



School Update

Friday 12th September 2025

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Autumn Term 2025

September 2025

Tues 16th	School Photos—individual
Fri 19th	School Photos—Siblings/mop-up Class Assembly—Mrs Baines
Mon 22nd	Welcome Evening—Key Stage 1 – 6pm
Wed 24th	Welcome Evening—Key Stage 2 - 6pm
Mon 22nd- Fri 3rd Oct	Year 6 Swimming Lessons
Fri 26th	Class Assembly—Mrs Miles/Miss Ahmed

October 2025

Thur 2nd	Harvest Service in Church
w/c 13th	Parents Evenings—detail to follow
Fri 17th	Class Assembly—Mr Hatley. New date tbc
Mon 20th- Fri 24th	Autumn half-term break

November 2025

Thur 6th	Flu Vaccinations
Tues 11th	2026 EYFS Open Evening— 6pm
Fri 28th	Christmas Tree Festival in Church
Sat 29th	Barrow Light Switch on—Choir singing at 4pm

December 2025

Fri 12th	EYFS Nativity in Church
Tues 16th -Wed 17th	KS1 Christmas Performances
Thurs 18th	Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day
Fri 19th	KS2 Lessons and Carol Service in Church Last day of Autumn Term

Spring Term 2026

January 2026

Tues 6th	School opens for Spring Term
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February 2026

Mon 16th- Fri 20th	Spring half term break
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March 2026

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

YOUNGMINDS

**Hello
Yellow**
FRIDAY 10 OCT

**We're supporting
Hello Yellow
for young people's
mental health.**

In support of **World Mental Health Day** on October 10th, we will be taking part in the Young Minds #HelloYellow campaign by wearing something yellow.

During the day our **Mental Health Champions** will be leading an assembly and holding a book sale – with proceeds going to the Young Minds charity. We are in need of good quality children's books to sell on the day. These can be dropped off at the main reception or brought in by children to The Hive. All book donations need to be in by Monday 6th October.

Thank you for your continued support
The Pastoral Team & Mental Health Champions

WANTED—Can you help?

Our Outdoor Learning team are seeking donations of the following items to support them in delivering their practical activities to the Nature Explorers:

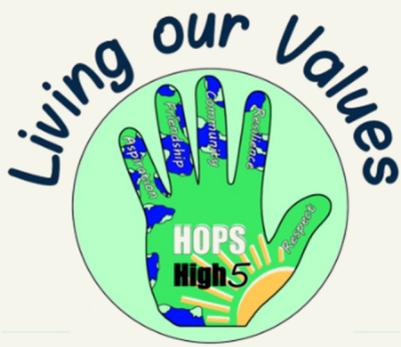
- **Pots and pans, containers, beakers, kitchen utensils such as spatulas and wooden spoons etc.**

Additionally we are looking for the following to help us manage and organise the Forest School site:

- **Metal oil drum (big one—210 litres)**
- **Shed in decent condition!**

If you can help, items can be dropped off at reception (or on the field if big!).

Many thanks



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**.



We were delighted to award our **Values Awards** in Assembly this week, with children from across the school receiving them for showing our Core Values. This week our theme was **Creation**. We looked at different creation stories from different cultures and focussed on the wonderful world we live in. Well done to all those children who received awards this week (and also those who didn't - your time will come!) for demonstrating our values in school!

We will be moving from Class Dojo to an alternative points scoring system in the coming weeks and so will restart giving out Point Certificates as the children reach their milestones. So many of our current Year 6 are incredibly close to achieving Bronze, Silver and even in a few cases Gold Awards. Can't wait to give out our first badges this year!

SCHOOL NOTICES & COMMUNITY NEWS



HALL ORCHARD CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

2026 Intake Tours



Come and see our EYFS setting in action!

We are excited to invite prospective EYFS parents to our school. Join us to discover the wonderful learning environment we provide for our youngest learners. Meet our dedicated staff and explore our stimulating classrooms.

Don't miss this opportunity to see first hand how we support and nurture each child's development.

Tours & Info Evening

23 September at 10am
25 September at 2pm
8 October at 10am and 2pm
31 October at 10am
17 November at 10am and 2pm

Information Evening – 11 November at 6pm

Now Enrolling for 2026

Book your place for a tour of our school
and Information evening please call

01509412188.



SCHOOL NOTICES & COMMUNITY NEWS

Mental Health Tip of the Week

Here's the Mental Health tip of the week from the Mental Health Champions.

When you are feeling overwhelmed or angry you could try tapping.

Through simple tapping on specific parts of the body, children can learn to navigate their emotions, build resilience and foster a sense of emotional wellbeing. Done with a parent/carer, this technique can also strengthen bonding and trust.



Thank you Ivy for this weeks Mental Health tip.

