



School Update

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We made it! Together!

It's been a long and challenging one at times, but the end of the academic year is finally here and what a busy one it's been!

Today we say a fond farewell to our **fantastic Year 6** children. They have, this week, received their SATs results, and they have all performed brilliantly. We are proud of their efforts and they should be proud of their

achievements. SATs are only a small part of their incredible achievements this year. Over the last couple of weeks, they have been dazzling us with school plays and last night, with their leavers service—the hard work never ends! I hope that they leave us with fond memories and feeling well prepared for secondary school. All at Hall Orchard wish them every success for the future and a smooth transition to their next school.

We have also said our goodbyes to some **members of staff** today. **Mr Gethins** leaves us to join to a SEND school in Leicester, **Miss Eccles** will begin teacher training in September, **Mrs Bullivant** is relocating to the sunny South West, **Mr Fortuin** will take Forest Schools to a secondary school in Leicester, **Miss Rousham** will relocate to London and **Mrs Bennett (Rose)** will retire from the breakfast and afterschool club after 20 years of working at Hall Orchard. A **big thank you** to all of the children and parents for making her retirement party and the various assemblies a huge success.

We also say au revoir to two of our classteachers who will begin their maternity leave. **Mrs Bird** and **Miss Smith** will spend the next couple of weeks getting ready for the start of a new and exciting chapter in their lives.



Autumn Term 2025

August 2025

Thur 28th School opens for Autumn Term

September 2025

Mon 22nd-
Fri 3rd Oct Year 6 Swimming Lessons

October 2025

Mon 20th-
Fri 24th Autumn half-term break

December 2025

Fri 19th Last day of Autumn Term

Spring Term 2026

January 2026

Tues 6th School opens for Spring Term

February 2026

Mon 16th-
Fri 20th Spring half term break

March 2026

Fri 27th Last day of Spring Term

Term dates for [2025-26](#) and [2026-27](#) can be found on the school website. Please avoid booking holidays during term time. Many thanks

A big thank you is extended to our families for all the support shown for the children in assemblies, church events, musical performances, sports events and parent/welcome evenings. It demonstrates an ongoing commitment to working together for the benefit of all and is greatly appreciated.

I'd like to take this opportunity to also say a big thank you for your continued support of the school this year. I look forward to making school even better with your backing and the with the support of our amazing staff next year. See you back at school on **Thursday 28th August!**



Have a great Summer, Steve Dunn, HT

Looking Ahead...

Before you embark on buying school clothing in time for the Autumn Term, here is a quick reminder of our Uniform and PE kit expectations.

School Uniform

The children at Hall Orchard are proud of their school uniform. They are encouraged to take the same pride in the way they look as they do in their work. We keep our uniform list as simple as possible, and all the items are readily available:

- Grey skirt or pinafore dress; Pale blue and white checked dress (summer) or playsuit
- Grey trousers or shorts
- White polo shirt
- Blue sweatshirts, cardigans or fleeces with the school logo on
- Black school shoes with white, grey or black socks / black or grey tights—trainers are acceptable so long as they are **completely black in colour** (uppers, sole and branding)

Blue sweatshirts, cardigans, fleeces and polo shirts with the school logo on can be purchased from *Example School Uniforms* on Sibley Road www.exampleschooluniforms.com, or from *Rosebuddies* on Loughborough Market and online at www.rosebuddiesonline.co.uk/. All items of clothing must be named. **Additionally, we have a good selection of quality second-hand uniform available from reception which is free.**



PE Kit

Some form of physical activity takes place most days. This may be PE or Games, inside or outside. Your child must have a change of clothing for these activities kept in a bag. PE kit should be left in school all week so that it is readily available and taken home for cleaning at the weekend.

We expect children to have the following:

- Black shorts
- Plain white T-shirt—not football/rugby/sports kit
- Plimsolls for indoor gym/dance; trainers for outdoor PE
- Tracksuit/warm top for cold weather (black, blue or grey)
- A suitable bag to store the PE kit

Kit should be clearly labelled. It will not stop them losing it but at least they may get it back! PE and Games are not the same thing. Trainers which are worn outside are not safe on indoor apparatus. Plimsolls or bare feet are suitable for indoor work. Football shirts for outdoor games are not appropriate for indoor PE.



Jewellery

We do not allow the wearing of jewellery and ear-rings must be removed for PE. **Parents who wish their children to have their ears pierced should arrange for this at the start of the summer holidays when “studs” can be kept in for 6 weeks.** Large colourful hair accessories/head bands and nail varnish are not permitted to be worn at school.

