

HALL ORCHARD



CE Primary School

School Update

Friday 23rd January 2026

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Safety at the gates

I've spoken with the children this week about being safe when coming to and leaving school and especially at the school gates; specifically, playing games and riding scooters at the entrance to school (Church Street). There have been reports from parents that children are running/scooting across the road in front of cars and I am keen to stop this to ensure their safety. I would appreciate it if you could also talk to your children about this if they walk/scoot to school independently.

Many thanks, *Steve Dunn, HT*

Spring/Summer 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
Tues 10th	Yr 5/6 at Humphrey Perkins—Mary Poppins
Mon 16th- Fri 20th	Spring half term break
Wed 25th	SENDCo Surgery
Fri 27th	Times Tables Rock Stars Day —Year 2

March 2026

Fri 13th	Mrs Godwin/Mrs Fowler—Class Assembly Rocksteady Concert (pm—tbc)
Fri 27th	Last day of Spring Term

April 2026

Mon 13th	School opens for Summer Term
Wed 29th -Thur 30th	Year 3/4 Spring Show (details to follow)

May 2026

Fri 1st	Year 3/4 Spring Show (details to follow)
Mon 4th	Bank Holiday Monday—school closed
Thur 7th	Year 6 at Warning Zone
Mon 11th- Thur 14th	KS2 SATs (Year 6)
Wed 20th	School Photographer—Class Photos
Mon 25th- Fri 29th	Summer half-term break

July 2026

Fri 10th	Last day of Summer 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

Become a Parent Governor



Shape the future of our school.

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Join our Governing Body

Apply Now!

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website for more information

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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 **Endurance**. We defined it as the ability to endure a difficult process or situation without giving up. This was perfectly illustrated by the efforts of not only our Values Awards winners this week but also those who represented the school at a local Gymnastics Competition. We were, once again, incredibly successful coming home with certificates and well-deserved medals. We experienced similar success at a Cross-Country event this week and gave a good show of ourselves at a Football competition at the start of the week. Although I am always in awe of the competitive nature our children show, and I was happier to hear how well our children showed our values at these events—supporting each other and being gracious.



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



📅 ✨ Non Uniform Day ✨ 📅

Just one week to go! ✨ 📅

In one week, we'll be holding our Non-Uniform Day on Friday 30 January 🎉

Children are invited to come to school in their own clothes in exchange for donating a **pre-loved book(s)**. If you're able to, we'd love donations of a **whole range of books**, so children of all ages have plenty to choose from at the book sale on 6 February.

Thank you for helping us celebrate reading and supporting our school community — we can't wait!



Save the Date: HOPS Summer Festival – Saturday 27 June

We're delighted to announce that the **HOPS Summer Festival** will take place on **Saturday 27 June**. This much-loved event is always a highlight of the school year, bringing our whole community together for an afternoon of fun, food, activities and entertainment for all ages. More details will be shared closer to the date, so please put it in your diaries now!

Calling all stallholders and sponsors!

We are currently inviting **stallholders** and **event sponsors** to get involved. If you run a business, have a craft or part of community group or would like to support the event through sponsorship or donations, we would love to hear from you. It's a great opportunity to support the school while promoting your business within the local community.

If you're interested in taking part, please contact us for further information via <https://www.ptfa-hallorchard.org.uk/contact-us> We're really looking forward to another fantastic Summer Festival!

If you are interested in getting involved in the event planning, please do get in touch 🤝 😊 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 an extra pair of hands! ❤️

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

HALL ORCHARD PARENT, TEACHERS AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

SPONSORED READATHON

SPONSORED READATHON RAISING FUNDS FOR A TOP SECRET PROJECT!

30 JANUARY 2026

A NON UNIFORM DAY IN EXCHANGE FOR GOOD QUALITY BOOKS

donation stations will be at each entrance to the school grounds including preschool

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SAVE THE DATE

Get ready for this years HOPS Summer Festival!

JUNE	JUNE	JUNE
26	27	28

BAR, BBQ, ENTERTAINMENT AND MUCH MORE!

<https://www.ptfa-hallorchard.org.uk/events/hops-summer-festival-2026>

COMMUNITY NEWS

WHO LET THE DADS OUT?

Barrow Baptist 
your community church

Basically a toddler group for men and their children!
Join us for a coffee, food and a chat whilst the kids play and do craft.



9am - 11 Saturday 7th February



Dads, grandads & father-figures
with children aged up to 7



Facebook.com/WLTDO.BBC

Beveridge Street, Barrow upon Soar, LE12 8PL. Charity Number: 1129860

Messy Church

Barrow Baptist 
your community church

A creative and action packed time for families, with crafts,
dinner, singing, a story based on the Bible and much more!



Sunday 1st February @ 4 pm



All families with children



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