



HARTFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

HEADTEACHER'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

21st November 2025



Dear Parents, Carers and Families

What a difference today's weather is compared to last Friday's. Thank goodness! I hope you all weathered storm Claudia last weekend without too much disruption. Well it's been another busy week here at HPS, rehearsals are now well under way for our nativities, Year 2 have welcomed a visitor, Year 5 have been to St. John's and some of our Year 5 and 6 girls have taken part in a couple of sporting fixtures. We also held our final Come and Play session yesterday for prospective Early Years 2026 children and their parents. Read on to find out more:

Year 5 Visit to St. John's Church for Hartford High School's Performing Arts Extravaganza

Year 5 enjoyed a wonderful trip to St John's Church yesterday to watch Hartford High School's Performance Extravaganza. The children were treated to a vibrant showcase of talent, including musical performances in singing, piano, flute and orchestra, alongside engaging drama pieces—featuring an impressive Shakespeare extract—and captivating dance routines.

We were especially delighted to see so many of our former pupils shining on stage. Their confidence, skill and dedication made us incredibly proud.

Our current Year 5's were a credit to the school, showing excellent behaviour, enthusiasm, and appreciation throughout the event. The Year 5 have told me that it was a pleasure to take them, and it was a memorable morning for everyone involved.

Year 2 Visitor – Wings and Things

This week, Year 2 enjoyed a very special visit from 'Wings and Things'. The team brought along four real owls for us to meet—a little owl, a barn owl, and two magnificent eagle owls. The children were fascinated as they learned a range of interesting owl facts, which they'll be putting to good use in their upcoming English lessons, where they will be writing all about these incredible birds.

Dates For Your Diary

Monday 24th November – Early Years visit to St. John's Church
Tuesday 25th November – Rabbi David from Bowden Synagogue visiting Year 4
Thursday 27th November – Year 3 Trip to Beeston Castle
Friday 28th November – Sparkles Over School PTA Event and Non Uniform Day
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 2pm – 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 2pm – 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 14th November was 97.62%. Unfortunately, we've had 49 children recorded as late this week, 19 of these being today, which I imagine was largely due to the frosty weather this morning. Please allow extra time for your journey when the weather is poor.

A Sporting Update from Mr Cairns

The Year 5/6 girls' basketball team went to Rudheath Senior Academy for the Basketball Megafest this week. They had a fantastic time learning new skills and playing some matches. They did shooting, passing, and dribbling drills with helpers from the high school and local basketball club and were unbeaten in their matches. Well done everyone. If any girls would like to try basketball in a girls only session, there are spaces at Northwich Basketball Club. They

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train on a Monday night 7pm - 8pm at Rudheath Senior Academy. Email them at northwichbasketball@gmail.com or find them on facebook.com/NorthwichBasketball

The Year 5/6 girls' football team went to Crewe yesterday. They started slowly with a defeat to the eventual winners but after that they played amazingly well. They ran fast, tackled hard and scored some amazing goals. This saw them make the quarter finals where they played The Quinta. This was a tough game against a very good side who eventually beat us 2-0. All the girls should be very proud of their performance, well done everyone!

Today eight children from Year 5 and 6 have headed off to St. Nicholas' High School to take part in a Boccia and Curling competition. I'll let you know how they did next week.

PTA News

As a reminder we have our child friendly fireworks display next Friday 28th November - thank you to everyone who has already helped in the preparations - wrapping, raffle prizes or volunteering on the night. If you can help on the night even if just half an hour please email - pta@hartfordprimary.cheshire.sch.uk - especially if your company offers £ for £ matching (yes Barclays employees!).

Non Uniform Day & Tombola Prizes

In celebration of the event, Friday 28th November is non uniform day - we encourage to wear a little sparkle where you can! We are asking for donations of the following for this:

- EY, Yr 1, and Yr 2: Chocolate Donation
- Years 3 - 6 - Bottle donation - your choice!

Do not bring donations in before Friday as we don't have space to store them, just drop them off at the small hall on the morning. Thank you for your help as the stalls will only work with these (and as parents who have attended before the bottle tombola is a long standing favourite!)

Tokens

We have a range of stalls on the night for fundraising - bottle tombolas, Find Santa, snowmen shy, Name the Labubu (yes, we have one!!!), spin the wheel and more!! We use a tokens system (available to buy in £5 or £10 bags) that can be used on school stalls. Buy tonight after school outside the small hall or next Friday at drop off/pick up to save queuing on the night!

