



# School Update

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## Autumn Term 2025

### October 2025

Mon 13th PTFA AGM 6.30pm—Soar Bridge Inn

w/c 13th Parents Evenings—book online

Harvest Service in Church

Wed 15th KS1 9-9.45am, Y3/4 10-10.45, Y5/6 11-11.45  
Parents welcome!

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

Fri 31st Miss Hoult—Class Assembly

### November 2025

Sun 2nd Junior Parkrun at Watermead Park

Thur 6th Flu Vaccinations

Fri 7th Mr Burdett—Class Assembly

Tues 11th 2026 EYFS Open Evening— 6pm

Fri 14th Children in Need

Wed 19th Year 3 trip to Beaumanor Hall

Fri 21st Mr Hatley—Class Assembly

Fri 28th Christmas Tree Festival in Church

Sat 29th Barrow Light Switch on—Choir sing at 4pm

### December 2025

Tues 2nd KS1 Pantomime at school

Wed 3rd KS2 Pantomime—Loughborough Town Hall

Fri 5th Mrs Aldis/Mrs Bharmal Class Assembly

Fri 12th EYFS Nativity in Church

Mon 15th Choir at Emmanuel 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

### February 2026

Mon 16th-  
Fri 20th Spring half term break

### March 2026

Fri 27th Last day of Spring Term

## Harvest Festival—next week!

It's that time of year when we celebrate Harvest at school. Our EYFS children have already performed a lovely assembly for parents and raised money for our charities. Now it is the turn of our KS1 and KS2 children. They will celebrate Harvest in church next Wednesday morning with Years 1&2 being at 9am, Years 3&4 at 10am and Years 5&6 at 11am. Our wonderful Spiritual Council will lead the Harvest and will share thoughts and prayers. You are most welcome to come along and join in (especially with the singing!).



As in previous years we are collecting food donations for those who are struggling to buy food. **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 — 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.

# SCHOOL NOTICES & COMMUNITY NEWS

In support of **World Mental Health Day**, we took part in the Young Minds #HelloYellow campaign by wearing something yellow. It was amazing to see so many children (and staff) getting into the spirit of it—school seemed especially colourful today!

Our **Mental Health Champions** led an assembly earlier this week to explain what we were doing and why and today they held a book sale on the playground.

Today's book sale was a tremendous success. We are still collecting in and counting money but so far we have raised over **£400** for our chosen charity—**Young Minds**. Thank you to all those families who sent in books and to **Fairfield Prep School** in Loughborough for their generous book donation.

Thank you to The Pastoral Team & Mental Health Champions for organising.





**YOUNGMINDS**

**Hello  
Yellow**  
**FRIDAY 10 OCT**

# Is your child going through a tough time?

No matter what your child is going through, we're with you

Call our Parents Helpline on **0808 802 5544** or visit [youngminds.org.uk/parents-helpline](https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parents-helpline)

Wear yellow this World Mental Health Day and raise money to show young people that they're not alone with their mental health.

**#HelloYellow**

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# SCHOOL NOTICES & COMMUNITY NEWS

**We're proud to announce that Hall Orchard is officially a 'parkrun primary'!**

Junior parkrun is a free, community event where you can walk, jog, run a course of 2km. You can spectate or even volunteer if you prefer. Junior parkrun is dedicated to 4-14 year olds and their families and friends of all ages. It is positive, welcoming and inclusive. There is no time limit and no one finishes last. Everyone is welcome to come along! We already have a number of pupils who regularly attend the junior parkrun at Watermead Country Park every Sunday at 9am. We want to encourage more pupils to take part in this fantastic weekly event and will be working in partnership with Parkrun to achieve this.

Mr Burdett will deliver a launch assembly on Monday 27th October explaining more about parkrun to our pupils. Our aim is to have as many Hall Orchard students as possible attend the junior parkrun at **Watermead Country Park on Sunday November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9am** as the official launch of this partnership. This will be a particularly special day as it will actually be the 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday of the Watermead junior parkrun and one of our parents, Chris Bowles, will be the race director that day. Mr Burdett and other Hall Orchard staff will be in attendance too. Pupils will need to be officially registered with parkrun if they are not already. This is free and can be done here, [register | parkrun UK](https://www.parkrun.org.uk/register) For those people on facebook, Chris has put together a helpful video talking you through the registration process <https://www.facebook.com/watermeadcountryparkjuniorparkrun/videos/2252756768529339/>

Once registered, each runner has a barcode which they will need to bring with them whenever they take part in a parkrun in order to get their results. More information about the Watermead junior parkrun can be found here. - <https://www.parkrun.org.uk/watermeadcountrypark-juniors/>

Mr Burdett can be contacted on [gburdett@hall-orchard.leics.sch.uk](mailto:gburdett@hall-orchard.leics.sch.uk) if you require further information.



## What is junior parkrun?

First timers welcome

**It's 2k community event and for 4 to 14 year olds**

**It's free and every Sunday**

**Event are created and run by our amazing volunteers**

**Walk, jog, run, skip around the course, volunteer or spectate**

**It's fun, no one finishes last and we welcome everyone!**



## Items funded

### **Outdoor Learning (Forest School)**

The PTFA are delighted to have funded a new shed, base, and equipment for the Outdoor Learning Space — our very own Forest School!

Now led by the fabulous Pastoral Team, the area is being improved to make it more accessible and engaging for all year groups — from Preschool to Year 6. It will be used for outdoor learning, wellbeing activities, and developing new skills. We're proud to support this project, which perfectly reflects our values of promoting outdoor learning and wellbeing. We can't wait to see the finished space! 

## 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. 

## 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.

