

# School Update

Friday 5th December 2025

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## Autumn Term 2025

### December 2025

Fri 12th	EYFS Nativity in Church PTFA Christmas Shop Event 3-4pm, Hall
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

## 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
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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**

## Christmas countdown!

The countdown to Christmas has officially started! We've already begun our Advent calendars—at home and at school—and we've sung at the village Christmas Lights Switch-on and to our friends out in the community. There are many events happening in school over the next two weeks—many of which we hope to see you at. Have a great weekend!



## Mental Health tip of the Week

This week we wanted to share the importance of positive affirmations. Our mental health champions wanted to share why they think positive affirmations are so important. They said **'affirmations are talking to yourself in a positive way, for example, 'I am brave!'** This can help us to think more positively about ourselves, make us feel happier and more confident.

**Try saying some affirmations like; I am brave, I am kind, I can do this.'**

Year 4 Mental Health Champions.



## 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

## 🎄 A Huge Thank You! 🎄

Thank you to everyone who came along to the Christmas Shop Event and supported our stall at the Village Light Switch On — together we raised an amazing **£715.60!** ✨

If you missed us (or just fancy another browse!), we still have some festive jumpers available and will be holding **one final Christmas pop-up** after school on **Thursday 12 December** in the school hall. We'll also have **wooden Christmas decorations** and **Christmas-themed Paint Your Own Gift Sets** — perfect for those last-minute festive treats!

This will be our **last event before Christmas**. Our PTFA members will then be meeting on **15 December** to begin exciting plans for the Spring and Summer Term... including a **Sponsored Readathon**, a **Colour Fun Run**, and the return of our **Summer Festival!** 🌞 🏠 📖 🎮

Thank you again for your continued support — it really does make a difference! ❤️

## Easyfundraising

### 📺 Thank You for Supporting Us Through Easyfundraising! 📺

A big thank you to everyone who has helped raise additional funds via easyfundraising recently — every little bit truly helps! ❤️

If you haven't signed up yet, it's a really simple way to support us while you do your **online Christmas shopping**. When you shop with your favourite retailers through easyfundraising, **they donate to us at no extra cost to you!**

It's completely **free** to use — the retailer makes the donation, not you! ✨

Thank you for helping us make a difference! 🎄

## 💖 Utility Warehouse 💖

You can also support the PTFA by **booking a FREE bill review with Lisa @ Utility Warehouse** (based in the village) — helping you **save time and money** on your utility bills *while raising funds for our school!*

💡💖 <https://uw.co.uk/ref/connector/CN-JX0W>

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



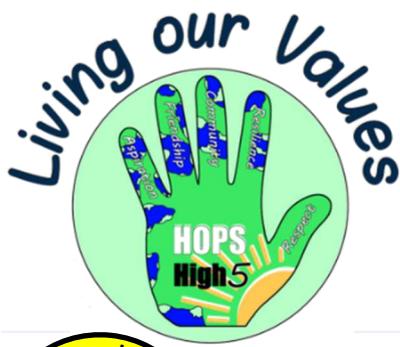
**CHRISTMAS SHOP EVENT**

**One More Festive Pop-Up!**

- Snag a preloved Christmas jumper ready for Christmas Dinner & Jumper Day next week!
- Also on sale: wooden Christmas decorations & Paint Your Own festive gift sets!

When: 12 December 2025  
Time: 3.00-4.00pm  
Where: School Hall

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## 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 Peace. We talked about finding our calm place and enjoying the peace and tranquillity that it provides.

Well done to all those children who received awards this week (and also those who didn't - your time will come!).

Mrs Aldis' class assembly rounded off a busy week for us with a fantastic performance involving song, dance and drama! What a fantastic end to the week.



# SCHOOL NOTICES & COMMUNITY NEWS

Sat 6<sup>th</sup> & Sun 7<sup>th</sup>  
December

## FESTIVE FUN AND FATHER CHRISTMAS

Meet Father Christmas in his new grotto  
Explore Santa's Front Room  
Marshmallow toasting or popcorn making  
Festive Film Show and Projections  
Get crafty in the Elves workshop  
Shadow Puppet Play  
Choose a gift from Santas Preloved Gift  
Emporium

All included in the ticket price.

The Green Place Sileby LE12 7RS  
[book tickets here](#)



"Hall Orchard's Mental Health Champions sprinkled some Christmas magic across at our local café, Freckles. They worked hard researching, measuring, sketching and designing to create a magical window display filled with festive colour and imagination that is bringing festive wonder to the whole community."

