



School Update

Friday 27th March 2026

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Happy Easter!

The Easter term is over and we look forward to the holiday. It's fair to say that the children (and staff) are ready for a well-earned break in order that they can be recharged ready for the final term—one which unfortunately includes National tests for many. Our hard working Year 6 pupils have the biggest challenge so far in their educational career in their KS2 SATs in May, when they will be tested in Reading, Maths, Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar. They are a wonderful group of children with an array of talents who I'm sure will do themselves and the school proud.



This week we celebrated Easter at school with assemblies happening across the week. I'm sure the children enjoyed the perfect start to our celebration of this, the most important, Christian Festival. Our Spiritual Council finished the week in style by performing the Easter Story for the rest of the school through the Stations of the Cross. They were amazing and performed brilliantly. As shared with the children today, there are many Easter services and activities happening in the village and the churches which they could get involved with if they wanted to continue the celebration.

Anyhow, have a great Easter break. Rest up (if you can) and enjoy some quality time with your amazing children. *Steve Dunn, HT*

Spring Term 2026

March 2026

Mon 30th- Fri 10th	Easter Holiday
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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

Thur 25th- Fri 26th	Humphrey Perkins Transition Days
Sat 27th	PTFA Summer Festival
Tues 30th	Year 5&6 at Beaumanor Hall

July 2026

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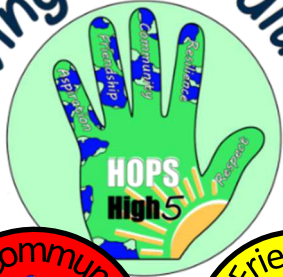
Term dates for [2025-26](#) and [2026-27](#) can be found on the school website. Please avoid booking holidays during term time. Many thanks

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 any of our Core Values. Our theme this week has



been **Easter** – retelling and understanding the story from different perspectives— meaning that we have had an array of different values being highlighted through the children's actions . We celebrated today in assembly and handed out our latest set of Values badges to our amazing Year 6 pupils.

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



PTFA NEWS

🎉 Summer Festival Update

The PTFA met this week and continued planning for the upcoming Summer Festival. We're excited to share that there will be a range of PTFA run stalls on the day, including a brand-new paint throwing area and Festival Shop. More details will be shared soon as plans continue to come together.

Stallholders and Sponsors

We are currently welcoming stall holder applications and event sponsors, so please do spread the word to friends, family, and local businesses who may be interested in getting involved.

Stallholder applications can be made via our website:

<https://www.ptfa-hallorchard.org.uk/apply-to-be-a-vendor>

Volunteers

We also need volunteers on the day – even just one hour of your time can make a huge difference in helping the event run smoothly.

Find out more and sign up here:

<https://www.ptfa-hallorchard.org.uk/volunteer-at-the-summer-festival-1>

🎨 Colour Run Update

All ticket holders have now been refunded. Once again, we apologise for having to cancel this event and thank you for your understanding and continued support.

easyfundraising

What if we told you that you could raise funds from your sofa? Simply sign up to #easyfundraising and retailers will donate to us every time you shop

online. The best part? It's completely free and your shopping won't cost you anything extra.

Plus, sign up today and we could win a £250 bonus donation:

<https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/hall-orchard-ce-primary-school-ptfa/2t6ar/ctos/wNs7cxDk/OSATW/facebook/>

Looking Ahead – 2026/27 Events

We've also started planning ahead for events in the next academic year... watch this space!

Have a great Easter break everyone 😊 **The PTFA Team**

HALL ORCHARD PARENT, TEACHER AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

SUMMER FESTIVAL SPONSOR PACKAGES

£50-£100 NAME IN PTFA NEWSLETTER LISTING ON PTFA WEBSITE SOCIAL MEDIA THANK-YOU BRONZE	£100 TO £250 BRONZE PLUS LOGO ON EVENT POSTER BANNER AT EVENT ASSEMBLY SHOUT-OUT SILVER
£250-500 SILVER PLUS STALL AT EVENT (OPTIONAL) RECOGNITION IN END OF YEAR PTFA LETTER GOLD	£500+ GOLD PLUS PROMINENT LOGO ON SCHOOL COMMUNICATIONS DEDICATED PTFA NEWSLETTER FEATURE PLATINUM

BAR, BBQ, ENTERTAINMENT AND MUCH MORE!
<https://www.ptfa-hallorchard.org.uk/events/hops-summer-festival-2026>

JUNE
27

easyfundraising

Shop with your favourite retailers, they'll donate to Hall Orchard CE Primary School PTFA

8,000+ online retailers

Turn cashback into free donations

Logos: JOHN LEWIS, Argos, ebay, B&M, M&S, trainline, JUST EAT, TESCO, AM, Dunelm, Sainsbury's

easyfundraising

Raise a £125 donation for our school when you book with TUI!

