



School Update

Friday 19th September 2025

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Autumn Term 2025

September 2025

Mon 22nd	Welcome Evening—Key Stage 1 – 6pm
Wed 24th	Welcome Evening—Key Stage 2 - 6pm
Mon 22nd	
-Fri 3rd	Year 6 Swimming Lessons
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Fri 26th	Class Assembly—Mrs Miles/Miss Ahmed

October 2025

w/c 13th	Parents Evenings—detail to follow
	Harvest Service in Church *New date*
Wed 15th	KS1 9-9.45am, Y3/4 10-10.45, Y5/6 11-11.45 Parents welcome!
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	KS1 Christmas Performances
-Wed 17th	
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

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

Outdoor Learning

Mr Kirk and Mrs Harrison's team have been working hard to improve the outdoor area ready for outdoor learning. This week our year 3 Green Minds had a fun time making natural paintbrushes in our forest school



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:

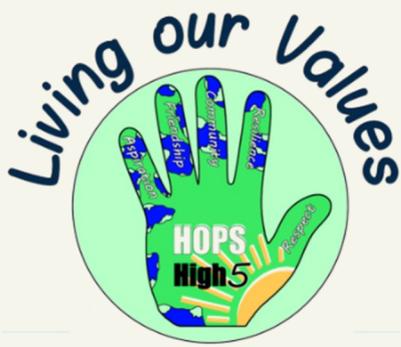
- **Pots and pans, containers, beakers, kitchen utensils such as spatulas and wooden spoons etc.**

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 **Democracy**. We discussed how Democracy allows children to gain self-belief and confidence in their ability to achieve change and actively participate in their communities. 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 have now moved to our new Reward Points System and 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.



The five finger breathing trick helps to improve focus, relaxation and bring you back to the present moment- its great because you can do this anywhere!

You can do this out by tracing one hands fingers with your other- aim to breathe in whilst moving up a finger, and breathe out whilst moving down a finger- and remember, for this to work it cant be rushed! Repeating this across all five fingers can help you calm down :)

This weeks mental health tip was brought to you by Tilly.



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!



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

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

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PRIMARY SCHOOL

MONDAY - GYMNASTICS

TUESDAY - MULTI SPORTS/GIRLS FOOTBALL

WEDNESDAY- DODGEBALL

THURSDAY- FOOTBALL



SPORTS CLUBS
3:15-4:30PM



FUN & ACTIVE

INDOOR AND OUTDOOR SPORTS CLUBS



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WWW.HANFORDSPORTS.COM

email: ben@hanfordsports.com

Colour Fun Run and Obstacle Course – POSTPONED

After looking closely at ticket sales, volunteer availability, and the upcoming weather forecast, we've decided it's best to reschedule the event. While this wasn't an easy decision, we want to make sure the day is safe, well-supported, and enjoyable for everyone.

What this means for you:

- We're already working on setting a new date and will share it as soon as it's confirmed.
- All tickets will remain valid for the new date.

If you can't make it, we'll also provide a refund option.

We're so grateful for your support and understanding. Community events like this are only possible because of you—our amazing attendees, volunteers, and supporters. We can't wait to bring everyone together soon, under brighter skies and with the energy this event deserves!

PTFA Annual General Meeting

Save the date for the **PTFA Annual General Meeting (AGM)** on **Monday 13th October 2025**.

 Time and  Location will be confirmed via email next week.

The AGM is a great opportunity to:

- Hear about what the PTFA has achieved over the past year.
- See how the funds raised have supported the school.
- Learn about plans and upcoming events for the year ahead.

Get involved and have your say in shaping how the PTFA supports our children.

We'll also be electing committee members for the coming year. Whether you'd like to take on a role, help out occasionally, or just listen in, your presence makes a real difference.

Join us for refreshments and a chance to meet other parents and carers after the meeting—we'd love to see as many of you there as possible.

Utility Warehouse Partnership

This week the PTFA earned its **first commission** from our partnership with Utility Warehouse—a fantastic **£150!**



This means members of our school community have saved money on their bills *and* helped raise funds for the PTFA. To see how you could benefit, book a bill review with Lisa at Utility Warehouse using the QR code on our poster.

Treat Days Are Back!

Friday Treat Days return on **26th September**. Keep an eye on our Facebook page to find out where we'll be selling treats from.

Future dates:

- **17th October**
- **31st October**
- **28th November**
- **19th December**

(All weather permitting)

