

# School Update

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## Autumn Term 2025

### November 2025

Sat 29th Barrow Light Switch on—Choir sing at 4pm  
PTFA Stall—don't forget to visit!

### 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  
KS2 Lessons and Carol Service in Church  
Fri 19th 9/10/11am—Details to follow  
Last day of Autumn Term

## Christmas kick-start!

The children had a lovely time today visiting the Christmas Tree Festival over at church. They saw their own decorations displayed on the schools trees as well as being able to see the other trees



which numbered around 100 in total! If you get the chance, it's well worth a visit over the weekend. Don't forget that the school choir will be performing at 4.00pm during the Christmas Lights Switch-on and Village Market. The PTFA will be there with a stall—so don't forget to give them a visit too. Hopefully we'll see you there! Have a great weekend!

## Mental Health tip of the Week

When things go wrong, it is important to reflect, as 'what happened?' and make a plan for when things get too much. Matilda has come up with some ideas to use as a plan for 'when things go wrong'.

She says 'you can walk away when you feel frustrated, speak to an adult who you feel confident sharing your worry with - or us, your mental health champions and use our breathing techniques, or our grounding technique (5 senses)'.

## Spring Term 2026

### January 2026

Tues 6th School opens for Spring Term  
Thur 15th Young Voices Concert, Birmingham

### 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

## School Closures due to weather

In the event of heavy snowfall or in situations where some other unforeseen circumstances arise that may affect attendance at school, we may have to close.



If this is the case then we shall inform you as quickly as possible by text, email, facebook and via the school website.

# PTFA NEWS

Thank you to everyone who attended the Christmas Shop Event this afternoon — we hope you enjoy your festive purchases! 🎄🌟

We'll be announcing the total raised next week, once everything has been counted. 📊👤

🎄🌟 The PTFA Are Excited for the Village Light Switch-On! 🌟🎄

We're thrilled to be having a stall at tomorrow's Village Light Switch-On event! Come along and browse our lovely paint-your-own Christmas decoration gift sets and wooden decoration sets, perfect for festive fun or stocking fillers. We'll also be selling raffle tickets for the chance to win a fabulous Christmas hamper or have a try on the candy cane game 🎯— all while supporting the PTFA to raise valuable funds for our wonderful school -

We'll be set up outside Freckles, so it's the perfect chance to grab a delicious hot drink from them while you visit us! ☕🌟

We can't wait to see you there and share in the festive spirit! 🎁🌟

If you're planning to pop along to the wonderful Christmas Tree Festival at the church, see if you can spot the PTFA tree! A few of us had a peek while setting up and there are some truly beautiful trees on display.



HOPS PTFA 🎄 Village Light Switch on Price List	
item	Price
wooden decoration set	£3 each
paint your own gift set	£3 each
offer - two of either of the above	£5
Candy Cane Game	50p
raffle ticket - single	£1
raffle ticket - strip of 5	£5
Glowstick	£1.50
offer - two glowsticks	£2.50

HOPS PTFA 🎄 Village Light Switch on Price List	
item	Price
Haribo	2 for 50p
small lollies	50p each
flumps	50p each
Millions	50p
Skittles	£1
Mentos	£5
smiley lollies	£1
dummies	£1
unicorn lollies	£1.50

📊🌟 watch this space! We'll soon be sharing details of our Sponsored Readathon taking place next term, along with updates on match funding opportunities and our Amazon Wishlists. Lots of exciting things to come!

