



School Update

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Christmas countdown!

What an incredibly busy time it has been for our children this week. They have been involved in singing/choir practices, Christmas production rehearsals and today, our amazing Pre-school and Reception Nativity Services performed in Church. The children were fantastic! The fact that they were emotionally exhausted by the end of the second performance showed how much effort they had put in to their performances. It was wonderful to see so many parents and other family members in church supporting them. The cheer at the end of the end of the 11 o'clock show was so loud it could be heard back at school! Well done to all of the children—from pre-school and reception—for providing us with such entertainment. It really has kickstarted our Christmas countdown. Next week sees our choir perform at Emmanuel Church in a joint schools concert and then at the Baptist Church on Tuesday. Our Year 1 and 2 children will present their Christmas productions on Tuesday and Wednesday—I've been lucky enough to hear them practising and they look and sound great. And finally, our Key Stage 2 children (Years 3-6) will be in church on Friday to sing Carols whilst the Spiritual Council retell the Christmas Story. We look forward to seeing you at some of these events.

Have a great weekend,
Steve Dunn, HT

Autumn Term 2025

December 2025

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

'Promoting Positive Parenting' Workshop

The Pastoral and Wellbeing team would like to invite you to a parent workshop entitled: '*Promoting Positive Parenting.*' The 7-week programme will give you simple and practical strategies to help build strong, healthy relationships, confidently manage your child's behaviour and prevent problems developing. It is an opportunity for you to hear about strategies to support your children at home if they are displaying anxious behaviours.

We will be holding two separate workshops.

- **Tuesdays 1:30pm-3:00pm**, starting 27th January for 7 weeks.
- An evening session will be held every **Wednesday 6:30pm-8:00pm**, starting 28th January .

Parents/carers must be able to commit to all 7 sessions.

Register your interest by emailing rharrison@hall-orchard.leics.sch.uk by 21st January 2026.



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 **Joy**. We talked about the joy the shepherds had when the angels appeared to them to them about the coming birth of Jesus. Well done to all those children who received awards this week (and also those who didn't - your time will come!).

Mr Hatley's class assembly rounded off a busy week for us with a fantastic performance!

What a wonderful end to the week.



As we wrap up a fantastic term of festive fundraising, the PTFA would like to say a huge **thank you** for all your support. Our events for 2025 are now finished, but there are still easy ways you can help raise funds for the school over the Christmas period and into the New Year.

Support Us While You Shop

Don't forget you can continue to raise money at no extra cost simply by doing your usual shopping (including holidays if you are ready to book) through **easyfundraising**. It's quick to set up, completely free, and every purchase helps the PTFA support school projects. <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/hall-orchard-ce-primary-school-ptfa> SET UP THE DONATION REMINDER IN YOUR BROWSER!

Free Bill Review With Utility Warehouse

You can also support the PTFA by booking a free, no-obligation bill review with **Lisa at Utility Warehouse** (based in the village). You can save money on your household bills and help generate funds for the school. <https://uw.co.uk/ref/connector/CN-JX0W>

Looking Ahead to 2026 – National Year of Reading

To mark the **National Year of Reading 2026**, we're excited to announce a **school-wide Sponsored Readathon!**

We'll be launching the Readathon at the **end of January**, kicking off with a **non-uniform day** in exchange for an **unwanted book donation**.

These donated books will then be sold at a **PTFA Book Sale in February**.

And here's the exciting part...

All funds raised from our reading activities will go towards a **TOP SECRET PTFA PROJECT** 🤫👉 We can't reveal the surprise just yet, but we promise it's something the children will *love*!

More details will follow when we return in January, but we hope the children will be as excited as we are to get involved in a year celebrating the joy of reading.

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



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