



School Update

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School logo

We are pleased to share our new school logo, which we will be softly introducing across school life over the coming months. This refreshed logo has been carefully developed to reflect who we are as a Church of England school and to visually express our shared ethos and values. At Hall Orchard, every decision begins with the child, and our five core values (Community, Friendship, Respect, Resilience and Aspiration) are central to daily life in school. The new design brings these values together in a clear and meaningful way. The tree at the heart of the logo draws on the orchard metaphor that runs through our school identity. It represents growth, nurture and belonging, with the five fruits symbolising our core values. The cross within the trunk reflects our Christian foundation, reminding us that our work is rooted in faith, love and service, while supporting children to grow academically, socially and spiritually. Our strapline, "Growing together, flourishing for life", captures the journey we share with our pupils — strong foundations, careful nurture and high aspirations for every child. You may notice the new logo appearing on some uniform items, as our supplier has begun to use the updated design. **There is absolutely no expectation for families to replace existing uniform**, and we will continue to reassure parents that this will be phased in naturally over time.

Have a good weekend,
Steve Dunn, HT



Spring Term 2026

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

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.



Living our Values



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. We were also able to hand out 3 badges this week for Aspiration and Community which makes us super proud. Around a quarter of the school also came to the stage as they had represented the school in recent sporting competitions: namely, football, cross country and athletics. We were again successful coming home with certificates and well-deserved medals. Well done to all those children who received awards this week (and also those who didn't - your time will come!).



Sponsored Readathon

Thank you so much for everyone's kind donations of **pre-loved books** today — once again, you have **overwhelmed us with your generosity!**

Next week, we will be hosting our **Book Sale** and officially launching the **Sponsored Readathon**. During the school day, children will be given the opportunity to visit the book sale and purchase books, so please do send them in with some money. **Book prices will range from 25p to £2.**

Children will also be sent home with a **sponsorship form**, which will include examples of the **reading challenges** they can choose from during the Readathon period. These challenges are designed to be age-appropriate, fun and motivating, so that everyone can get involved.

Thank you again for your continued support — it really does make a huge difference.

HOPS Summer Festival – Saturday 27 June 2026

Plans are well underway for this year's **HOPS Summer Festival**, happening on **Saturday 27 June**. This popular community event promises an afternoon packed with family-friendly fun, great food and entertainment — definitely one to look forward to as we head towards the summer break.

Get involved!

We're keen to hear from **stallholders and sponsors** who would like to take part. Whether you run a local business, offer crafts, or would like to support the festival through sponsorship or donations, your involvement helps make the event a success for everyone.

If you're interested in being involved or would like more information, please get in touch or complete our application form: <https://www.ptfa-hallorchard.org.uk/apply-to-be-a-vendor>. More festival details will be shared soon — watch this space!



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>

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SPONSORED READATHON

SPONSORED READATHON RAISING FUNDS FOR A TOP SECRET PROJECT!

6 FEBRUARY 2026

BOOK SALE AND READATHON LAUNCH DAY

Books priced between 25p and £2

SPONSOR FORMS WILL BE GIVEN OUT TOO!

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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>

SCHOOL & COMMUNITY NEWS



The nature explorers have had a wonderful time making, building and creating in our wonderful outdoor area.



The children have had a brilliant afternoon at the afterschool club creating masterpieces during our big junk modelling session.

A plea from the outdoor learners—We are desperate for wellies in the following sizes only: size 11,12,13 & 3. Also, if anyone has any pots, pans, kitchen utensils such as whisks, spoons, we would be very grateful.



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