Thank you for your ongoing support—have a great weekend. The PTFA Team

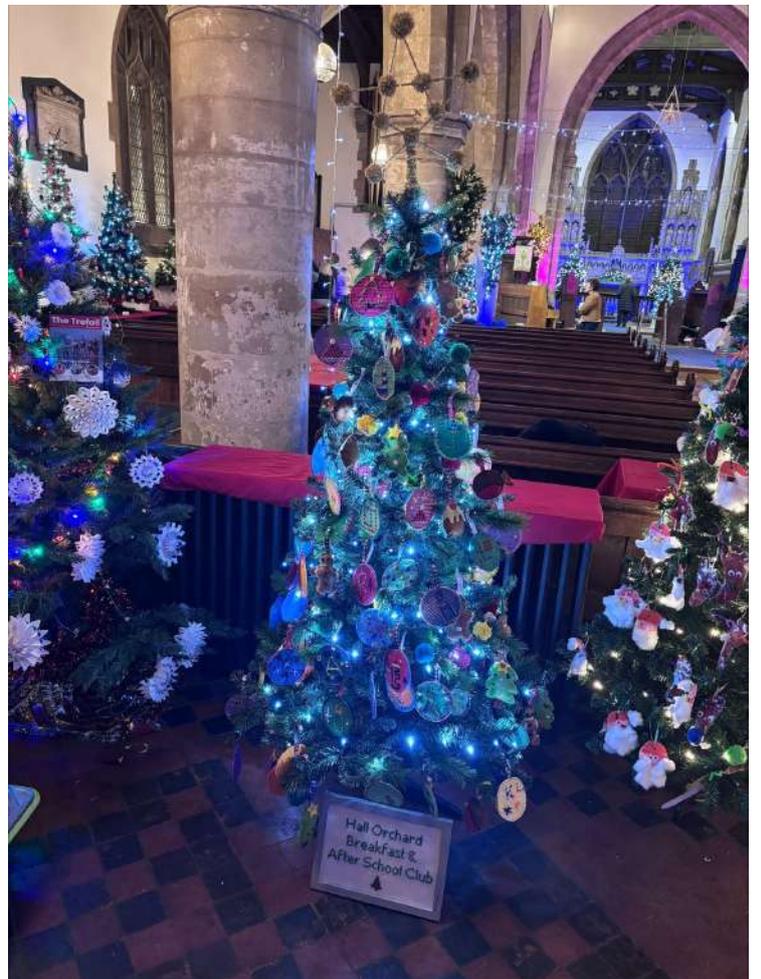
# SCHOOL NOTICES & COMMUNITY NEWS



The year 1 nature explorers have enjoyed making dream catches this week during their outdoor learning.



We've all been so busy getting our decorations ready for the Christmas Tree Festival. Our Breakfast and after school club children have especially enjoyed getting into the Christmas Spirit. Little hands, big creativity!



## HOLY TRINITY CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL 27<sup>TH</sup> - 30<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER

### Thursday

Grand Opening  
27th Nov, 7.30pm  
with Judith Spence  
Tickets £8, inc  
Buffet & Wine

Cafe/Bar  
hot and cold  
food and  
drinks

### Friday

Caroline Sharpe  
Singers Concert  
28th Nov, 7.30pm  
Tickets £7 adults  
£3 children  
from Taylors or  
the door

