



# HIT Newsletter



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**Hello and welcome to the fifteenth HIT newsletter, a chance to share information and celebrate the achievements of our children and young people.**

Hello Everyone,

Hope you are all well and enjoying this busy Term 1. Many thanks for everyone's creativity, allowing the continuing support of our Hearing Impaired learners, as the pandemic moves to endemic status. Its great to see groups, clubs and activities opening up again, to ensure our deaf learners are included.

We have a new venue for Deaf Expo on the 18th September 2022. Keep an eye on our website, where we will post details of this events at regular intervals. [www.stslvalence.com](http://www.stslvalence.com)

Best wishes to you all. Jo Clarke and Sue Holder.



## English Heritage—Improving access

English Heritage have been making their sites more accessible for visitors with disabilities.

This is not just for people with physical challenges, but improving accessibility by designing video and audio content with hearing loops and subtitles and where pos-



## Parent & Toddler Groups

**Fleetdown Primary Academy  
Parent and Toddler Group**  
Every Tuesday  
Time: 1.30-2.45pm



**Slade Primary  
School  
Baby and Toddler  
Group**  
Still on hold due to  
Covid

## Upcoming Dates

11/10/21	Allocation meeting	Ashford Business Point
01/11/21	HIT (PM)	TBC
15/11/21	Allocation meeting	Windchimes
04/01/22	Allocation meeting	Lower Grange
31/01/22	Allocation meeting	Virtual (Teams)
18/09/22	Deaf Expo	Cornwallis School



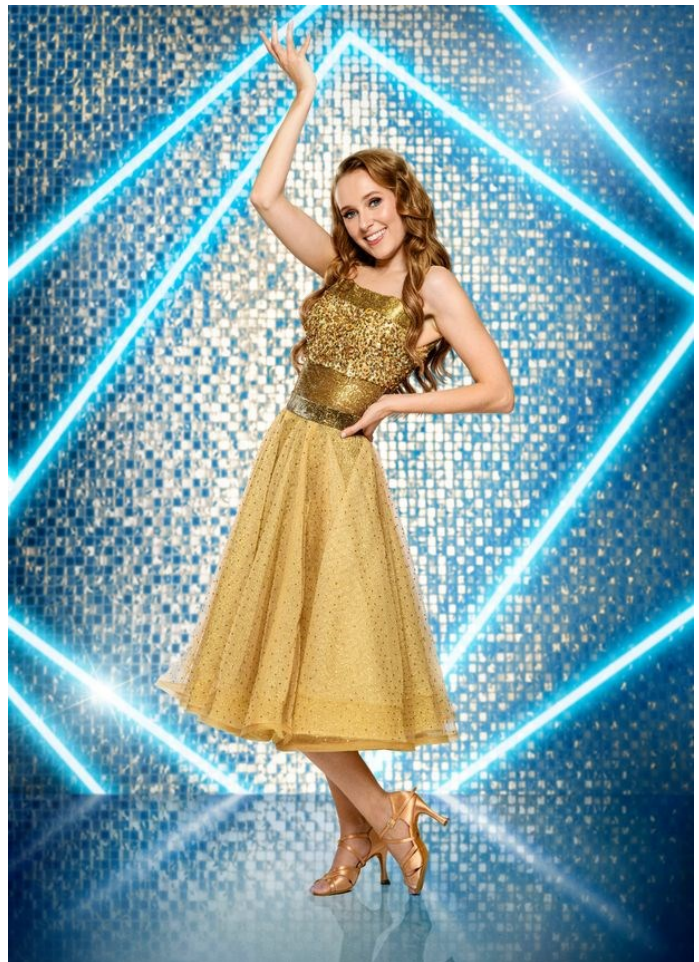
# Kent-born Rose making history

The EastEnders actor Rose Ayling-Ellis is has made television history as [Strictly Come Dancing](#)'s first ever deaf contestant.

Kent born Rose, who is a former pupil of Cheriton school and taught by one of our teachers is wowing audiences and has made it through the first two public votes.

Rose is wearing her hearing aids and will have a BSL interpreter with her at all times and the staff and some of the stars, including with her dance partner Giovanni Pernice have had deaf awareness training and have been learning some sign language.

Rose has been quoted to say "A lot of people think that deaf people can't hear the music, enjoy the music, and enjoy dancing, so I thought it would be a good platform for me to break that stereotype,"



## Deaf Friendly Swimming Lessons @ Larkfield Leisure Centre

Larkfield Leisure centre has introduced deaf-friendly swimming lessons to the swim school programme at Larkfield Leisure Centre.

All classes are invitational and the contact details for the centre [anna.bell@tmactive.co.uk](mailto:anna.bell@tmactive.co.uk), or 01622 719345 and Anna, who is running the class is also happy to video to discuss.



Important

**Please remember to share your stories and news about your work with HI children and young people for the next newsletter. All submissions are welcome, please send them to:**

[hstickings@valence.kent.sch.uk](mailto:hstickings@valence.kent.sch.uk)

