



A message from the OSCAR foundation:

“A huge, heartfelt Thank You to you all for the extraordinary welcome and warm hospitality. The girls will never forget the reception and will cherish the memory for ever. It was a unanimous vote that Hall Grove was a tour highlight.”

Hall Grove Eco Week culminated in a most successful Country Fair. Produce from the walled garden and from South Battisborough Farm was quickly snapped up, and a range of excellent stalls entertained grandparents and other visitors. It was a wonderful way to close the first half of term.

Please see the attached pdf about the Independent Schools Show in Battersea. Hall Grove will be exhibiting alongside many of the top schools, a great opportunity for parents to shop around and meet staff from all the leading senior schools with which Hall Grove has close links. If any family would like to help on our stand, please email: admissions@hallgrove.co.uk

Aladdin

Congratulations to the boys and girls in Year 8 who put on an excellent performance of Aladdin last Friday evening. Every word was audible and the cast did a particularly good job of communicating the entertaining story. A number of children worked extremely hard to learn meaty sections of script and delighted on the night by bringing comic timing and energy to their delivery. Our thanks goes to Mr Appelhans (Music Technology) who didn't get a mention on the night, but who worked with a number of children to deliver sound effects and musical accompaniment. Thank you to all the staff involved and in particular to Mr Hiles for his hard work on the set. He brought a touch of magic to our Aladdin's Cave!

Eco-Week Science Competition (Years 5 to 8)

With some amazingly passionate young scientists throughout the school, we have launched the Eco-Week Science Competition. After being suitably inspired by a week of activities, we would like your children to perform a scientific investigation into whatever aspect of ecology they are curious about. To enter the competition, they must perform a simple experiment involving nature in their garden and share their findings in the form of a poster. The deadline for entry is Monday 5th November and completed projects are to be submitted to your child's Science teacher. Please see the attached document for more information and questions can be emailed to l.mcleod@hallgrove.co.uk.

DIARY REMINDERS

NOVEMBER

Wednesday 7th
1900 Senior Performance Club present 'Cinders'

Friday 9th
1030 Remembrance Service
Last day to return the Samaritan's Purse Shoe Boxes

Saturday/Sunday 10th & 11th
Independent Schools Show, London

Tuesday 13th
0835 8AM Assembly

Thursday 15th
0835 5CG Assembly

Monday 19th
1800 Years 5 & 6 Parents' Meetings

Tuesday 20th
0835 4MC Assembly
1645 Performance 'The Plague'
(Years 1-5)
1800 Years 5 & 6 Parents' Meetings

Thursday 22nd
0835 7LR Assembly
1800 Years 5 & 6 Parents' Meetings

Tuesday 27th
0835 3SS Assembly

Thursday 29th
0835 4DL Assembly

DECEMBER

Monday 3rd
1800 Years 7 & 8 Parents' Meeting

Tuesday 4th
0835 6AK Assembly
1830 Year 1 & 2 Nativity

Wednesday 5th
1800 Years 7 & 8 Parents' Meetings

Thursday 6th
0835 5JF Assembly
1100 Pre-School Christmas Celebration
1730 RST Nativity (in The Barn)
1800 RLB Nativity (in The Barn)

Friday 7th
Co-Curricular/After School Clubs finish

Business Enterprise Visual Arts Project

There was a hive of activity this afternoon as Year 8 sold their wares and services to raise money for this year's charities. The Art team wowed with their sand-art bottles and face-painting stand and Team Computing applied 'green screen' technology to transform portrait photographs with fun costumes and exciting backgrounds. Great fun was had with the remote control Sphero bumper cars and Team Textiles customizable pencil cases proved a popular hit. Team DT's Mega-Maze and Marble Run games got pulses rising and their golf putting challenge certainly drew a crowd. A big thank you to Longacres for sponsoring us with a generous collection of 'Eco Week' inspired Cacti and Venus Flytraps which were awarded as prizes. Well done to all the Year 8 children, their efforts have raised a good sum of money to help those in need.

'Cinders' - Wednesday 7th November

Please do come and support the cast on the 7th November at 7pm in the New Hall.

Remembrance Service - Friday 9th November

This special Assembly is always much enjoyed by parents and other visitors. It starts at 1030 in New Hall. This year is of special significance as we mark the 100th anniversary of the end of the Great War.

Independent Schools Show, London - 10th & 11th November

As the UK's largest school open day, the Independent Schools Show welcomes 200+ of the country's leading nurseries, pre-preps, prep schools, senior schools and sixth form colleges to Battersea Park.

For further details, please follow [this link](#).

Tickets can be bought FREE in advance via the Eventbrite website [here](#).

Potential Scholarship Candidates

Year 8 parents, in particular, are asked to be aware of looming scholarship deadlines at various senior schools. Anyone considering entering their child for an award is asked to discuss this with Mr Lewis (01276 470007) if they have not already done so. The general practice is for parents to complete the relevant forms and leave them with Mr Lewis who will collate the various references and information before submitting them to the Headmaster for his approval and on to senior schools.

