



HARTFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

HEADTEACHER'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

5th December 2025



Dear Parents, Carers and Families

Firstly, I'd like to thank our wonderful PTA for organising last Friday's 'Sparkles Over School' event; it was a fabulous evening, and it was lovely to see so many of our families, past and present, enjoying themselves. Thank you all for your support. The PTA have further information for you in their section below.

Secondly, what a treat I've got in store today! I'm meeting our Early Years children at the Ice Cream Farm in Tattenhall for what promises to be a magical day. We will be exploring the fabulous play area, meeting Father Christmas in his Grotto, visiting the elf workshop, and of course we will have an ice cream treat! I understand from Mrs Rowland that the day started with great excitement when the children found out they were travelling on a double decker bus!

Year 1 are also out and about today and are visiting St. John's Church in the village for Christmas crafts and stories. I'll let you know how both visits went in next week's newsletter.

I had the pleasure of accompanying Mrs Oldfield, Mr Harris, Mrs Walker and a group of our Young Voices choir to Hartford village's Christmas Fair last Saturday, where they performed at St John's Church. Mrs Oldfield and I are so proud of all the hard work the children have put into their rehearsals and were blown away by their confident performances. Well done everyone!

The children in Year 1 and 2 have also been treated to performances from their peers this week. On Monday six of our Year 4, 5 and 6 children, who are currently learning to play the piano at school, performed some of the pieces that they've been learning. They were keen to show off their skills and provided us with a fabulous recital. The children amazed us not only with their beautiful playing but also with their maturity and bravery. They demonstrated fantastic knowledge of their learnt pieces as well as their technical abilities. Well done to all the children who performed.

As you know the school photographer was in school on Monday. We received the proofs of the photographs yesterday and these have been sent down to class for your child to bring home. The deadline for orders for free delivery to school is 9am on Wednesday 10th December.

Unfortunately, I've received a report from a parent about inconsiderate/dangerous parking/driving at drop off/pick up. The area they were particularly concerned about was the Grosvenor Avenue cul-de-sac, but I appeal to all parents who drive to school and park on the surrounding roads to park safely and considerately, for the sake of our children, families, and neighbours. We have reported the matter to our PCSO who will be patrolling the area over coming days. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Dates For Your Diary

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 – EYEH Come and Pick Up 2pm
Monday 15th December – KS2 Christmas Performance at St. John's 2pm – Years 3 & 5
Tuesday 16th December – EYKR Come and Pick Up 2pm
Wednesday 17th December – Christmas Dinner Day
Thursday 18th December – Epic Christmas Singalong at Hartford High – Years 2 - 6
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
Friday 19th December – School closes for the Christmas break

Christmas Dinner and Christmas Party Themed Lunch Menus

A reminder that Mrs Jones, our school cook, will be serving Christmas Dinner on Wednesday 17th December and a Christmas Party themed lunch on Friday 19th December. Menus for these were attached with last week's newsletter.

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Attendance

Whole school attendance up until Friday 28th November was 97.24 %. Unfortunately, we've had 34 children recorded as late this week, which is a slight improvement on the week before. Please make every effort to get your child to school on time, it really does help them get their learning off to the best start.

A Sporting Update from Mr Cairns

The Year 5/6 basketball team went to Rudheath Academy for the Vale Royal Partnership Final on Tuesday this week. They started where they left off in the first round, winning their first two games without conceding a point. They then came up against two very strong teams. Hartford defended well and scored a couple but could not find a way past the opposition. A third place finish was well deserved. The team were awarded the Spirit of the Games certificate at the end for the team who showed the best sporting values throughout the tournament. Well done boys!

The Year 6 football team headed off to Crewe yesterday having already won 4 tournaments this year. 16 of the strongest sides went to Crewe Academy with only the winners going through to the North Final. The group stages were straight forward with the team finishing 2nd after 5 wins and 2 defeats. This put them into a semi-final against Winsford High Street. A last minute goal meant they avoided the dreaded penalty shoot-out. It wasn't avoided for long though as Mablin Primary School defended well and hung on for a 0-0 draw. Penalties went to sudden death where we squeezed through in nail-biting fashion.

The final against Highfield Primary was a good game. Highfield edged the first half 1-0 but in the second half we played some great football to draw level. Unfortunately, we conceded from a corner with almost the last kick of the game to lose 2-1. The boys were upset at the end but still showed good sporting values, shaking hands with the other team and thanking the referee. Well done boys!

PTA News

Wow!! A big thank you to everyone who attended and donated prizes, entry money, or their time to the Sparkles Over School event last Friday! The team and I were overwhelmed with all the generosity from the whole school family.

