



HARTFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

HEADTEACHER'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

26th September 2025



Dear Parents, Carers and Families

What beautiful weather we've had this week, let's hope it brightens up again in time for the weekend!

Our Early Years team welcomed prospective Early Years 2026 children and their parents to school yesterday for our first 'Come and Play' session. This will be followed with our first open afternoon for prospective parents on Monday afternoon next week. If you or any of your friends have a child who is due to start school in September 2026 please do come along to one of our open events. Details of the dates and how to book are on our website.

Earlier this week, the office team sent out a communication about the school nursing team's upcoming visit to deliver the nasal flu vaccine to the children. Please follow the link in the email to provide your consent for your child to be vaccinated (you can use the same link to opt out) by Wednesday 1st October.

Another group of Year 6 children have been taking part in their Bikeability training today. This continues to be a real success with the children. It has been brilliant to see their skills, technique and confidence improve throughout the day. The final sessions for Year 6 are taking place next week and it will be the turn of Year 5 in the Summer term.

Census Day Themed Lunch – Thursday 2nd October

It's already almost time for our first census day meal of the year and it's a great one – 'Best of British' takes place next Thursday. In a change to our usual menu, the children will be able to choose from the following:

- Breakfast Bap (Sausage and Egg) served with Hash Brown & Baked Beans
- Cornish Pastie served with Baked Beans
- Jacket Potato served with either Baked Beans, Cheese or Tuna and a side salad

Vegetarian options are available

For dessert, the children will be able to choose from school sponge cake or a fresh fruit platter.

We encourage all children (especially those in Early Years – Year 2) to have a school lunch on census day as this is tied to one of our streams of funding from the Government.

Meet the Teacher Meetings

Our final meeting, for our Early Years parents, took place this Wednesday. It was lovely to see so many of our new families attending. A reminder that all of the PowerPoint presentations used during our Meet the Teacher sessions are available on our website under the relevant year group's class page.

Dates For Your Diary

Monday 29th September – Early Years 2026 Open Day for prospective parents 2pm
Thursday 2nd October – Census Day Lunch
Thursday 2nd October – PTA AGM 6pm
Wednesday 8th October – Nasal Flu Vaccine being administered to the children
Monday 13th October – Year 5 Gurdwara Trip
Thursday 23rd October – Year 4 Synagogue Trip

Looking further ahead I wanted to give you some advance notice of dates for Parents' Evenings this term and our Christmas events.

Monday 20th October – Thursday 23rd October – Parents' Evening appointments
Monday 1st December – Academy Photography in school, individual and sibling photographs
Wednesday 10th December – KS1 Nativity 2pm
Thursday 11th December – KS1 Nativity 2pm
Friday 12th December – Early Years Nativity 10am and 2pm
Monday 15th December – KS2 Christmas Performance at St. John's – Years 3 & 5
Wednesday 17th December – Christmas Dinner Day
Thursday 18th December – KS2 Christmas Party
Friday 19th December – KS2 Christmas Performance at St. John's – Year 4 & 6
Friday 19th December – Early Years & KS1 Christmas Party
Friday 19th December – School closes for the Christmas break

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Attendance

Whole school attendance up until Friday 19th September was 97.59%. Unfortunately, we saw a significant increase in the number of children being late last week; 28. A reminder that the gates shut promptly at 8.55am in the morning. A punctual start to the day plays a very important part in your child's learning and development, please make every effort to get your child to school on time.

Outdoor Games Boxes – Plea for Items

We are looking to stock some outdoor games boxes for the children with 'non-sporty' equipment. We'd welcome donations of card games, Top Trumps, Dobble and other similar games. Please send them in with your child or drop them off at the school office. Many thanks in advance.

Uniform

A reminder that, as per our uniform policy, and further to my communication over the summer, children's trainers should be black. Our full uniform policy is available on our website for your information. Thank you for your support.

PTA News

We will be holding our AGM in school on Thursday 2nd October at 6pm. As parents of children in the school you are automatically a member of HPS' PTA. We're looking to form a new committee during our AGM and would like to encourage as many parents as possible to attend the meeting. The agenda for the meeting is attached for your information.

Save the date – 24th October – we have an exciting event planned for the children – more information to follow.

Local Art Club for 11-16 Year Olds

For those of you with older children you might be interested in an art club being held in the village. We've been asked by Hartford Parish Council to share the following information:

Get creative and make new friends at this art club at Hartford Village Hall on Tuesdays from 4 - 5pm. Try water colours, clay-modelling and much more. Let your ideas flow! Cost: £3 per session, with free refreshments. Concessions available – contact us to discuss. All proceeds go to NSPCC. Book your place now! Contact Linda on 07813 662654. Places are limited so book now to avoid disappointment. This event is run by Hartford NSPCC and supported by Hartford Parish Council.

1st Hartford Scouts – Car Wash Fundraiser – 19th October

1st Hartford Scouts are beginning to fundraise for a trip to Norway in 2027 and are planning a car wash during the morning of 19th October at The Grange Junior School. Please see the attached flyer for further details.

Weaverham FC Girls Football Sessions

Flyer attached for information.

CWAC Parent Carer Forum Newsletter

Please find follow the link below for a copy of CWAC's Parent Carer Forum newsletter.

The Parent Carer Forum is run by parent volunteers and works impartially, endorsed by the Department for Education.

They represent the voices of parents and carers of children and young people with SEND in Cheshire West & Chester. This month's newsletter includes updates on local services, events, and SEND news for families. Take a look and stay connected with your SEND community! <https://mailchi.mp/7f7838c2b19d/g84jy88giu-17464325>

FACE Family Support Sessions

October's timetable of support sessions is attached for your information along with a specific flyer relating to Facing Defiance.

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Kind regards

Mrs L Cade

Acting Headteacher

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