



HARTFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

HEADTEACHER'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

24th October 2025



Dear Parents, Carers and Families

Wow! What an exciting day we've had to round off this half term! We welcomed Zack George (aka Gladiator Steel) to school this morning and as you can imagine he has been a great hit with the children! Zack delivered two assemblies and talked to the children about healthy eating, exercise, and techniques to help with physical and mental positivity. He then went on to host a Q&A session with each year group. I'm sure the children will come home buzzing about it all later on! I'd like to thank the PTA for organising this fantastic experience; it's been a fabulous way to bring this half term to a close.

Dates For Your Diary

Monday 3rd November – Inset Day – school closed to pupils
Tuesday 4th November – School reopens for Autumn 2
Wednesday 5th November – Indian Dance Workshop in School for Early Years and Year 3
Friday 7th November – Tuesday 11th November – Scholastic Book Fair
Tuesday 11th November – Zoolab Visitor Year 1
Monday 1st December – Academy Photography in school, individual and sibling photographs
Friday 5th December – Early Years visit to The Ice Cream Farm
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

Term Dates – 2026 – 2027

Following on from the dates for the diary section I'm pleased to confirm that our term dates for the next academic year (2026/27) have now been set. They are attached for your information and are also on the website.

Attendance

Whole school attendance up until Friday 17th October was 97.27%. We had 28 children recorded as late last week, which is a great improvement from the previous two weeks. Thank you for your continued support with our focus on attendance and punctuality. It really does help the children have the best start to their learning on a daily basis.

Parents' Evenings

Thank you to everyone who attended Parents' Evening appointments this week, it was lovely to see so many of you in school. I trust you found your appointment informative and have been reassured that your child has settled into their new year group and is making progress towards their new learning objectives.

Scholastic Book Fair – Friday 7th November – Tuesday 12th November

We will be holding a book fair after school from 3.30pm – 4.30pm, under the canopy outside the Year 3 and 4 classrooms, on the above dates. There will be a wide range of books available to choose from and payment will be by card only. We earn commission from our book sales which we can use to purchase new books for our school library, so I'd like to thank you in advance for supporting the fair.

PTA News

First of all a big hi from myself (Kate), Charlotte, Rachel and Rachael as the new PTA committee!

It's already been a busy start to us joining – as you know we've had Zack aka Steel with us today, which was arranged by the previous committee. It's been lovely to see all the children excited and really engaged this morning and also with our poster competition! Details of our lucky winners to follow.

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We have already started work on our **Sparkles Over School** winter event which will be held on **Friday 28th November** at Hartford Primary - please save the date, more information will follow after half term.

In addition to the PTA AGM minutes which we shared last week, please find attached our Chair's report and Treasure's report for last year for your information.

So, without further ado the lucky winners of our Healthy Eating Competition are as follows:

EYKR: Esme
EYEH: Charlotte
1JD: Niko
1CW: Charlotte
2EC: Eryn
2RB: Veera
3HE: Robyn
3GR: Alfie
4MH: Alfie
4JO: Jeffrey
5ES: Savannah
5CW: Zoe
6LO: Jayden
6LW: Hugo

Well done everyone! We'd like to thank each and every one of the children who took part in the competition, there were some fantastic entries. All of our winners will receive a signed photo of Zack.

Parents' Coffee Morning at Sandiway Primary School – Thursday 13th November 9.15am

Sandiway Primary School are delighted to welcome Kathryn Alexander from **SPOTSS** (Sensory Processing Occupational Therapy Support Service) to their upcoming parents' coffee morning on Thursday 13th November at 9.15am.

The SPOTSS team provides training, signposting, and resources for schools across Cheshire West and Chester (CWAC) and Cheshire East (CE). Their aim is to help introduce sensory processing approaches and offer practical tools for working with parents and young people to identify and implement effective sensory strategies that support children's regulation in school.

Kathryn will be able to share information and also answer questions and give advice.

If you would like to join her for the coffee morning, please email senco@sandiway.cheshire.sch.uk so that they can plan and organise the event.

A Message from Mrs Rowland (SENCO)

The Early Help Navigator Service is for all families and offers help and support in a range of areas. They are a listening ear. All you have to do is scan the QR code on the attached flyer and have a look to see what they cover.

Cheshire West and Chester Council also offer a Parent Carer Forum who offer help and support for families with Neurodivergent Children. Please click on the link below and have a look at the wealth of support they offer. They are holding a Neurodiversity Forum, on 13th November at Hartford Golf Club 9.30am - 1.30pm. If any of you attend and I really appreciate any feedback you can offer. <https://www.pcfcheshirewest.org/>

Their latest newsletter can be found here: <https://mailchi.mp/2189b28c4b5e/g84jy88giu-17464934>

SEND Information and Advice Service – I've attached a flyer from this service as they are holding local information sessions for parents with children who have additional needs.

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Face Family Support Sessions

Please find attached information about FACE Family Support sessions being held throughout November.

Cheshire Phoenix Basketball Half Term Camp

Attached is a flyer with further information regarding a basketball camp being held next week at Ellesmere Port Sports Village.

CA Alternative Futures October Half Term Holiday Club – Cuddington

The club offers sports and activity-based days with two qualified teachers in the local area. They specialise in working with children with EHCPs and SEMH needs, and welcome any pupils who would enjoy a calm, structured, and sociable holiday experience. Please see the attached flyer for further information.

Pumpkin Picking – Primrose Hill Nurseries, High Legh

If you're looking to pick your own pumpkin for Halloween, Primrose Hill Nurseries are open up until 31st October. They are holding extra activities over the weekend and during half term.

A reminder that we break up for half term today and Monday 3rd November is an Inset Day. Autumn 2 starts on Tuesday 4th November.

Have a lovely break everyone.

Kind regards

Mrs L Cade
Acting Headteacher