



School Update

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Young Voices

On Thursday this week, 120 of our wonderful pupils experienced the joys of singing in a massed choir at the Birmingham NEC



as part of Young Voices. Music lead Mrs Miles praised the children's attitude and behaviour adding that more importantly, the children had a fantastic time! Many thanks to Mrs Turton, other staff and the wonderful parents who gave up their time to support. Some of you may already have seen that they also made the ITV News yesterday. You can catch them on the [ITV Central News website](#)—at about 20 minutes in—talking about the experience. What an amazing opportunity for them all.

Steve Dunn, Headteacher

Memorial Garden

In case you missed this last week:

You may have noticed that we have broken ground on our Memorial Garden at the front of school (thanks to Jack Bott Construction Ltd) and we are about to begin the building phase. If you are interested in helping out, have gardening/landscaping/building skills and can volunteer some time to help with the garden, then please contact Sarah Hutchinson (who is managing the project) by text on 07984987340 and she will be in touch.

Spring Term 2026

January 2026

Tues 27th	Positive Parenting Workshop 1.30-3.00pm
Tur 29th	NHS Height & Weight Measure EYFS/Year 6
Fri 30th	PTFA Non-Uniform Day

February 2026

Fri 6th	PTFA Readathon Booksale
Mon 16th- Fri 20th	Spring half term break

March 2026

Fri 13th	Mrs Godwin/Mrs Fowler—Class Assembly
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

Jewellery/earrings

We do not allow the wearing of jewellery and ear-rings must be removed for PE. Parents who wish their children to have their ears pierced should arrange for this at the start of the summer holidays when "studs" can be kept in for 6 weeks.

Large colourful hair accessories/head bands and nail varnish are not permitted to be worn at school.

'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 **Humility**. We defined as being similar to modesty and not believing that you are superior to others. This was perfectly illustrated by the efforts of not only our Values Awards winners this week but also those who represented the school at Young Voices and previously at Dodgeball and Basketball competitions. What is wonderful to hear is how well our children showed our values at the concert last night—the staff were blown away!

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



Sponsored Readathon

There's not long to go until our **Sponsored Readathon** launches, starting with a **non-uniform day in just two weeks on Thursday 30**

January 📖 ✨ All children are invited to come to school in non-uniform in exchange for donating a **pre-loved book** 📚❤️

Where possible, we would be very grateful if families could consider donating a **range of books**, helping to ensure that children of all ages across the school have plenty to choose from at the book sale 📖 🌈 All donated books will be given a second life at our upcoming sale, helping to raise valuable funds for the school 📚👏

More details can be found on [Facebook](#) and our [website](#)

Funding

The PTFA are **pleased to update the school community** that we have been able to fund a brand-new **Waterfall playset for the Preschool** 🎡🧸, as well as support our **Sports Leaders**, who have been trained by **North Charnwood** 🏃♀️🧑🏫🏠. To recognise their role, we have also provided **Sports Leader sweatshirts**, which they will wear when carrying out their Sports Leader duties 📖⭐. Pictures to follow.

Summer Events

Looking ahead, the **PTFA will begin planning the Colour Fun Run and Obstacle Course, along with the Summer Festival** 🌈🏃♂️🏃♀️🎪 at our next meeting on **Monday 19 January at 7.30pm**, held at **The Hunting Lodge** 📍🕒

If you are interested in getting involved, please do consider coming along 🤝😊 There are a variety of roles available, including (but not limited to) **volunteer coordination, raffle coordination, marketing support**, and much more 📺📄📢📝 Whether you can help a little or a lot, we'd love to see you there! ❤️

Thank you for your ongoing support. The PTFA Team