A reminder of our **school day timings**:

- Children in KS2 will be welcomed **straight into classrooms** from **8:35am**; Reception and KS1 children will still line up outside the classroom doors.
- Registration will take place at **8:45am**
- Breaktime will take place mid-morning and last 15 minutes
- Key Stage 1 lunchtime will be 11:45am - 12:45pm
- Key Stage 2 lunchtime will be 12:15pm - 1:15pm
- School will finish at **3:15pm**



A slight change for the new academic year. The children in **KS2** should be on the school grounds ready for the doors to open (8:35am) where they will **go straight in to their classrooms** so a prompt start can be made. They will not need to line up, but go straight in. This should help relieve congestion around school as well as give the children the best start to the day. Younger children will still wait outside their classrooms to be welcomed in by their teachers.

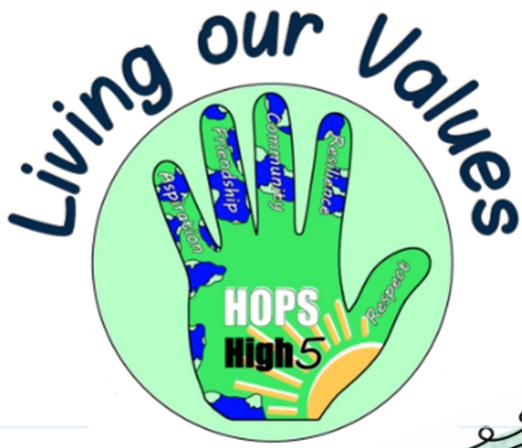
Children arriving after registration miss valuable learning and support opportunities as well as disrupting the learning of others when they do arrive, so please ensure your child arrives on time.

Building work will be taking place (again!) at the start of the Autumn Term and so there will be restrictions placed regarding access around school for safety reasons. Once these closures have been confirmed, we will write again informing you which paths are closed and offer alternate routes.



HOPS High 5 This week our whole-school reward system called HOPS High 5—based on our 5 core values was again celebrated. We've linked our school rules to these values so the children are rewarded for living them through their positive behaviours. They earn value points each time they demonstrate one of these values, with the overall aim of achieving enough points to receive a values badge. Interim certificates will be issued at regular milestones and weekly **Values Awards** are given out to children showing their commitment to the **value of the week**.

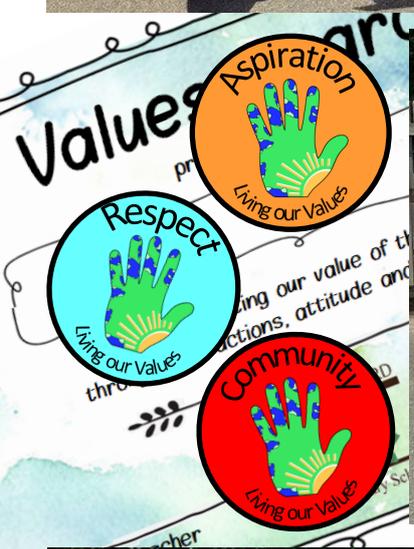




As well as High5 awards and certificates, this week we presented swimming certificates, sports awards and celebrated the



achievements



🍷 Lets Celebrate 🍷

Well, it's been a fantastic year of PTFA events – from treat days to the Summer Festival, and the introduction of our Colour Fun Run and Obstacle Course. Thanks to everyone's support, these events have helped us raise over £10,000, funding a number of exciting projects in school to enhance our children's experience.

We can't wait to get started again in the new academic year – and we're kicking things off with a bang! The Colour Fun Run and Obstacle Course is back, welcoming returning children as well as new EYFS and preschool families to the school and to the wonderful events we run.

As always, we'd love to have more parent volunteers join us. Whether you can spare an hour to help at a treat day or would like to get more involved in planning and running our events.

If you can't spare time to help out at events, perhaps you could support us behind the scenes instead! We're always looking for help contacting local businesses to raise money through sponsorship. This extra support helps us keep our event costs low and ensures our ticket and activity prices stay affordable for all families.

Every bit of help makes a big difference – thank you!

Please do get in touch – via email ptfa@hall-orchard.leics.sch.uk, our [website](#), or just by having a quiet word with one of us.

As you can see from what we've achieved this year, it really is worthwhile – and great fun too!

🏃 Colour Fun Run and Obstacle Course 🏃

Get ready for an explosion of colour, fun, and laughter as our **much-loved Colour Run returns** in September to welcome families to and back to HOPS!

You can find details of the [Colour Fun Run and Obstacle Course via our website](#) including buying your tickets. Perfect for all ages – run, walk, dance or skip your way around the course and finish in a rainbow of colour.

🌟 Easy ways to keep supporting us over the holidays! 🌟

Even while school's out, you can still help us raise funds:

 **easyfundraising** – Sign up and use the donation reminder browser extension. It's the easiest way to collect free donations for the PTFA every time you shop online! <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/hall-orchard-ce-primary-school-ptfa>

 **Utility Warehouse** – Chat to Lisa Hibberd about saving money on your household bills. The great news? When you save, the PTFA receives a donation too!

