



School Update

Friday 3rd October 2025

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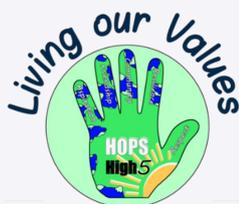
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Harvest in the Community

It's that time of year when we celebrate Harvest at school. Our EYFS children held a Market sale of fresh foods this week and performed a lovely assembly for parents. As in previous years we will be collecting food donations for those who are struggling to buy food from Monday 6th October. **Do you have any items of non-perishable foods to donate for our Harvest collection?** They will be included in our offering during the Harvest service over at Holy Trinity on 15th October —to which you are warmly invited —and subsequently donated to [Your Store](#). Your Store is a membership programme for families and individuals of Charnwood who aren't in crisis but could use a boost to cope with the cost of everything.

We continue to support the [Soar Valley Community Food Project](#) who through the Baptist Church support families in the village in times of financial need. If you need help give them a call or text on 07395 902 961.

Considerate parking

When parking around school in the mornings and after school, please consider the needs of our neighbours by **not blocking paths or driveways**. Additionally, please do not park on the Zig-Zag lines as this has safety implications. As ever, I encourage you to walk to school or even park further away and walk the last couple of hundred metres to help ease congestion on the busy roads around school.



Autumn Term 2025

October 2025

Fri 10th	Hello Yellow Day! Book donations please!
Mon 13th	PTFA AGM 6.30pm—Soar Bridge Inn
w/c 13th	Parents Evenings—book online
	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
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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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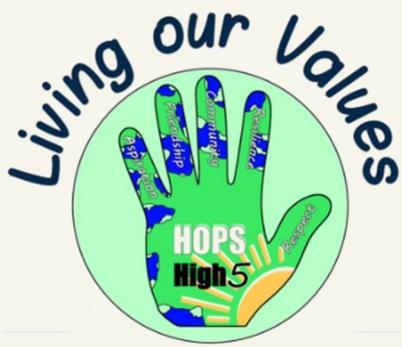
March 2026

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

We're on facebook.
Scan the code and give us a follow.





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 **Harvest**. We discussed how at Harvest time we think of those who don't have enough to eat and looked at ways of supporting them. We linked this with our work with local foodbanks. 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!



SCHOOL NOTICES & COMMUNITY NEWS

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



YOUNGMINDS
Hello Yellow
FRIDAY 10 OCT

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

Hugging a teddy can really help children to feel better when they are down. Having a comfort object, especially soft toys can provide you with a sense of safety and security.

So hugging these when we are feeling low enables us to reduce stress and make us feel less alone. This is also amazing for the time when we feel we don't want to talk to someone, or we don't know how to.

This weeks mental health tip was brought to you by Ava :)



Mental Health Tip of the Week



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



BOOK ONLINE

WWW.HANFORDSPORTS.COM

email:

ben@hanfordsports.com



Welcome to the family



We're excited to welcome Betty and Mildred to our Pastoral Team! These lovely guinea pigs bring comfort and joy, offering gentle support for mental health and emotional wellbeing to our students.

SCHOOL NOTICES & COMMUNITY NEWS

Barrow Baptist 
your community church

Halloween isn't our thing, if it's not yours
either come and join us for an evening of
fun...

Light

31st Oct 5pm

Party

Inflatable, crafts,
marshmallow toasting, dinner
& fireworks!

Free event but donations welcome

Wear brightly coloured clothes

Bupa


Bupa Dental Care Loughborough



Supporting Children's Oral Health – Free NHS Appointments Available

We are pleased to let you know that from **October 2025**, Bupa Dental Care Loughborough will have increased capacity for **NHS appointments** and are prioritising children aged **0–18 years**.

Good oral health is important for every child, and we would love to help keep their smiles healthy. Please contact us for more information on how to book an appointment.

Bupa Dental Care
91 Ashby Road, Loughborough
LE11 3AB
01509 267451



Positive Children, Positive Behaviour

Wednesday 8th October 2025 5.30pm-8pm
© Barrow Upon Soar Methodist Church

Parents/carers - we are excited to invite you to join us on the
'Positive Children, Positive Behaviour'

Ben Kingston-Hughes, from Inspired Children.

Our staff team and committee will be taking part, and we encourage you as parents to join us on this exciting course to gain understanding and knowledge of how best to support children with positive behaviour. Please be aware this is a one off course, and we encourage you to attend if you are able to ☺

Please arrive from 5.15pm, ready to begin at 5.30pm. As this is a training/learning opportunity, it is an **adult only event.**

Course information - Positive Children, Positive Behaviour

This is an invaluable short course for anyone with children. It promotes a series of strategies and techniques to promote positive behaviour and helps parents and carers to fundamentally understand their children's behaviour. By understanding what children are trying to communicate with their behaviour we can better guide them towards pro-social behaviour and ultimately help them thrive. This course can be a real game changer as it gives unique insight into children's behaviour which can really help parents and carers especially if they feel like they are struggling. The course explores some of the myths around behaviour and gives concrete strategies for unlocking pro-social behaviour and some incredible new research into just why traditional methods are not effective. This can have a dramatic effect on the children, the parents and the family as a whole.

Course Aims

- To promote positive behaviour for children
- To highlight a series of practical solutions for dealing with negative behaviour
- To illustrate how to use positive behaviour techniques to extend and improve play
- To inspire parents to spend less time on maintaining behaviour and more on having fun.

If you would like to attend, please contact reception (01509 412188/reception@hall-orchard.leics.sch.uk) in order that they can let the organisers know.

Hall Orchard PTFA News

Annual General Meeting

 Monday 13th October 2025

 6.00–7.30pm

 Soar Bridge Inn, Bridge Street

Join us for our **Annual General Meeting** – hear how funds have supported the school, help elect the new PTFA Committee, and share ideas for events in the coming year... all while supporting one of our great village pubs!

All teachers, parents & carers are automatically members, so please come along and get involved. 

 RSVP by **10 October** via the school office or PTFA email.

Volunteers Needed for Treat Days

With changes in PTFA members' availability, we are looking for **extra volunteers** to help with Treat Days across the year.

- A PTFA member will always be present.

If collecting your child is a concern, don't worry – a teacher will bring them out to you at the treat stall.

These popular events are a big fundraiser for the school, last academic year raising £1200 and a little of your time makes a huge difference. 

Could You Help Us with Grant Applications?

We're keen to apply for more **funding and grants** to support school projects and resources – but we need your help!

We're looking for someone to prepare applications, working with the PTFA and school. This could include local schemes (e.g. Tesco, Co-op) and larger providers.

If you have experience in applications, or simply the enthusiasm to research and prepare bids, please get in touch – your support could unlock fantastic opportunities for our school community.

What's Coming Up...

 13 October – AGM

 17 October – Treat Day

 31 October – Treat Day

...with lots more events in planning!



Other Ways to Support Us

Easyfundraising – raise money while you shop online and with Amazon's Prime Big Deal Days back on 7th and 8th of October! You can get great deals AND raise free donations for Hall Orchard CE Primary School PTFA when you start your Amazon shop at easyfundraising! It won't cost you any extra.

Utility Warehouse Bill Review – Book with Lisa via the QR code on our posters. On average, she's been saving families **£600 a year**, and with full fibre now available in much of Barrow, it's the perfect time for a review.

