



School Update

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Free School Meals– please claim!

Just a reminder that pupils may be eligible for a Free School Meal at any age in their school career.



Year 2 and below: If your child is in reception, year 1 or year 2 they can get free school meals as part of the national Universal Infant Free School Meals Scheme.

It is important that if you receive a qualifying benefit you still need to register for free school meals under the eligibility scheme.

The school can then get extra money to help with your child’s education—this is called the **Pupil Premium**. This money can be used to subsidise school trips and afterschool clubs for the next 6 years.

Year 3 and above: If your child is under 19 and in full-time education, you may be able to get free school meals for them if you get one of these benefits:

- **Universal Credit:** Net earned income less than £7,400 per year.
- **Income Support.**
- **Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA).**
- **Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA).**
- **Guarantee element of Pension Credit.**
- **Child Tax Credit:** Provided Working Tax Credit is not received, and annual gross income is less than or equal to £16,190.
- **Working Tax Credit run-on:** Paid for four weeks after stopping work.

Applications can be made [online](#).

If you have any questions, or need confidential advice then please do get in touch with us.

Spring Term 2026

February 2026

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

Wed 4th	Height and weight measures
Fri 13th	Mrs Godwin/Mrs Fowler—Class Assembly Rocksteady Concert (pm—tbc)
Fri 27th	Last day of Spring Term
Mon 30th- Fri 10th	Easter Holiday

Summer Term 2026

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

We're on facebook.

Scan the code and give us a follow.





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. Most impressively today, we were also able to hand out more badges to




children who have been consistently applying our values. Four of our Year 6 children received them this week for Aspiration which makes us super proud. Willow also received a special Mental Health Champion Award for her commitment to supporting the wellbeing of children in



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



 **A huge thank you** to everyone who purchased books today – your support directly helps enrich reading opportunities across the school. We are incredibly grateful to the brilliant Prefects and Reading Leaders for their enthusiasm and support throughout the day, and special thanks go to Miss Hoult and Mrs Phillips for all their help with planning and organising the event.

The Sponsored Readathon starts today!

Children can choose as many reading challenges as they like over the next few weeks, so there are lots of chances to get involved and have fun with reading at home. Sponsorship can be paid [online via the PTFA website](#), by scanning the QR




code or even by handing it in at school at any time – please remember that all sponsorship money must be received by 5 March. The class in KS1 and class in KS2 that raise the most will be announced the following week... let's see how much we can raise together!

Summer Festival – get involved!

Planning is well underway for our Summer Festival, and we are now inviting sponsors and stallholders to take part. If you, your family, or your business would like to support the event, host a stall, or explore sponsorship opportunities, we would love to hear from you. More details will follow shortly, so please keep an eye out – it promises to be a fantastic community event! <https://www.ptfa-hallorchard.org.uk/events/hops-summer-festival-2026>

Support Us While You Shop

You can continue to raise money at no extra cost simply by doing your usual shopping (including booking holidays!) 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> Don't forget to 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 could save money on your household bills while helping to generate funds for the school.






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

Thank you for your continued support.
The PTFA Team








PRESCHOOL, EYFS AND KEY STAGE 1 CHOOSE YOUR CHALLENGE(S)

 **EARLY YEARS (AGE 3–5) FOCUS ON ENJOYMENT, SHARING STORIES, AND BUILDING ROUTINES**

 **SHARE 10 STORIES** – READ WITH AN ADULT (ANY FORMAT: BOOKS, PICTURE BOOKS, BEDTIME STORIES)  **10-MINUTE READER** – READ OR SHARE A BOOK FOR 10 MINUTES A DAY FOR A WEEK  **STORY STAR** – LISTEN TO A STORY AND TALK ABOUT YOUR FAVOURITE PART  **PICTURE POWER** – “READ” AND TALK ABOUT 5 PICTURE BOOKS  **COSY READING** – READ A BOOK IN 3 DIFFERENT COSY PLACES






KEY STAGE 1 (AGE 5–7) BUILDING CONFIDENCE AND INDEPENDENCE

 **READ 5 BOOKS** – ANY BOOKS OF YOUR CHOICE  **READ FOR 100 MINUTES** – ACROSS THE CHALLENGE PERIOD  **RAINBOW READER** – READ BOOKS WITH 5 DIFFERENT COLOURED COVERS  **READ WITH SOMEONE** – READ TO OR WITH 5 DIFFERENT PEOPLE  **STORY TELLER** – RETELL A STORY TO SOMEONE AT HOME








KEY STAGE 2 CHOOSE YOUR CHALLENGE(S)

KEY STAGE 2 (AGE 7–9) ENCOURAGING VARIETY AND STAMINA

 **READ EVERY DAY** – AT LEAST 10 MINUTES FOR 10 DAYS  **GENRE EXPLORER** – READ 5 DIFFERENT TYPES OF BOOKS (E.G. FICTION, NON-FICTION, POETRY)  **PAGE TURNER** – READ 300 PAGES IN TOTAL  **MINI REVIEWER** – WRITE OR DRAW A SHORT REVIEW OF 3 BOOKS  **FAMILY READING** – READ WITH A FAMILY MEMBER 5 TIMES

KEY STAGE 2 (AGE 9–11) CHALLENGE, INDEPENDENCE AND REFLECTION

 **READ A CHAPTER BOOK** – FROM START TO FINISH  **READING MARATHON** – READ FOR 30 MINUTES A DAY FOR 7 DAYS  **AROUND THE WORLD READER** – READ BOOKS SET IN 3 DIFFERENT COUNTRIES  **READING LOG PRO** – COMPLETE A READING LOG FOR 10 SESSIONS  **BOOK CHAT** – DISCUSS A BOOK WITH AN ADULT OR FRIEND

SCHOOL & COMMUNITY NEWS



The children at the afterschool club have been busy making valentines crafts. These are proudly displayed in the shop window of Victoria Jane on the high street.

HALL ORCHARD PARENT, TEACHER AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

SAVE THE DATE

Get ready for this years HOPS Summer Festival!



BAR, BBQ, ENTERTAINMENT AND MUCH MORE!

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





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We have received four applications for our Parent Governor vacancy and a poll will be held which all parents can vote in. Further details will follow. Please use your vote!

Visit the Governor section on our website for more information