### Sunday

Carols &  
Mulled Wine  
2.30pm  
-3.30pm

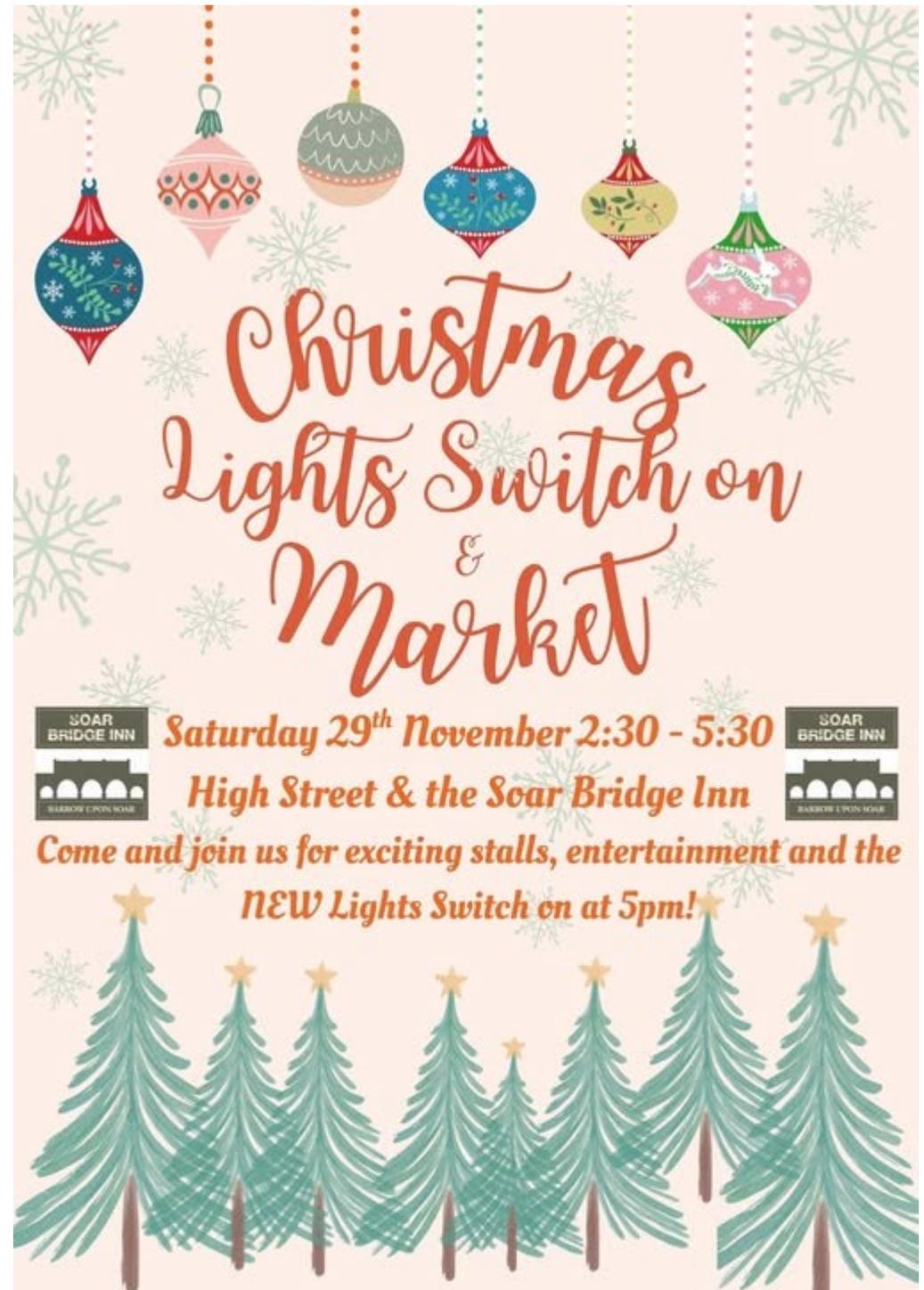
Event tickets  
available  
from Taylors  
Flower Shop

Raffle  
Tombola  
Bottle stall

Further info:  
[barrowchristmas  
treefestival.com](http://barrowchristmas<br/>treefestival.com)  
or  
f @holytrinityctf

### Public Viewing

Fri 9am to 5pm  
Sat 10am to 7pm  
Sun 12pm to 6pm  
£2.50 adults  
Children FREE



Christmas  
Lights Switch on  
&  
Market

 Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2:30 - 5:30 

 High Street & the Soar Bridge Inn 

Come and join us for exciting stalls, entertainment and the  
NEW Lights Switch on at 5pm!

# The Afterglow!

Christmas Market Day  
5pm onwards

**Marshmallow roasting • Hot dogs • Games**

**Crafts • Hot chocolates • Café**

**Firepits • Sparklers • Sing along carols**



**After the street  
market head to the  
baptist church and  
warm up by the fire**

**Everyone is welcome!**

and it's  
all totally **Free!**



**Barrow Baptist**   
your community church



Wreath making  
with GROW

Are you looking for a wilder, nature-  
connected wreath making experience?

Wreath & decoration making - sustainable & compostable

Seasonal lunch, drinks and nibbles

Guided mindful moments

Locally sourced materials all provided

Sheltered, outdoors around the fire



Sat 29th & Sun 30th November

11am start, ongoing until 3pm

Paudy Pigs' smallholding, near Barrow-upon-Soar,

Leicestershire

follow the QR code for details & ticket options



[www.buytickets.at/grow1](http://www.buytickets.at/grow1)

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