



HARTFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

HEADTEACHER'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

5th September 2025



Dear Parents, Carers and Families

Welcome back! We've had a wonderful start to this term; it's been lovely hearing all about the children's summer holidays and to see them so excited to be returning to school. I'd like to personally welcome our 60 new Early Years children and their families as well as a further 5 new children across school in Years 1, 3 and 5. There's already lots of news to share with you, so I'll get started. In my assemblies with the children this week we've been focusing on politeness, manners, respect for school property/equipment and lunchtime routines. I'm sure the children will be able to fill you in!

You may have noticed that we've had some raised beds built over the summer. This is part of our intergenerational project and will enhance our curriculum work. I'd like to send a huge thank you to Christine Lindley and Julia Hughes from Hartford Allotment Association for giving up their time over the summer to help with the installation and for providing their expertise. I'd also like to thank Steven Williams at Wright Landscapes for providing his team's professional knowledge and manpower to build the beds. To support the project we're looking for children sized gardening equipment and would be very grateful for any donations. We can't wait to get growing!

Early Years 2025 Parents' Coffee Morning – Tuesday 2nd September

Members of our PTA kindly hosted a coffee morning for our new parents on Tuesday. It was lovely to see so many families represented, chatting, and getting to know each other.

I am delighted to confirm our Early Years children have settled extremely well this week, staying for lunch yesterday and today as part of their phased start to school. Next week they'll be with us full time and their school day will end at 3.10pm along with our Key Stage 1 children.

Meet the Teacher Meetings

Our annual Meet the Teacher meetings began this week with parents of children in Years 2 and 3 having the chance to come into school, meet the staff who work with their children, find out what the year ahead has in store and ask any questions. In these meetings you will have a reminder regarding our health snack policy and providing your child with a water bottle on a daily basis. The dates for other year groups' meetings are listed below.

Dates For Your Diary

Monday 8th September – Year 6 Bikeability sessions start
Monday 8th September – Year 5 Meet the teacher meeting 5pm
Tuesday 9th September – Year 4 Meet the teacher meeting 5pm
Wednesday 10th September – Year 6 Meet the teacher meeting 4.30pm
Tuesday 16th September – Phonics evening for Early Years parents 5pm
Thursday 18th September – Year 1 Meet the teacher meeting 5pm (note rescheduled date)
Friday 19th September – Early Years Come Dine with Me (lunchtime event, information to follow)
Wednesday 24th September – Early Years Meet the teacher meeting 5pm
Thursday 25th September – Early Years 2026 prospective parents/children Come and Play session 3.30pm
Monday 29th September – Early Years 2026 Open Day for prospective parents 2pm

Residential Visits 2025/26

As you many of you will already know, the children in Years 2, 4 and 6 take part in residential visits during the school year. The dates for your diary are as follows:

Year 2 – Burwardsley Residential – Tuesday 23rd/Wednesday 24th June – 2NB
Wednesday 24th June/ Thursday 25th June – 2EC

Year 4 – Tattenhall Residential – Monday 29th/Tuesday 30th June – both classes

Year 6 – Conway Residential – Monday 8th June – Wednesday 10th June – both classes

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RRAP Club Leader

I am delighted to announce that Mrs Sarah Fox has taken over as our RRAP Club Leader. Mrs Fox has been a member of our Teaching Assistant team for 3 years and will be taking on the club leader's role as additional responsibility. It will be great to have our club leader in school every day and she is already a very established member of the Hartford Team. I would like to thank Mrs Liz Segrott for leading the successful launch of our RRAP Club and managing the provision over the last 9 months. Liz is moving back to Sandiway Primary School to focus on running their wrap around care.

Car Park Speed

Just a reminder that vehicular access for parents to the school car park is only before 8am and after 4pm. We had a near miss with a child accessing our RRAP club (access is now via the main entrance to school). A car was driving too fast through the car park just after 8am. Luckily no one was hurt, but it is incidents like this that remind us that it is all of our responsibility to keep everyone safe in the car park.

