fundraising app where you can link cards and we will also get a donation every time you pay in person too!

It's a simple way to support us without it costing you anything!

Scan the below code to view our supports page & sign up;

HALWILL WINTER GIFT FAYRE – Saturday November 21st – 10am-2pm

For its 7th year, the Gift Fayre is a great opportunity to treat yourself or your loved ones at the same time as supporting local businesses! Last year's activity zone was such a success that we will be doing it again!

There are still stallholder spaces available – single tables £10, Double table £16 – all enquiries to **chair.scallywags@outlook.com**

Food, refreshments and cakes available!

CHRISTMAS BINGO – DECEMBER 11th – Time TBC

Spread the Christmas cheer and see what you can win! More details to come.

RAFFLE PRIZES & DONATIONS

We are always grateful for donations towards our raffles – we have two planned this term so any contributions are welcome please – please take into setting or pass to Pennie or any of the committee – these can be physical items, or vouchers – everything is welcome!

We will also be looking for support with cakes and bakes at the Winter Fayre.

Easyfundraising.co.uk

Please remember you can continue to support us over the Autumn and into the Christmas period by shopping at your favourite retailers through easyfundraising 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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