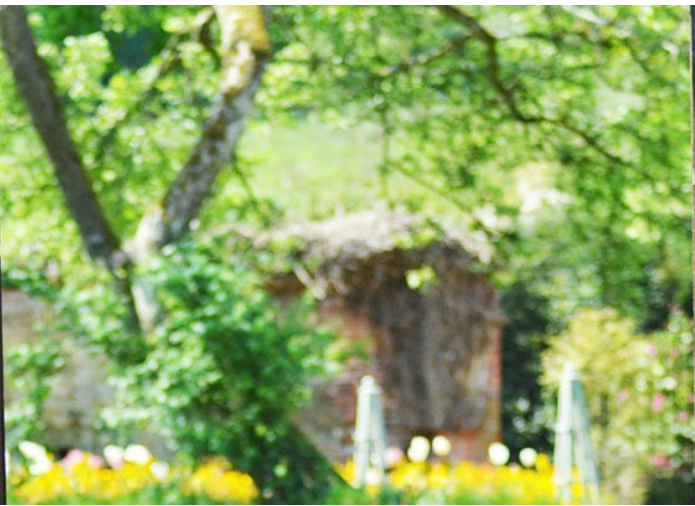




**GARDEN OPEN  
FOR CHARITY**

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11<sup>th</sup> May 2018**



*Year 4 set the scene for our Outdoor Learning campaign by throwing themselves into their first residential trip to Devon last week. They conducted themselves exceptionally well and had a wonderful time by the coast and on the farm. This week at school saw a large number of lessons taught in the gardens and grounds to the evident delight of the children. Congratulations to pupils and staff who managed to be 'screen free' all week.*

*Year 5 sang and danced along the Yellow Brick Road with a brilliant performance of The Wizard of Oz last night. Congratulations to them all, especially to the Producer/Director Miss Stein, assisted by Miss Post and her musicians as well as other teachers behind the scenes. It really was a fantastic show.*

*Please support our Open Garden event tomorrow. Money raised is distributed by the National Garden Scheme to major medical and nursing charities including Macmillan Cancer Support, Marie Curie and Hospice UK. Battisborough Farm Ice Cream will be on sale for the very first time!*

### **The Wizard of Oz**

A massive congratulations to Year 5 on their fabulous performance of The Wizard of Oz last night. The stage was transformed into Munchkinland with huge flowers, a sparkling Emerald City and Yellow Brick Road running the full length of the Hall. The children performed with energy and enthusiasm to an extremely high standard, creating a magical atmosphere. With a live band, over sixty children danced and sang their way through this iconic musical, portraying the well-loved characters of Dorothy, Scarecrow, Tin Man, Cowardly Lion, Witches good and bad and, of course, Oz the Great and Powerful.

Special thanks must go to the Year 5 parents who baked an extraordinary array of themed biscuits ranging from red shoes to rainbows raising £179.50 during the interval. The audience was also particularly generous adding a further £616.19 to the retiring collection. The school's chosen charity of Rosie's Rainbow Fund will be absolutely delighted with this grand total of £795.69.

### **DIARY REMINDERS**

#### **MAY**

**Saturday 12th**  
1400 Hall Grove NGS Garden Opening

**Tuesday 15th**  
0835 Year 4 Battisborough Assembly

**Thursday 17th**  
0835 6JF Assembly

**Friday 18th**  
0900 Reception Assembly

**Tuesday 22nd**  
0835 3VB Assembly

**Thursday 24th**  
Open Morning  
0835 6FH Assembly

**Friday 25th**  
0900 1JH Assembly  
1400 Years 7 & 8 Speech and Drama Festival

**w/c Monday 28th**  
Half Term

#### **JUNE**

**Friday 8th**  
1000 Early Years & Pre-Prep Sports Day

**Saturday 9th**  
Sports Day (Years 3 - 8)  
1400-1700

**Monday 18th**  
Africa Week

**Thursday 21st**  
0835 6AK Assembly  
1900 Year 4 'Scenes from The Lion King'

**Friday 22nd**  
Africa Celebration Day  
African Drumming & Dance Workshop  
Parents Social: The Africa Ball

**Tuesday 26th**  
0835 7TH Assembly

**Thursday 28th**  
0835 7LS Assembly

**Friday 29th**  
After School Activities finish

We are so proud of Year 5 for all their hard work, making this year's show such an enormous success. It was a truly magical evening and, as it says on the back of their T-shirts, there really is no place like Hall Grove...!