Ends 31st March



HOLY TRINITY **GOOD FRIDAY FUN**

**Friday 3 April
10.30am to 12pm**

FREE

No booking required

**ALL
AGE**



Craft Stations



**Build the Easter
Garden**



Hot Cross Buns



Story



Barrow and Wolds Group

HOLY TRINITY + ST. MARY + ST. ANDREW + ST. MARY



Barrow Baptist
your community church

**Let's celebrate
together this Easter!**

**Easter Sunday
5th April 2026**

**08:30 Messy Church Breakfast Party!
including bouncy castle**

10:00 Celebration Service



HE IS NOT HERE: FOR HE IS RISEN.

Barrow Baptist Church, Beveridge Street, Barrow Upon Soar, LE12 8PL | 01509 416603
www.BarrowBaptist.org.uk | office@barrowbaptist.org.uk
Registered Charity Number: 1129860

SCHOOL & COMMUNITY NEWS



HANFORD SPORTS CLUBS
AND CAMPS LTD

HALF TERM & SUMMER CAMPS



@ Barrow upon Soar - Hall Orchard CE
Primary School 8:30-3:30

@ Kegworth - Kegworth Primary
School 8:30-3:30

@ Loughborough - Mountfields
Lodge Primary School 8:30-3:30

@ Watermead - Dunelm 8:30-3:30

20-24
OCT 2025

22-23/29-30
DEC 2025

16-20
FEB 2026

**Sibling
Discount**

30-10
MAR/APR 2026

25-29
MAY 2026

13-20
JULY/AUG 2026

**Full Week
Discount**

FUN & CREATIVE INDOOR & OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES FOR BOYS & GIRLS
4-12 YEARS OLD

Activities include: Sports, Arts and Crafts, Storytelling, Drawing & painting,
Forest Schools, Dance, STEM activities, Nature field trips, Community Projects.

More Information www.hanfordsports.com



MR LYBERD'S

FOOTBALL CAMP

Kick off your school break with fun,
skills, and football action that helps
you sharpen your game, stay active,
and enjoy exciting challenges every
day.

HALL ORCHARD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Church Street, Barrow Upon Soar. LE12 8HP

- ✓ Skills & ball techniques
- ✓ Footwork exercises
- ✓ Strategy & teamwork exercises
- ✓ Fun games & competitions
- ✓ Prizes to be won daily

**Saturday's
8:30AM-3:30PM**

5-13 Years Old

More Information:

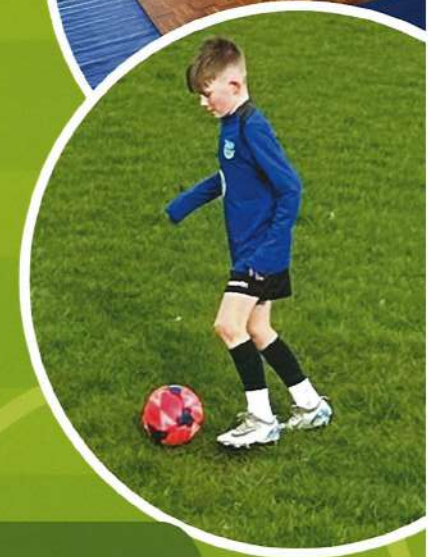
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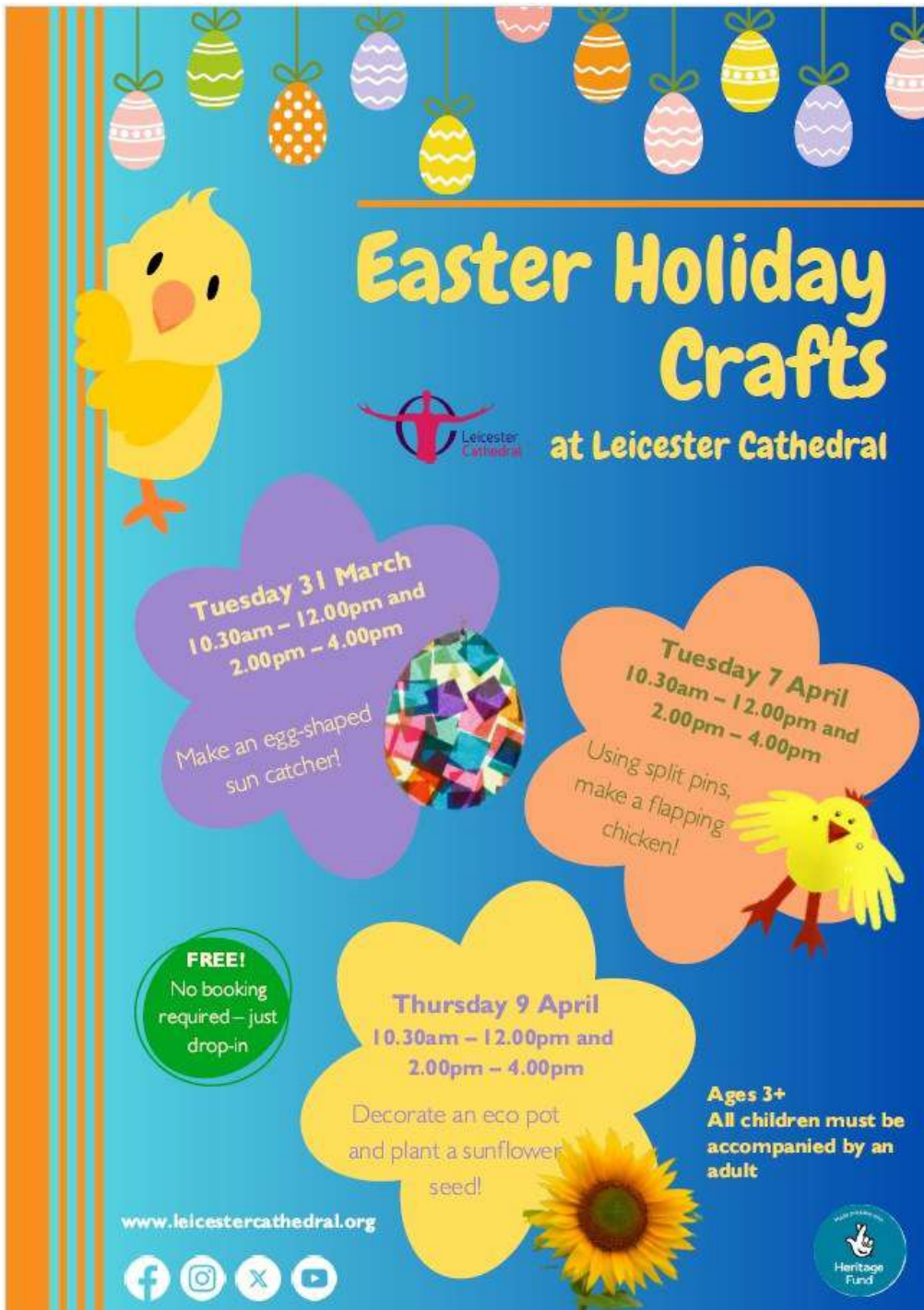
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Registration Link



SCHOOL & COMMUNITY NEWS



Easter Holiday Crafts
at Leicester Cathedral

Tuesday 31 March
10.30am – 12.00pm and
2.00pm – 4.00pm
Make an egg-shaped sun catcher!

Tuesday 7 April
10.30am – 12.00pm and
2.00pm – 4.00pm
Using split pins, make a flapping chicken!

Thursday 9 April
10.30am – 12.00pm and
2.00pm – 4.00pm
Decorate an eco pot and plant a sunflower seed!






FREE!
No booking required – just drop-in

Ages 3+
All children must be accompanied by an adult

www.leicestercathedral.org

Leicester Cathedral

Heritage Fund



YOUR LiBR@RY

Easter Activities
Keep an eye out for Easter Holiday events and activities taking place in Leicestershire Libraries. You can find out more about what's on at your local library by checking our [What's On?](#) Page and following us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

Summer Events
Summer Reading Challenge - 4 July- 12 Sept 2026
This July sees the launch of our brand new Summer Reading Challenge, Read to the Beat! Families can look forward to a summer filled with special events and engaging activities across Leicestershire Libraries, exploring how rhythm, music and storytelling spark imagination and creativity.

Find your local library [here](#).

Love Your Library
National Year of Reading 2026
If you're into it, read into it
Did you know that 2026 is the National Year of Reading? Throughout the year, Leicestershire Libraries will be hosting a range of activities and events to encourage reading across our communities. Keep an eye on our website and social media for updates and ways to get involved.

Coalville Library Refurbishment
Coalville Library has reopened after 7 weeks of work behind the scenes. The Children's Library has traded old for bold and now has a fresh, modern feel! The refurbishment was funded by Section 106 Developer contributions. We invite you to come and explore the sensory lights, exciting arches, peep boxes and brand new books and find your favourite new spot in your library.

To find out about upcoming events, visit the ['Whats On'](#) page on our website.

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