Find out more and start supporting us today  <https://connectors.uw.co.uk/CN-JX0W>



HALL ORCHARD CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

COLOUR FUN RUN AND OBSTACLE COURSE

IS BACK IN SEPTEMBER 2025

PERFECT FOR ALL AGES – RUN, WALK, DANCE, OR SKIP YOUR WAY AROUND THE COURSE AND FINISH COVERED HEAD TO TOE IN A RAINBOW OF COLOURS.

27 SEPTEMBER 2025
12.00-4.00PM
LOCATION: SCHOOL FIELD

BOOK YOUR TICKETS NOW

OBSTACLES PAINT STATIONS BAR AND BBQ
TUCK SHOP MUSIC

Many thanks for your support this year, have a great Summer! The PTFA Team

SCHOOL & COMMUNITY NEWS/EVENTS



EYFS BOOKS £330.57



YEAR 2 - Sensational Safari Workshop £300



EYFS - RIVERSIDE REPTILES WORKSHOP £300



YEAR 1 - Great Fire of London workshop



YEAR 3 - Trip to Conkers £300



YEAR 4 - Trip to Beaumanor Hall £300

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YEAR 6 - Trip to Warning Zone £300



YEAR 5 - Artist visit and workshops £300



Sensory Room Updates - £990



Microphones - £265



Sound Equipment - £1750.43



Sport Equipment - £1549.34



Playground Markings £1000



Piano Delivery - £135



Leavers Hoodies - £424.70



Pre School Reading Corner - £299



PTFA 2024/25

Here's how we've done.....

🌟 Look what you helped us achieve this year! 🌟

Thanks to the amazing support of our school community — parents, carers, staff, students, and local businesses — the PTFA is delighted to share what together we've raised and funded over the past school year:

💰 Total raised: £10,336.69

With these funds, we have been able to support:

- ✔ New playground markings
- ✔ Provide books and resources for EYFS and Pre School
- ✔ Subsidise school trips and workshops
- ✔ Support wellbeing initiatives
- ✔ Buy new sports and music equipment
- ✔ Contribute to Year 6 Leavers Hoodies

Every raffle ticket bought, event attended, Friday Treat Day purchase, item gifted via non-uniform days, sponsorship offered and hour volunteered has made a real difference to our children's school experience.

🌟 Thank you for being part of our PTFA family! 🌟

🌟 We can't wait to see what we can achieve together in 2025/26! 🌟



Darren from The Green Place in Sileby visited school this week to present us with a Bug Hotel wooden sculpture crafted at the recent **Glastonbury Festival**. Attendees at Glasto not only rocked out to some amazing music, but also got involved in creating a valuable insect habitat which now takes pride of place on the school field, alongside our wildflower planting area. At HOPS we are all for promoting biodiversity and our Eco Warriors are extremely excited to see which insects we attract!



SCHOOL & COMMUNITY NEWS/EVENTS



HALF TERM CAMPS

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BOOK NOW FOR THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS

JULY/AUGUST - SUMMER CAMP

WEEK 1: MON 14TH - FRI 18TH

WEEK 2: MON 21ST - FRI 25TH

WEEK 3: MON 28TH - FRI 1ST

WEEK 4: MON 4TH - FRI 8TH

WEEK 5: MON 11TH - FRI 15TH

WEEK 6: MON 18TH - FRI 22ND

FUN & CREATIVE

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SPORTS, ARTS AND CRAFTS
8:30AM-3:30PM
FULL WEEK DISCOUNT
SIBLING DISCOUNT
WE ACCEPT CHILDCARE VOUCHERS



Swim Six Hills Kids Lido

Weekly
weather & water temp permitting

£6 per session, which covers both adult and child.
See our socials or email swim@themtc.co.uk for more information

arts · crafts · workshops · dance · drama · sport



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BARROW UPON SOAR PLAYScheme

Humphrey Perkins
High School & Community Centre
Cotes Road, Barrow upon Soar

August 4 - 8 2025
9.30am - 12.30pm

School Years Reception to Year 7 inclusive

Sports, dance and gymnastics workshops available
Monday - Thursday afternoon
12.30pm-3.30pm

registration forms and helpers forms available from www.boscaps.co.uk

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THE GREEN PLACE ACTIVITY WEEK

6 Cossington Road Sileby LE12 7RS

ADULTS FREE ENTRY

MON 28/7 -

Twig Pens. Drill and whittle a hazel twig to make a working pen. £4

WEDS 30/7 -

Fairy Doors. Paint your own fairy door. £4

TUES 29/7 -

Butterfly Houses. Nail pre cut wood to make a home for butterflies. £5

THURS 31/7 -

Marshmallow Toasting and Popcorn Making round the fire. £4

FRI 1/8 -

Garden Games. Try a range of games and challenges in the garden. £4

free entry to café and gardens open 11-4pm.
Activity 11- 3pm.
Plus matinee film 1-3pm.