We still have some financials to sort so we can confirm a final figure soon - but with the external stalls, fundraising stalls and donations and match funding (big thanks Matt and Nathan!) we are hoping to have raised from just the Friday event in excess of £5k for the school!

We then drew the raffle Monday (thank you to local businesses/parents who gave prizes!) - all winners have been contacted by the office and prizes are ready for collection in the office. Again, last financials (fancy term for bills to pay) to sort, but again we have been able to match fund this (thanks Becky!) so will have raised in excess of £2k for school!

We're taking a bit of a break now for the rest of half term – we may hold a small pop up coffee/hot drink takeaway before Christmas on a drop off one morning - but we will start planning next term soon.

Again, if you're interested in helping any time (especially if your employer offers match funding) at an event or behind the scenes please let the PTA know. Just from three parents support we will have had over £2k in match funding - it really makes a HUGE difference... and the coffee morning will be match funded too.

Lost property at the event – a child's purse was found when we cleared up at the end of the night. We've handed it to ladies in the office. Please contact them, with a description, if your child has lost a purse.

Plea For Clothing Items

The Early Years team have asked me to put a request out for any spare socks, pants, knickers, tights that your children may have grown out of but are still usable. Their stock of items to be used in case of 'little accidents' is running low. Please send any donations either directly to Early Years or via the office, thank you.



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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**. A flyer for this event was sent out with last week's newsletter.

Hartford Church of England High School Christmas Sing Wednesday 10th December 3.30pm – 4.30pm

This event is open to children in Years 4, 5 and 6 and the relevant parents will have received an email yesterday enclosing an invitation from the high school.

Christmas Events at St. John's Hartford

St. John's have a number of events on over the coming weeks which you may like to attend:

Have Ewe Herd? - On Saturday 13th December at 4pm, St. John's will be hosting (jointly with Christchurch Greenbank) a pantomime nativity by 4FrontTheatre. This is completely free to come to, but tickets must be booked in advance. They can be booked via the QR code below, by following this link <https://hartfordgreenbank.churchsuite.com/events/tmvoor5i> or by phoning Christchurch office on 01606 77277.

St. John's would also like to invite you and your family to come to one or more of their Christmas services. The ones that are most suited to families are the Christingle service on Sun 21st December at 10am, either of the Christmas Eve Family Carols, which are on at 3pm and again at 5pm, and of course the 'all age' service on Christmas Day itself. Please see the attached flyer.

CWAC Living Well Newsletter

Please see below the link to CWAC's latest Living Well newsletter.

In the newsletter you will find:

- Tell us about any gaps in services – there is still time before the next report early next year
- You Told Us, We Are Listening – Check out our timeline to see what we've been working on tell us what works, what doesn't and how we can make things better
- SEND Open Evening at Warrington and Vale Royal - Discover the support, care, and range of opportunities that make
- learning accessible to everyone at Warrington & Vale Royal College.
- Autism Service Transition to High School Online Event – come along, meet the team, and attend informative workshops
- Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Winter – Free, winter holiday activity clubs for children eligible for free school meals
- Healthy Child Programme Consultation – Have your say on changes to services for families
- [Live Well Newsletter - December | Live Well Cheshire West](#)

Weaverham Library Christmas Activities

Please see the attached flyer for information about Christmas activities being held at Weaverham library.

Changing Lives Together – Recycles

Finally, you may remember I included a piece in the last newsletter of 2024/25 about a bicycle recycling scheme that Mr Beckley, now one of our Year 4 parents, asked me to publicise. The scheme is offered by the company Mr Beckley works for: Changing Lives Together and I thought now might be the ideal time to give it another mention with a certain red suited visitor arriving later this month; perhaps with new bicycles for the children, meaning you need to find a home for their old ones.

Changing Live Together are a charity based in Winsford and they run a recycling scheme for old and unwanted bicycles. Their mission is to save bikes from going to waste by refurbishing and reusing them, offering low cost bicycles and quality bicycle services for everyone. From toddlers to adults, they provide a wide range of low cost bicycles that have been carefully serviced and restored with new parts to ensure they're as good as new. If you'd like to donate a bicycle, they offer a **FREE** collection service within Cheshire West and Chester, Cheshire East and Warrington. They can be contacted via their website <https://www.changing-lives-together.org.uk/bicycle-donations> or



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email: donations@changing-lives-together.org.uk or via WhatsApp: 07523270677. I'm sure you'll agree that this is a fabulous scheme.

Have a great weekend everyone.

Kind regards

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