



HARTFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

HEADTEACHER'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

10th October 2025



Dear Parents, Carers and Families

The School Nursing Team were in school on Wednesday this week to administer the nasal flu vaccine to the children. As you can imagine it's quite a task with 396 children on roll and the team we were with us for the day. I'm delighted to report that the children were all very sensible and conducted themselves brilliantly, well done everyone!

Next week we are hosting the second round of our events for prospective Early Years 2026 parents and their children, with a Come and Play session on Monday afternoon at 3.30pm and an Open Day on Thursday 16th October at 2pm.

Yesterday Mr Cairns was busy preparing for our first sporting events of the academic year. We will be taking part in football competitions for Year 3/4 boys, Year 5/6 boys and girls, and a Year 5/6 basketball competition over the coming weeks. Mr Cairns will be sending emails to the relevant parents in due course. Let's hope we get off to a winning start to the year!

Dates For Your Diary

Friday 24th October – PTA Special Event – details to be announced next week

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 3rd October was 97.39%. Regrettably we had 43 children recorded as late last week. I appreciate that sometimes circumstances which impact your child's punctuality can sometimes be beyond your control (unexpected roadworks for example). However this is a marked increase in the number of lates from the previous week. Please do make every effort to get here in plenty of time. A punctual start to the day really does have a positive impact on your child's attainment and progress.

Parents' Evenings

Parents' Evening appointments are now live on School Spider, and the system will remain open for bookings until noon on Friday 17th October. If you're having any problems or need a reminder of your login details, please contact a member of the office team.

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.

On 23rd October, Mrs Rowland, our Senco, will be available for drop in appointments from 3.30pm – 6pm.

PTA News

Just to let everyone know, we will be issuing our minutes and all the reports from the AGM held a week ago on Monday 13th October along with committee details of our new committee. The reason for the delay is that they contain exciting information about an event happening at school for all the children on Friday 24th October and we didn't want to spoil the surprise! There is going to be a big reveal to the children during assemblies on Monday - so watch this space!

We are also going to be starting work on our winter event which will include the rescheduled fireworks we had to postpone due to bad weather last year- so please hold the evening of 28th November free and look out for news shortly!

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There is also a lot of preloved uniform available if you're already finding your child has grown and needs bigger sizes. A huge thanks to Miss Crouch and Miss Lovatt for their help sorting through all of our current stock. You can request specific items by either emailing us or asking your teacher – items are free, or you can give a donation to PTA funds if you wish.

Hartford NSPCC/Hartford Parish Council Events

The following events are organised by Hartford NSPCC and supported by Hartford Parish Council. You can find out more about these and other events on the Hartford Parish Council website: www.hartfordparishcouncil.org.uk

Let's Play, Sunday 19th October

Calling all children in Hartford... want to make new friends and have fun? Come along with your parents or carers to Let's play! This outdoor event is free-of-charge and takes place from 2 - 4pm on [Hartford's Green Field](#) (behind the Chester Road shops).

At the event, you will find football, giant jenga, chess, art, construction blocks and much more. Play is unstructured – it's all about children having the chance to be creative. Please note - children are the responsibility of their parents / carers and must be supervised at all times. The Pavilion building on the field has a covered seating area, in case of bad weather, and an accessible toilet.

Craft for Kids, Wednesday 29th October

Want to try painting, knitting and other crafts? Hartford NSPCC invites children aged 5 - 11 to a craft session. Join in from 10am-12 noon or from 1.30 - 3.30pm at Hartford Village Hall (the black and white building by the tennis courts on Chester Road).

Entrance is £3 per child. All proceeds go to the NSPCC. To book your place, contact Linda on 07813 662 654, then pay on the door on the day. Please note, children are the responsibility of their parents/carers and must be supervised at all times.

Tuesday art club for 11 – 16 year olds

Get creative and make new friends at this art club at Hartford Village Hall. The club takes place on selected 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 662 654. Places are limited so book now to avoid disappointment.

FACE Family Support – Supporting A Child With ADHD

Please find attached a flyer from FACE Family Support regarding an online training course designed to help support children with ADHD.

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Kind regards

Mrs L Cade

Acting Headteacher