



HARTFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

HEADTEACHER'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

30th January 2026



Dear Parents, Carers and Families

Another week has flown by! On Monday morning Early Years and Year 1 welcomed Puddle the duck from Puddle Ducks Mid Cheshire into school for a special assembly all about water safety. The children listened brilliantly and enjoyed this interactive session where they learnt all about staying safe around water, how to float, tread water, call for help and rescue someone if needed. Puddle the duck awarded all the children a sticker and certificate for their participation. Attached to the newsletter is a voucher which entitles every child to a free trial lesson with Puddle Ducks.

Thank you to all of our Year 2 parents who came to the meeting on Wednesday regarding their children's residential trip to Burwardsley this June, I trust you found the meeting helpful. Information from the meeting will be shared via email to all parents.

Dates For Your Diary

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
Tuesday 10th February – Year 4 Visit to Lion Salt Works
Wednesday 11th February – Early Years Come and Play EYEH
Thursday 12th February – Early Years Come and Play EYKR
Friday 13th February – Non Uniform Day
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
Wednesday 4th March – PTA Meeting 5.30pm
Thursday 5th March – World Book Day
Monday 16th March – Friday 20th March – Science Week

Attendance

Whole school attendance up until Friday 23rd January was 97.03%. Unfortunately, we've had 56 children recorded as late this week, 19 of which were on Tuesday. I understand that on occasion there will be circumstances beyond your control which impact your journey and I believe traffic was a particular issue on Tuesday. That being said, knowing how congested Hartford can be during peak times please do allow plenty of time for your journey to school.

Children With Mobile Phones

Some of our children in upper KS2 (Years 5 and 6) bring a mobile phone to school in line with our mobile phone policy detailed below:

Children in upper KS2 are permitted to bring mobile phones into school for the following reasons:

- *Travelling to school by themselves*
- *Young carers who need to be contactable*

Phones must be switched off before entering the school gates and stowed in the class mobile phone box on arrival.

Pupils are not permitted to use their mobile phone during the school day.

I'd like to reinforce the fact that the children should not be using their phones on/near school grounds at the start and end of the school day. As a school, we've reiterated to the children that they are not allowed to turn their phone on at the end of the day until after they've left school premises. I'd appreciate parental support with the same message being delivered regarding the start of the day – your child should not have their phone out as they are waiting for the gates to open in the morning. Thank you in advance for your support.

PTA Update

It may seem quiet from a PTA comms perspective, but things are all going behind the scenes! Our next formal PTA meeting is on Wednesday 4th March at 5.30pm, and it will be great for as many of you to come as possible to hear updates and future plans.

Unfortunately, Rachel Tomlinson has stepped down from the committee as Secretary after her son changed schools, but we thank her for all her support last term. That leaves that position open on the committee (and anyone else!) who wants to join. The

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workload can be as much or as little as you want - finding prizes, helping at events, social media. We're a little but lovely group and happy to meet anyone for a coffee who wants to know more prior to joining.

Non Uniform Day: Friday 13th February:

School will be holding a Non-Uniform Day on Friday 13th Feb to mark the end of their "Children's Mental Health Week" activities. Communication was sent out yesterday to all families. Children are encouraged to wear something that represents themselves with a £1 voluntary donation on ParentPay/cash on the day which will go towards the ongoing My Happy Mind subscription

Winner Bars for World Book Day

To celebrate World Book day (Thursday 5th March) the PTA will be running a 'Winner Bar' event, selling chocolate bars (95g size) where a number of lucky children will find a golden ticket hidden inside their Winner Bar, which can be exchanged for a prize.

There are some fantastic prizes to win, we have UA Trampoline and other vouchers, different gifts from Smiggle as well as some fantastic school related prizes (like a class golden table, extra playtime and even the opportunity to choose the morning lesson)

Winner Bars will be available to purchase on ParentPay shortly and Pre-purchased bars will be distributed to the classes on World Book day. We will still be running a PTA stall at the end of the school day on 5th March for anyone who would like to buy additional. This stock will be limited so we recommend you pre-pay to ensure you don't miss out. Further comms once launched on Parent Pay will follow

Preloved Uniform

A reminder that we run a preloved uniform shop to help raise funds for the PTA. Please contact school using this email address preloveduniform@hartfordprimary.cheshire.sch.uk and let us know your requirements and your child's name and class.

Free February Half Holiday Club Places For Children On Free School Meals

CA Alternative Futures have secured funding to enable them to offer a limited number of holiday club places for those children on Free School Meals. Please see the attached flyer for further information.

Brio Holiday Club Provision For Children On Free School Meals

Information is attached regarding the holiday club provision being offered by Brio this half term. These sessions are free for those children entitled to free school meals.

Parent Carer Forum January News

Please find attached the January newsletter from CWAC's Parent Carer Forum.

Cheshire Forest School Half Term Holiday Club

Please find attached a flyer regarding a holiday club being run by Cheshire Forest School this half term.

FACE Family Support

Flyers attached regarding the February timetable of sessions being run by FACE Family Support along with a specific session designed to help support a child with ADHD.

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Kind regards

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Acting Headteacher