



HARTFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

HEADTEACHER'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

3rd October 2025



Dear Parents, Carers and Families

Just like that we're over halfway through this half term, where does the time go?!

On Monday afternoon members of the Senior Leadership Team and I welcomed prospective Early Years 2026 parents to the first of this year's parental open days. The event was well attended, and it was lovely to see a familiar face or two amongst the families visiting. Our chosen Year 6 Ambassadors for the day set the bar high for their peers by performing brilliantly in their role. They were extremely polite and welcoming to our visitors and perfect role models. Well done Ellie, Erin, Jasper, and Nico - you were superstars!

Our final group of Year 6 children have been taking part in their Bikeability training today. Bikeability is the government's national cycle training programme. Level 1 is a playground-based session and involves practicing and building confidence in key cycle control skills in a traffic-free setting. Pupils who are ready then spend time on the quieter roads near to school for the rest of the day. Level 2 introduces the children to cycling as an everyday, fun, healthy activity and an alternative mode of transport. I'm delighted to report the instructors have said that all the children conducted themselves sensibly and displayed excellent listening skills enabling them to follow instructions, learn new skills and keep themselves safe. All of our children will receive their certificate and badge to confirm that they've completed their training successfully, well done everyone! Year 5 will be taking part in their sessions in the Summer term.

Dates For Your Diary

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

Friday 24th October – School breaks up for half term

Monday 3rd November – Inset Day – school closed to pupils

Tuesday 4th November – School reopens for Autumn 2

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

Attendance

Whole school attendance up until Friday 26th September was 97.31%. We had 14 children recorded as late last week. Thank you for your support in keeping absence and lateness to a minimum, it really does have a positive impact on your child's attainment and progress.

Parents' Evenings

As you'll have seen from the dates for the diary section over the last couple of weeks, parents' evening appointments will be held from Monday 20th October – Thursday 23rd October. Late appointments (up until 7pm) will be held on Tuesday 21st and Thursday 23rd. Appointments will be available to book via School Spider (the system that runs our website) as usual and communication will be sent to advise when these will go live once we've finalised each teacher's schedule. Our office team will be issuing login details to our new Early Years parents (and any new In Year Transfer parents) shortly. If you're not new to school and need a reminder of your details, please give the ladies in the office a call or send them an email.

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On 22nd October, Mrs Williams, the Create Trust SEND and Inclusion Lead will be available from 3:30pm - 5:30pm during our parents evening for any parents to share their views around our support for children with Special Educational Needs.

PTA News

We'd like to say thanks to everyone who came last night to the PTA AGM, we had some great discussions and new ideas are already being generated. We are just confirming the new committee for 2025/26, so if you are interested in joining, please do email us! We have lots more volunteers agreeing to run small events and continue to look for more support there as well as on the committee.

Once the committee is confirmed we will send out the minutes and reports from the meeting.

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

Gardening

Our two Year 6 gardeners Daisy and Arthur D took their troop of volunteers out for their first gardening session of the year yesterday, with the help of Christine Lindley, our gardener friend, who is a member of the Hartford Allotment Society. They lined our final planter and began to fill it with soil in preparation for future planting. Well done everyone, things are taking shape nicely.

Study in style at Sandiway Library

Sandiway Library have asked us to share the following information: Looking for somewhere relaxing to do your homework, print out your study notes, or work online? If so, come along to Sandiway Library. We have sofas, comfortable seating and desks where you can study on your own or with friends. Whilst you are here, you can enjoy free tea, coffee and juice – and of course lots of fantastic free books, graphic novels, dyslexia-friendly reads, e-books and audio books.

As a library member, you can access free Wi-fi, and you can book the computers for one hour per day, free of charge. If you need to print, it costs 20p per page in black and white as standard – or for homework, you can print up to 5 pages in black and white, free of charge.

Need to borrow an iPad to study at home? We have a limited number of tablets available. Contact us to discuss.

It is free to become a library member. Parents or guardians can sign up in the library or online, and no ID is needed. Find out more about the library and our opening hours: Call 01606 271 767 or visit [Sandiway Library](#).

Soccer Stars Academy Weaverham

Football sessions for children aged 18 months to 10 years are available on a Saturday at Weaverham Community Centre. To book a FREE trial, scan the QR code on the attached poster.

Half Term Holiday STEM Club

Please find attached a flyer regarding a holiday club being held at The Grange School, Hartford this half term.

Have a lovely weekend everyone, hopefully the rain will let up at some point!

Kind regards

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