### **Hall Grove NGS Garden Opening - Saturday 12th May**

This is an annual event on behalf of the National Garden Scheme, a charity that supports several good causes. The school grounds and gardens will be open for viewing from 1400 to 1700. There are a variety of trails and walks including the historic ice house in the garden of Field House, the restored walled garden and a woodland walk to the boating lake. Entry is by way of donation, £5 is recommended, all money going to the NGS charity. Teas will be on sale at The Lighthouse, and a selection of plants will be available for purchase. This is always a lovely afternoon, do bring friends and family.

### **Hall Grove Presents an African Jabulani\* - Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June**

Come and join us as we round off Africa week with our fabulous African Jabulani – an evening of drinking, feasting and dancing – to raise money for Malaweni Primary School. Held in a purpose-built tented village, experience the wonderful sights, sounds and tastes of Africa, dining on a delicious freshly prepared buffet then dancing to African music. There will be a cash bar generously provided by Oakman Inns & Restaurants and a fundraising auction of exceptional prizes. Get your friends together and arrange a table of 10, or buy individual tickets and we'll seat you. Tickets are £30 a head and details on how to book will be sent next week. [Click here for tickets.](#)

We have a number of very exciting prizes, but if you are able to offer an auction prize or assist with logistics beforehand and on the night, do please drop one of the team a line.

Looking forward to a wonderful evening!

\*Jabulani – Zulu for rejoice.

The team: Jemma Bailey, Suzanne Greenhalgh, Paula Leech, Tim Lewis, Emma Swanson and Lindsay Vetch

### **5ST Battisborough Assembly Video**

5ST's Battisborough Trip video, shown during Tuesday's class assembly is now available to view on the school website (Video Gallery page, under the parent's tab). It can also be viewed by [clicking here.](#)

### **Hall Grove Open Morning - Thursday 24th May**

There will be an Open Morning taking place on Thursday 24th May from 0930 to 1130. It is intended for prospective parents so we should be grateful if you would inform friends and work colleagues who may be interested in sending a child to Hall Grove one day.

### **School Uniform - Years 6 & 7 Girls Only**

Could all current Year 6 girls who are going into Year 7 in September and any new Year 8 girls, please order their grey skirt and red/white blouse from The Uniform Shop by Half Term. Telephone 01276 471039.

A reminder that the Uniform Shop opening hours are as follows:

Monday	0800-0900
Tuesday	0800-0900
Thursday	1500-1730

### **ABSENCES**

If your child is unwell please  
T: 01276 473059 (option 1) or  
E: [office@hallgrove.co.uk](mailto:office@hallgrove.co.uk)

### **TERM DATES**

#### **Summer Term 2018**

23rd April – 6th July  
Half Term:  
26th May – 3rd June

#### **Autumn Term 2018**

3rd September – 14th December  
Half Term:  
20th October – 4th November

#### **Spring Term 2019**

7th January – 29th March  
Half Term:  
16th – 24th February (incl)

#### **Summer Term 2019**

24th April – 12th July  
Half Term:  
25th May – 2nd June (incl)

### **NEWSLETTER ATTACHMENTS**

### **MAY HALF TERM & SUMMER CAMPS**

**Don't forget to follow us on  
Twitter! [@hallgroveschool](#)  
[@hallgrovesport](#)**

## Music

### Informal Concerts

Well done to everyone who performed in our Informal Lunchtime Brass Concert today. The quality of tone produced by our beginner brass players was really fantastic, and Jonathan Butler should be mentioned for a particularly fine performance of Schubert's *Ave Maria*.