Attendance

A reminder that the school gates are open between 8.45am and 8.55am. Any pupils arriving at school after 8.55am will be classed as late and this will impact their attendance. Should your child need to attend a medical appointment (GP, Dentist, Hospital) that can't be made outside of school hours you will need to supply proof of the appointment details to our office team. If your child is unwell, please report their absence on our dedicated absence line 01606 74164 option 1. You may find the information on this link helpful when trying to decide whether your child is well enough for school: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

For absences which don't fit the above criteria, please submit an 'Application for Absence' form to the school office either in person or via email. This form can be found on our website or hard copies are available from the entrance foyer.

A polite reminder that the school gates close promptly at 3.30pm each day. Please collect your child/ren and leave the school grounds as quickly as possible. Children should not be allowed to play on the trim trail or with equipment at the end of the school day and should be with their parents if they are waiting for older siblings to be dismissed. Thank you for your support.

After School Clubs

Our after school clubs for children in Years 1-6 start week commencing 15th September. Please ensure your child's place is confirmed before you send them to a club and that you collect them promptly afterwards. The majority of clubs finish at 4.20pm, please check the club grid, which was issued last term, for specific details. Clubs will continue to be dismissed from the small playground outside the Year 5 classrooms.

Early Years 2026

No sooner have we started this academic year and we're thinking about our Early Years 2026 prospective children and parents. The applications process has already started, and parents can apply for a place between now and 15th January 2026. To assist parents in making their decision we're holding a number of open events, these are as follows:

Open Days: A chance for parents and carers to meet our Senior Leadership and Teaching Team and enjoy a tour of the school during the school day. These will be held on the following dates:

Monday 29th September at 2.00pm

Thursday 16th October at 2.00pm

Wednesday 12th November at 10.00am

Thursday 8th January at 2.00pm

Come and Play Events: A chance for parents, carers and their child/ren to experience our Early Years classroom and outdoor area, meet our teaching team, have fun and play with new friends. These will be held on the following dates:

Thursday 25th September 3.30pm - 4.30pm

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Monday 13th October 3.30pm - 4.30pm
Thursday 20th November 3.30pm - 4.30pm

If you'd like to register to attend any of these events, please use this link: <https://forms.office.com/e/Mi9JTdHiR5>

Hartford High School Open Evening – Wednesday 10th September

Looking towards the opposite end of primary school now and parents of children in Years 5 and 6 – Hartford High School have an open evening for prospective parents next Wednesday – please see the attached flyer for further details.

CHAPS (Cheshire Autism Practical Support) Family Empowerment Course

Please see the attached brochure regarding a free course being offered by CHAPS. The 6 week course is for parents or carers of children aged 0-25 who are on the pathway to diagnosis or that have recently received an autism diagnosis and are registered with a Cheshire West and Chester GP.

FACE Family Support Sessions

September's timetable of family support sessions is attached for your information.

KIXX Football Discovery Day – 14th September

Please see the attached flyer regarding a football discovery day being held at The Grange Senior School.

The Imaginations Art After School Club – St. John's Church Hartford

A new art club is being launched in the village. At the club, children will have the chance to explore a variety of art techniques, express their creativity, and learn about the works of famous artists throughout history.

Here are the details:

When: Every Tuesday, starting 16th September, from 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm (term time)

Where: St John's Hartford

For: Ages 6-14

Special Offer: 20% off with the code 'Hartford20'



A Message From the PTA

Firstly, a huge welcome from us to our new Early Years families – it was so nice to meet some of you during the coffee morning on Tuesday! We hope your little packages didn't make you cry too much.

Our PTA is volunteer-run, and we are always available to talk you through any questions you might have around how we fundraise at the school along with any other queries including uniform. Please feel free to email us on pta@hartfordprimary.cheshire.sch.uk any time – we welcome all ideas and offers of assistance and will always respond to your questions. If you're interested in joining the PTA please email us for further information.

We also have lots of pre-loved uniform still available in exchange for a small donation to the PTA. Please email us if you would like to come and have a look and grab a bargain or make a donation of uniform to the collection!

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Kind regards

Mrs L Cade

Acting Headteacher

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