



School Update

Friday 27th February 2026

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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

March 2026

Wed 4th	Height and weight measures
Thur 5th	World Book day—wear comfy clothes
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
Mon 27th	Year 4 at Jewry Wall Museum, Leicester (details to follow)
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)
Tues 12th	Year 1 at Beaumanor Hall (details to follow)
Wed 20th	School Photographer—Class Photos
Mon 25th- Fri 29th	Summer half-term break

June 2026

Sat 27th	PTFA Summer Festival
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July 2026

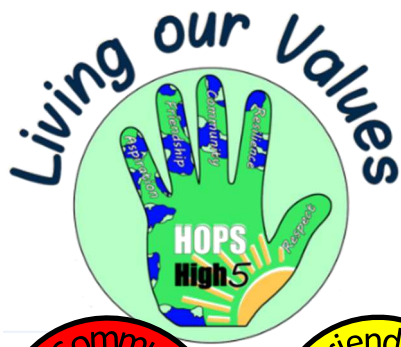
Fri 10th	Last day of Summer Term
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Term dates for [2025-26](#) and [2026-27](#) can be found on the school website. Please avoid booking holidays during term time. Many thanks

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.

Our focus this week has been **Kindness** and I challenged the children to perform an act of kindness which they feel as good as the person receiving it. Hopefully some of you may notice this at home too. Again today, we were also able to hand out more badges to children who have been consistently applying our values. Eight of our Year 6 children received them this week for **Aspiration, Community and Respect** which makes us super proud. Well done to all those children who received awards this week (and also those who didn't - your time will come!).



Readathon – Final Week!

We're now into the final week of our **Readathon** – well done to all of our fantastic readers! It's been wonderful to see so much enthusiasm for books across the school.

A quick reminder that all **sponsorship money needs to be handed in by Thursday 5 March.**

We're excited to announce that the total amount raised and our class winners will be revealed on Friday 6 March – keep an eye out for the big announcement!

Every pound raised makes a real difference.

Thank you so much for your continued support – it truly enhances the experience of all our children.

Summer Festival – Planning Underway!

Planning for our Summer Festival is already in full swing!

We are currently:

- Looking for stall holders
- Seeking event sponsors to help us make the day bigger and better
- Welcoming volunteers to help both with event planning and on the day
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If you run a business, know someone who might like a stall, or would be interested in sponsoring part of the event, we'd love to hear from you.

Next PTFA Meeting

Our next PTFA meeting will take place on:

Monday 2 March

7:30pm

The Hunting Lodge

Everyone is welcome – whether you can give lots of time or just an hour here and there, we'd love to see you.

Thank you as always for your ongoing support.

The PTFA Team

HALL ORCHARD PARENT, TEACHER AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

SAVE THE DATE

Get ready for this years
HOPS Summer Festival!

JUNE

26

JUNE

27

JUNE

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BAR, BBQ, ENTERTAINMENT AND MUCH MORE!

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





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@ Watermead - Dunelm 8:30-3:30

20-24
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22-23/29-30
DEC 2025

16-20
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25-29
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13-20
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HALL ORCHARD 3:15 - 4:30
MOUNTFIELDS LODGE 3:20-4:20

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