We also have 'Vincent Van Dough' selling pizzas (inc gluten free) and we have our bar selling a variety of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages - these will be cash or card payments.

Tickets

After the event was postponed last year due to a storm, anyone who purchased tickets will have these carried over. As we are a charity and fundraising for school, we want to make as much money as possible for the school and children therefore are asking attendees to make a voluntary donation. There is no obligation for those that did purchase tickets, but any contribution would be greatly appreciated, between £1 and £5 per person on ParentPay or on the door.

Raffle Tickets

Just a reminder to send back your stubs and monies next Monday 24th Nov - extra tickets are still available from the school office and the draw will take place on Monday 1st December.

Secondhand Children's Book Stall

Miss Crouch will be running a secondhand children's book stall at the PTA event on 28th November and is looking for donations of good quality preloved books. Please send these in either directly to 2EC or via the office. Thank you for your support. (Children's books only please.)



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Hartford Parish Council Community Events

Hartford Parish Council have asked us to advertise the following events on their behalf:

Hartford Christmas Light Up 2025, Saturday 22nd November

Celebrate Hartford's Christmas lights switch on with free mince pies and refreshments... plus meet Santa Claus! Join us at this free event on Hartford's Chester Road car park opposite the Co-op from 5.15pm. There will also be music from Hartford Church of England High School and St John's Church. Please note, the Chester Road car park will be closed to vehicles from 2.30pm until after the event.

Hartford Christmas Fayre, Saturday 29th November

Hartford's Christmas Elves look forward to welcoming you to the 2025 Christmas Fayre. It takes place from 11am to 3pm at [St John's Church and the Church Centre](#). Many local shops and businesses join in with the festive spirit too, so we highly recommend a visit to the village.

Entrance to the Fayre is free for visitors. Come along to browse unique Christmas gifts, enjoy free live music and performances, and buy hot food and sweet treats. Best of all... meet Santa Claus for free in his Grotto!

Children from our Young Voices choir will be performing at St. John's from 2pm – 2.30pm, please pop along and show them your support.

Free Christmas Children's Entertainment At Sandiway Library

Looking for ways to entertain the kids for free in the run up to Christmas, and over the holidays? If so, call in to Sandiway Library! Every day, they will have puzzles and colouring sheets available, plus their regular weekly free drop-in events for families. You can also join the following free festive events:

- Storytime and Craft – Thursday 11 December, 3.45 – 4.45pm
- Cantonese Storytime – Saturday 13 December, 11am – 12 noon
- Rhyme Time Christmas Party – Tuesday 16 December, 10.30 – 11.30am
- Storytime and Craft – Thursday 18 December, 3.45 – 4.45pm

There are lots of free events at other local libraries too. Find out more: [What's on in our Libraries](#)

Aside from their events, the library has all sorts of books to keep young minds entertained – including story books and non-fiction books, graphic novels, search-and-find books and more. These books are available in paper, as e-books, or as audio books.

It is free to join the library as a member, and no ID is required. You can join by phone, online, or in the library. As a member, you can access free Wi-Fi and refreshments, and you can use the computers for up to an hour a day, free-of-charge. Find out more about [Sandiway Library](#) and their opening times online or call 01606 271767.

FACE Family Support December Sessions

Please find attached a copy of December's timetable of support sessions being offered by FACE Family Support.

Northwich Comic Con - Brio Leisure Centre Saturday 22nd November 10am - 4pm

If you're looking for something to do tomorrow Northwich Comic Con is back! Visitors can expect to find fan favourite characters, including an assortment of Superheroes, Star Wars, and many more in attendance, with regular meet and greet opportunities for those wanting a photo with their favourites – with characters including Rex from Toy Story, Gengar, Alvin and of course the Grinch who will be giving away a free treat for those who come and see him. There will also be a variety of stalls where you can buy must-have merchandise and hard to find Christmas gifts, including toys, collectibles, trading cards, Funko pops, Lego, comics, action figures, artwork, games and more!

There will also be a cosplay competition on the day, with prizes to be won for the best dressed! You can also find replica prop sets and backdrops from fan favourite series, perfect for photo opportunities!

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

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Kind regards

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