2019-2020 Key Dates

Key Dates 2019

Friday 7th June	Early Years and Pre-Prep Sports Day
Saturday 8th June	Sports Day (Years 3-8)
Friday 28th June	Caribbean Night (Parents' Social)

Spring Term 2019

Monday 7th January - Friday 29th March
Half Term: Saturday 16th - Sunday 24th February

Summer Term 2019

Wednesday 24th April - Friday 12th July
Half Term: Saturday 25th May - Sunday 2nd June

Autumn Term 2019

Monday 9th September - Friday 20th December
Half Term: Saturday 26th October - Sunday 10th November

Spring Term 2020

Monday 13th January - Friday 27th March

ABSENCES

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

TERM DATES

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

Summer Term 2019

24th April - 12th July
Half Term:
25th May - 2nd June

Autumn Term 2019

9th September - 20th December
Half Term:
26th October - 10th November

Spring Term 2020

13th January - 27th March
Half Term:
15th - 23rd February

Summer Term 2020

22nd April - Friday 10th July
Half Term:
23rd - 31st May

KEY DATES 2019

7th June

Early Years & PrePrep Sports Day

8th June

Sports Day (Years 3-8)

28th June

Caribbean Night (Parents Social)

NEWSLETTER

ATTACHMENTS

SENIOR SCHOOL

OPEN MORNINGS

OCTOBER HALF

TERM CAMPS

Don't forget to follow us on
Twitter! [@hallgroveschool](https://twitter.com/hallgroveschool)
[@hallgrovesport](https://twitter.com/hallgrovesport)

Half Term: Saturday 15th – Sunday 23rd February

Summer Term 2020

Wednesday 22nd April – Friday 10th July

Half Term Saturday 23rd – Sunday 31st May

Music

Some of our musicians wowed the visitors this afternoon at the annual Country Fair and Grandparents' Afternoon. Years 1 and 2 performed their 'Harvest Samba' with great enthusiasm before Concert Band had their first outing of the year, performing the James Bond theme. We were then treated to our senior musicians performing on their instruments of choice. All the music on show provided a fitting backdrop to a wonderful afternoon of entertainment!

Informal Concerts

Our next concert is **Piano II** on Friday 9th November. If your child learns outside of school but would like to perform, please email Miss Post by 1200 on Tuesday 6th November to enter them.

Sport

What a half term of sport it has been. The girls have played some excellent hockey and enjoyed success at every level. The standard has certainly improved, all the girls should be proud of their performances. Mr Gold will continue to run the early morning sessions and encourages the girls to continue attending these sessions. There are still several hockey matches to be played after half term before the girls make the switch to Netball. The boys have enjoyed a great football season. It has been challenging at the senior level but making the Nationals has been an outstanding achievement and we wish the boys luck in the finals on Sunday 4th November. The junior teams have performed exceptionally well and the signs are encouraging for next year. A special thanks to Mr Tomlinson who has co-ordinated the football programme and made sure Hall Grove has been competitive yet again on an extremely tough circuit. Hall Grove continues to punch above its weight, something we should all be proud of.

Football Season Statistics

Played 191 matches

Won 101 matches (53%)

Drew 38 matches (20%)

Lost 51 matches (27%)

Unbeaten in 73% is quite an achievement

1st XI Qualified for Nationals and still in the Surrey Cup

U11 A Surrey Cup Semi Finalists, Quarter Finalists at Regional Qualifiers and Runners up at Bradfield Tournament

U10 A Won Charterhouse Plate Tournament

U10 B Won St George's Tournament and finished the season unbeaten

U9's Won Edgeborough Tournament

Mr Gold and Mr Quartermaine are offering a free hockey coaching session for two hours on Tuesday 30th October from 10am - 12pm. This is open to Years 6,7 and 8, boys and girls.

For further information on fixtures, results and timings, please visit the [school sports website](#).

Sebastian's Action Trust Halloween Walk - Sunday 4th November (Sebastian was a pupil at Hall Grove)

A spooktacular walk around Swinley Forest. Come dressed as your favourite ghost or ghoul, witch or wizard and enjoy fun family activities along the way.

0930 registration - 1000 start - £5 children - £10 adults - £20 family

To book, please visit: www.sebastianactiontrust.org/halloween or call 01344 622 500.

October Half Term Camps

For details of all half term camps, please click on the **OCTOBER HALF TERM CAMPS** link in the right-hand column.

Tuesday 30th October - Hockey Coaching

Mr Gold and Mr Quartermaine are offering a free hockey coaching session for two hours on Tuesday 30th October from 10am - 12pm. This is open to Years 6,7 and 8, boys and girls.

Operation Christmas Child Samaritan's Purse

If you would like to take part in this worthwhile project, please bring your filled shoe boxes to the School Office by **Friday 9th November**.

Stage and Screen Concert with the Games Maker Choir and the Central Band of the Royal British Legion—Saturday 27 October 1900—2200

Mrs Graham performs with the Games Maker Choir and is excited to sing with a Military Band at this London concert in half term. Please do come along. Tickets are free at [this link](#).

Santa Fun Run - Sunday 2nd December

Woking & Sam Beare Hospices are pleased to present their annual Christmas event Santa Fun Run. It will take place in Woking on the 2nd of December. For additional information please follow the link <https://www.wsbhospices.co.uk/santa>