



HARTFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

HEADTEACHER'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

23rd January 2026



Dear Parents, Carers and Families

I've been looking ahead to what we have planned over the next few weeks and can see that we have lots of exciting educational visits and experiences for the children coming up. Year 6 are the first year group to go off site when they go to Tatton Park for their Victorian Day during the first week in February. We also have our Young Voices choir performing at the Co-Op Live arena this week and I'm very much looking forward to accompanying the children to this fabulous event. Before we break up for half term Year 1 will be visiting Manchester airport to enhance their learning of their history topic of transport. I'd like to thank all the staff concerned for organising these amazing visits to help support and enhance our children's learning.

Thank you to all of our Year 4 parents who came to the meeting on Wednesday regarding their children's residential trip to Tattenhall this June, I trust you found the meeting helpful. Information from the meeting will be shared via email to all parents.

A reminder to our Year 2 parents that their residential meeting will be held in Mrs Moore's Hall at 5pm on Wednesday 28th January. Your child is welcome to attend with you.

Dates For Your Diary

Wednesday 28th January – Year 2 Burwardsley Residential Meeting for Parents, Mrs Moore's Hall – 5pm
Tuesday 3rd February – 6LO Victorian Day Visit to Tatton Park
Wednesday 4th February – 6LW Victorian Day Visit to Tatton Park
Thursday 5th February – Young Voices Choir Performance at Co-Op Live Arena – Young Voices 2026
Monday 9th February – Year 1 Visit to Manchester Airport
Wednesday 11th February – Early Years Come and Play EYEH
Thursday 12th February – Early Years Come and Play EYKR
Friday 13th February – Break up for half term
Monday 23rd February – School reopens for Spring 2
Friday 27th February – Year 5 Visit to Jodrell Bank
Tuesday 3rd March – Year 2 Visit to Chester Cathedral
Monday 16th March – Friday 20th March – Science Week

A Sporting Update From Mr Cairns

The Year 5 and 6 hockey teams had a fantastic time at the Hartford High School Quicksticks Hockey Competition on Tuesday this week. There was a great atmosphere, with children playing in a friendly yet competitive environment. The A team played some extremely good hockey, winning every game in the group stage to make the final. The B team improved throughout and were so close to making it a Hartford v Hartford final, missing out by one point.

In the final, the children played against Hartford Manor. They started very quickly and scored two fantastic team goals. Hartford Manor pulled a late goal back, but it was not enough to stop our children claiming victory and going on to the Partnership Final in February, well done to everyone who took part.

The Year 3 dodgeball team headed off to Cuddington Primary School yesterday for a Create Learning Trust event. They played amazingly well against the teams from Cuddington, Sandiway and Little Leigh. There were dodgeballs flying everywhere, with teachers on the sidelines even taking blows!! The boys did very well, finishing 2nd overall.

Attendance

Whole school attendance up until Friday 16th January was 96.97%. We've had 27 children recorded as late this week, which is a marked improvement on previous weeks. Thank you for your support with our focus on attendance and punctuality, it really does make a big difference to your child's progress.

Bicycles And Scooters On Site

As a school we encourage the children to come to school on foot or indeed by riding their bike or scooter. This not only is a great way to start the day with some exercise, but it also helps to ease the congestion around school. However I'd like to remind everyone that children should dismount as they come through the gates and wheel their bike/scooter round to the bike shed or mushrooms for parking. We've had a number of near misses on the playground this week where children have almost collided with other children or adults. The same applies at the end of the day,

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please don't allow your child to ride their bike or scooter until they've left school premises. I'm sure you'll appreciate that the start and end of the day are extremely busy times on the playground and I'd like to minimize the risk of potential accidents and injuries. Thank you for your support.

Fundraising Sweet Sale – Monday 26th January After School Outside Mrs Moore's Hall

I've been delighted to hear that a former pupil, Bethany Knight, will be representing Mid-Cheshire at the World Scout Jamboree in Poland 2027. To help with her fundraising to enable her to attend the event she will be selling sweets outside Mrs Moore's Hall on Monday 26th January after school. Card and cash payments will be accepted and the sweets cost £1 a bag. Good luck Bethany!



The Princess And The Pea – Sandiway Pantomime Group

Sandiway Pantomime Group will be performing The Princess and the Pea from next Thursday 29th January until Sunday 1st February. Please see the attached flyer for details of how to obtain tickets.

Sandiway Library – Information And Events

Sandiway library have asked us to share the following information:

At Sandiway Library, everyone is welcome. Here are six reasons to pay us a visit:

1. Relax in our comfortable seating areas and enjoy free Wi-Fi and refreshments
2. Book to use a computer for an hour a day, or reserve an iPad to use at home, free of charge
3. Study at one of our tables, on your own or with friends
4. Print out your homework. Print up to 5 pages, black-and-white, free of charge. To print more copies, or to print in colour, charges apply
5. Borrow books, graphic novels, dyslexia-friendly books, audio books, e-magazines and e-books, free of charge
6. Join our free clubs and activities. See three examples below, or more online:
 - Dream Big Art Club: Get creative and make new friends at this club for young people aged 11 to 16. It takes place from 3.45pm to 4.45pm on Mondays 26 Jan, 9 Feb, 23 Feb, 9 Mar and 23 Mar 2026. To book, call 01606 271767 or book online: [Dream Big Art Club](#).
 - Cantonese Storytelling: Join us for stories in Cantonese plus a craft activity, from 11am to 12.15pm on the third Saturday of each month. All are welcome. No need to book.
 - Rhyme Time: Enjoy singing and rhymes for pre-school children, from 10.30am to 11.30am on Tuesdays. No need to book.

It is free to join the library, and you don't need any ID to join. To find out more and to join, call in us to see us at Mere Lane, phone 01606 271767 or go online: [Libraries | Cheshire West and Chester Council](#).

WPRFC February Half Term Rugby and Football Camp

WPRFC are running a football/rugby camp over half term. The camp is suitable for newbies to rugby, or the most experienced players. Please see the attached flyer for further information.

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Cheshire FA February Half Term Football Camp

Please see the attached flyers for boys and girls football camps being hosted by Cheshire FA over half term.

STEM Skill Club February Half Term - The Grange School Sports Centre

This club is suitable for children aged 8 – 13, please see the attached flyer for further details.

Alternative Futures February Half Term Holiday Club Cuddington Youth Community Centre

Details of another holiday club being offered over half term is attached for your information.

Funfest Holiday Club

Please find attached details of a half term holiday club being run at both Hartford Manor and Great Budworth primary schools.

Superstars Holiday Club

Superstars are running multi sports, football, dance & lego sessions during half term and currently have a 10% discount offer on which will end Friday 30th January at 23:59pm. Flyer attached for information.

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Kind regards

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