ACUPRESSURE TAPPING

GOAL

The stimulation of acupressure points through tap can help us process complicated thoughts and feelings, and reinforce affirmations. This can be done by a parent, or the child can be taught to do this independently.



MENTAL HEALTH

For this practice, bilateral stimulation is when both sides of the body are alternately engaged at specific acupressure points. Studies show that this can relieve stress and regulate the central nervous system.



TRY IT!

Use both pointer fingers to alternately tap each point 5-7 times.

1. side of hand near pinky
2. inner corner of brows
3. outer corner of brows
4. under eyes
5. under nose
6. under lower lip
7. under collar bones
8. under arm pits
9. top of head



ANXIETY

While tapping through the acupressure sequence, use language specific to the child's needs: acknowledge the anxiety and add affirmations for comfort.

Example: You don't like sleeping alone. You are safe. You are capable. Rest will come. We will check on you. We love you.

SELF-ESTEEM

While tapping through the acupressure sequence, use language specific to the child's needs: acknowledge the insecurity and add affirmations to build self-esteem.

Example: You did your best on the math test. Even though math is hard, you are smart and capable. You can ask for help if you need it. You are bright. We love you.

Preloved parent, children and baby goods

Profits go to NCT Charity



SUNDAY 14th September 2025
11am – 1pm*

Loughborough Students' Union
Loughborough University LE11 3TT

£1 per adult (children free)

Cash and Card accepted

Top quality nearly new items of babywear, children's toys and clothes up to age 16

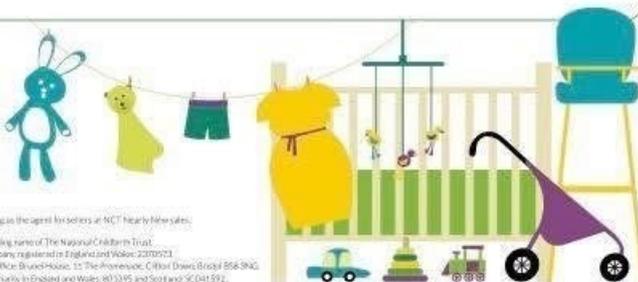
Clothes - 0-16 / Toys - All shapes and sizes / Bikes and scooters
High chairs / Cots / Maternity wear

All things needed for newborns (bibs, bottles, baths, towels, weaning equipment)
Pushchairs / Swimwear / Shoes / Books

Sales can get quite busy — please use slings and baby carriers rather than buggies where possible as you may struggle to navigate the aisles.

Facebook: [fb.com/NCTLoughborough](https://www.facebook.com/NCTLoughborough)

(*Early entry for NCT members of 10.30am)



NCT is acting as the agent for sellers at NCT Nearly New sales.
NCT is a trading name of The National Children's Trust.
Limited company registered in England and Wales: 22205221.
Registered office: Brunel House, 15 The Promenade, Clifton Down Bristol BS8 3NG.
Registered charity in England and Wales: 80 5395 and Scotland: SC041592.



HALL ORCHARD



FOX'S READING DEN

In partnership with Usborne

Barrow Scout Hut

Saturday

27th September 2025

1pm-3pm

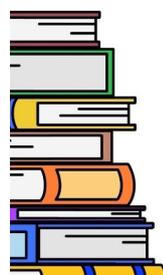
Every book purchased will go towards accessing free books for the local Primary School & Scout Group

Are you a local business or resident & want to make a difference to your community?

You can help by donations via the above Sumup QR codes

Inspire a new generation of curious kids!

Scouts Barrow Upon Soar



Hall Orchard PTFA Colour Fun Run and Obstacle Course

The much-loved **Colour Fun Run and Obstacle Course** is taking place in just over three weeks! Get ready for a fun-filled day of colour, energy and laughter as we come together for this fantastic event.

Event Details

- **Date:** Saturday 27th September 2025
- **Time:** timeslots 12.00 - 3.00pm (event closes 4.15)
- **Location:** Hall Orchard School Field

Cost: £5 per person

The event is open to **all ages** – including pre-schoolers – so the whole family can join in. Run, walk, dance or skip your way round the course and finish covered head to toe in a rainbow of colours.

To make this event possible, we need a **minimum of 200 participants** across the day. Please book early and encourage friends and family to come along too – the more the merrier! [Tickets are available via our website](#)

Weather Plan

As much as we hope for sunshine, this is the British weather we're talking about! If we need to reschedule due to the weather, a **back-up date will be arranged in the summer term** so no one misses out on the fun.

 We'll also need plenty of **volunteers on the day** to help with setting up, marshalling, throwing colour, and clearing away afterwards. If you can spare a little time, please get in touch – events like this only happen with your support

<https://www.ptfa-hallorchard.org.uk/contact-us!!>



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



Let's make this year's event brighter, bolder, and better than ever! 