Next Friday is the Informal Strings Concert. As ever if your child learns outside of school but would still like to participate in the concert then please contact Miss Post by Tuesday morning next week.

### Semi-Chorus

Details of those choristers who will be visiting Warminster School on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March will be sent out early next week, so if your child is in Semi-Chorus (and some Year 5 parents) please watch out for an email from Miss Post.

### Music Exams (22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> June)

Music exam entries have now been made and the first draft timetable will be sent out in the next couple of weeks. Please could any parents who have a commitment on the Saturday which cannot be changed let Miss Post know as soon as possible, so she can schedule the exam for Friday. Fees for the exams are simply added to the school bill.

## Sport

### Weekly review

Another busy week of sport at Hall Grove. A total of 29 cricket and rounders matches were played on Wednesday and Thursday by the boys and girls, winning nineteen and drawing two. The highlights being the senior girls continuing their winning streak in the U13 Surrey Cup and the U11A's having a convincing win against Lambrook.

The boys' cricket saw an excellent win for the U10 A's against Hoe Bridge and a dominant performance from the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI, 4<sup>th</sup> XI and U11 C teams. Shrey Rawal also deserves a huge congratulations for his century during the 1<sup>st</sup> XI against Hoe Bridge, an outstanding performance. The U9 and U8 boys got their season off to a very positive start with 5 wins and a tie against Feltonfleet.

There was a good block of rounders fixtures against St Andrews Woking with four wins, one draw and just one loss. The girls had a super week of sport.

On Thursday, the boys' athletics team travelled to Woodcote House. As always there was good competition from the opposition but the Hall Grove team performed well and secured victory with wins in both the relay events at the end of a lovely evening.

### Games Notices and Reminders

#### Cricket Bags/Tennis Rackets

Cricket bags may be brought in on match days or for after-school activities. They are not necessary for normal games sessions. They must be stored behind the pavilion.

Tennis Rackets may be brought in. Please ensure they are clearly labelled and kept in form rooms.

### Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May

#### Danes Hill Super teams competition

0930 U13 girls selected please meet Mrs Maxfield at Hall Grove 0745

#### Cricket v Cranleigh

1000	U11 A, U11 B (a)	Meet HG at 0830 or email <a href="mailto:m.collier@halgrove.co.uk">m.collier@halgrove.co.uk</a> if going direct.
1000	U10 A, U10 B (h)	Meet HG 0930
1300	U13 Exhibition Cricket	Meet HG 1245
1300	Exhibition Tennis	Meet HG 1245

## **Additions and Amendments**

### **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May**

Tennis v Lambrook

1730 Please note this fixture is now being played at Hall Grove

### **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> May**

Rounders v Reddam House

1430 U11 C, U10 C (a)

Rounders v Holyport

1545 U13 A, B, U12 A (a) Please note time change.

Boys' Cricket v Feltonfleet

1430 U11 C (at Bagshot Cricket club)

### **Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May**

Rounders v Downsend

U11 girls selected please meet Mrs Maxfield at Hall Grove 0800.

1430 U11 C, U10 C (a)

## **Bagshot Big Bike Ride - Sunday 24th June - 0830**

Charity cycling event in aid of Sebastian's Action Trust, supporting families of seriously ill children. The event has three different courses to choose from, 18, 54 or 77 miles starting and finishing at Hall Grove School!

To register or for more information:

W: [www.sebastiansactiontrust.org/BBR18](http://www.sebastiansactiontrust.org/BBR18)

T: 01344 622500

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## **Chertsey Museum - May Half-Term Holiday Activities**

Please see attached flyer for further information.

T: 01932 565764 to book your place.

W: [www.chertseymuseum.org/events](http://www.chertseymuseum.org/events)

## **Jet Tennis Half Term Camps**

Various dates are available. For further details, please see attached flyer.

## **VECC Master Classes Summer Half Term**

Specialist coaching for cricketers aged 8-13. For further details, please see attached flyer.