



HARTFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

HEADTEACHER'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

28th November 2025



Dear Parents, Carers and Families

The excitement is certainly building as the day goes on ahead of our PTA Sparkles Over School event this evening. Lots of the children have chosen to wear their Christmas jumpers or sparkly party clothes today and I must say they look fabulous! Thank you for all your generous donations towards our tombolas, these are very much appreciated. I'm really looking forward to seeing you all later for the festivities and fireworks and I would like to say a huge thank you to our new PTA committee and their helpers for all the hard work they've put into organising the event for our children.

As ever we've had a busy week across school, read on to find out more:

Monday 24th November – Early Years visit to St. John's Church

On Monday afternoon Early Years walked down to St John's Church for their first educational visit outside of the classroom. When they arrived at church they were greeted by Teresa and her wonderful team. They explored the church and the story of the very first Christmas, dressing up to play the parts as Teresa spoke. Teresa taught us some new Christmas themed songs with actions, and we created a wonderful Christmas picture too! The children behaved beautifully and now can't wait for their next visit, to the ice cream farm on 5th December. A huge thank you to all the parent helpers who supported us, it is very much appreciated by us all.

Tuesday 25th November – Rabbi David from Bowden Synagogue visiting Year 4

Year 4 had a visit from Rabbi Dovid Y Lewis from Bowden Synagogue on Tuesday this week. The children really enjoyed listening to him as he told us all about the Jewish Festival of Hanukkah and how that's different to other festivals from different religions. He showed us some of the clothing that Jewish people wear in the synagogue including a special hat called a Kippah that covers the top of the head. He also brought in a special bread that Jewish people bake every week to eat during their Sabbath which is every Saturday. We even got to taste it! We all really enjoyed his visit.

Thursday 27th November – Year 3 Trip to Beeston Castle

Yesterday, Mrs G and Mrs Eyre took Year 3 on an exciting adventure to Beeston Castle. After climbing hundreds of steps, we reached the ruins of Beeston Castle and were amazed by the stunning views, we could even spot Jodrell Bank in the distance! The children also took part in a fascinating prehistoric workshop, exploring a roundhouse and learning all about life in an Iron Age hillfort thousands of years ago. Throughout the day, the children demonstrated our school's core values brilliantly, making us incredibly proud.

Thursday 27th November – Year 1 Geography Field Trip

As part of their geography unit on 'Our Local Area', Year 1 walked around the village on Thursday morning, identifying local landmarks like the church, shops, bus stops, the old fire station and the village mosaic. They have also been learning their own addresses and posting postcards to themselves - they are now eagerly waiting for them to arrive through their letterboxes! Their behaviour was exemplary, and we are very grateful to all of the parent volunteers who joined us.

Dates For Your Diary

Saturday 29th November – Young Voices Choir Performing at Hartford Christmas Fayre 2pm

Monday 1st December – Academy Photography in school, individual and sibling photographs

Friday 5th December – Early Years visit to The Ice Cream Farm

Friday 5th December – Year 1 Christmas Visit to St. John's

Wednesday 10th December – KS1 Nativity 2pm

Thursday 11th December – KS1 Nativity 2pm

Friday 12th December – Year 4 Visit to The Deva Centre

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 – Christmas Party Themed Lunch

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Friday 19th December – School closes for the Christmas break

Academy Photography

Don't forget the school photographer is in school next Monday to take individual and sibling photographs – please refer to the communication sent on Wednesday this week for further information.

Christmas Dinner and Christmas Party Themed Lunch Menus

Mrs Jones, our school cook, will be serving Christmas Dinner on Wednesday 17th December and a Christmas Party themed lunch on Friday 19th December. Please see the attached menus.

Attendance

Whole school attendance up until Friday 21st November was 97.13 %. Unfortunately, we've had 40 children recorded as late this week.

A Sporting Update from Mr Cairns

Last Friday eight Year 5 and 6 children headed off to St. Nicholas' Catholic High School for a boccia and new age kurling competition. They had a fantastic morning trying to get the red and blue boccia balls nearest to the jack and rolling the kurling stones onto the target (unfortunately without the ice and brushes used in Olympic kurling!).

The A team played very well and were just one point away from making it through to the kurling finals. The B team made the boccia final and went on to win in what was a very tense match. It was a very well run event with all of the children demonstrating our school values across the morning. Well done to everyone who took part.

PTA News

I don't think you'll need any reminding about tonight's event! Doors open at 5pm and we look forward to welcoming you to what promises to be a fun packed evening. Thank you to everyone who has already helped in the preparations – wrapping presents, donating raffle prizes or are volunteering later. Thank you also for all your donations towards the tombolas.

Tokens

We have a range of stalls - 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. These are on sale again after school if you want to avoid queueing tonight.

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 we are asking attendees to make a voluntary donation. There is no obligation for those that purchased tickets for last year's event, but any contribution would be greatly appreciated, between £1 and £5 per person on ParentPay or on the door.

CWAC Parent Carer Forum November Newsletter

This month the Cheshire West and Chester Parent Carer Forum hosted their first in-person neurodiversity forum, you can view the highlights inside the newsletter. They also represented families during the Local Area Ofsted Inspection and continued their work across key SEND groups with their partners. Please follow the link to access the newsletter.

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Hartford Church of England High School Christmas Craft Event Monday 8th December 3.30pm - 4.45pm

The high school are running a Christmas craft event on Monday 8th December for **Year 4 and 5 children**, please see the attached flyer for further information.

Hartford Christmas Fayre, Saturday 29th November

Hartford Parish Council have asked us to share the following:

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 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! Find out more: [Hartford Christmas Fayre 2025](#)

I will be accompanying Mrs Oldfield and some of the children from our Young Voices choir who are performing at St. John's from 2pm – 2.30pm, please pop along and show them your support.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards

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