



HARTFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

HEADTEACHER'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

6th February 2026



Dear Parents, Carers and Families

It's been a busy one this week with both of our Year 6 classes going to Tatton Park for their Victorian Day and our Young Voices choir performing at the Co-Op Live Arena last night. More about Year 6's Tatton Trip in a moment. As I accompanied our Young Voices choir to the performance last night, I'd like to give them a massive shout out for being just fabulous! We had an amazing time and I'm sure the children will treasure the memories they made. There are a few tired faces around school today and that includes some of the staff! Speaking of which I'd like to thank Mrs Ovenden, Mrs Oldfield, Miss Thompson, and Mrs Walker for all their hard work and commitment. Young Voices is a big undertaking with weekly rehearsals and of course a long day on the day of the concert itself. However, the joy on the children's faces as they perform certainly makes it worthwhile, well done everyone you were ace!

Next week is looking equally busy as Year 1 are going to Manchester airport on Monday to support their current topic of transport and Year 4 are off to the Lion Salt Works for a visit to further support their current topic of the Romans. Plus Early Years have their come and play sessions and of course we have our non-uniform day on Friday to round off Children's Mental Health Week.

Year 6 Visit to Tatton Park

As part of Year 6's learning about the Industrial Revolution and the Victorian Era they travelled back in time this week to 1826 where they were interviewed for the position of a servant for Lord and Lady Egerton at Tatton Park Mansion. Whilst there the children carried out various duties including scrubbing floors, preparing the table for afternoon tea and baking scones. The children worked incredibly hard and followed the many many rules a servant is given, remaining seen but not heard, and were all offered a position working with the family!

Young Voices 2026 – A Message From Mrs Ovenden – Young Voices Lead

What a fantastic evening we had celebrating the 30th anniversary of the Young Voices concert at the Co-op Live Arena in Manchester last night. From rehearsals through to the final performance, the children were enthralled by the incredible Young Voices band and singers, guest artists and the Urban Striders street dancers. Their behaviour was exemplary and they were a real credit to Hartford Primary. After a very late night, there were plenty of bleary faces this morning – staff included! Thank you to all the families and friends who came along to support us and make the evening so special.

When we have a trip going out, Mr Matt and Mr James do try and put traffic cones on the road opposite school to assist with parking for the coach and to keep traffic flowing past school. Unfortunately this week we've noticed that the cones are being moved or ignored. In order to ease traffic congestion around school and indeed maintain the safety of the children please don't park in the coned area. Thank you for your support.

Dates For Your Diary

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 30th January was 97.01%. We've had 35 children recorded as late this week, a marked improvement on last week. Please do make every effort to get your child to school on time, it really makes such a difference to their whole day and their readiness for learning.

A Sporting Update From Mr Cairns

On Tuesday, the Year 5 and 6 indoor athletics team went to Rudheath Academy for the Vale Royal Partnership Final. Having already won one round, they were taking on the 8 strongest teams in the area. The event was of a very high

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standard and run in a great atmosphere. The children performed brilliantly, winning running races as well as throwing, jumping and bouncing events. When the final results were announced, Hartford came a very close 2nd to Davenham. Well done to everyone who took part.

Our KS2 children have been learning about the Winter Olympics in assembly today. Each class has been allocated a country to support, and an extra playtime will be awarded to the class whose country comes highest in the medal table! There are also extra tokens on offer if any child tells me they watched a Great Britain athlete win a medal at the Games. We will be doing some Winter Olympic based activities in PE next week.

PTA Update

A reminder of our forthcoming events:

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. 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. Please see the attached flyer for further information of what we have available.

Hartford Events and Information From Hartford Parish Council

Art club for 11 - 16 year olds - Tuesdays, 4 – 5pm, Hartford Village Hall

Get creative and make new friends! Book now for sessions on February 10th and 24th, and March 3rd, 10th, 24th and 31st 2026. The cost is £18 for 6 sessions, or pro-rata if you join later in the year. The cost includes materials and refreshments. Concessions are available. Places are limited. All proceeds go to NSPCC.

Contact Linda on 07813 662 654 for more information, and to book your place and arrange payment. This is a Hartford NSPCC event supported by Hartford Parish Council.

Craft for kids aged 5 – 11 - Weds 18th February, Hartford Village Hall

Sessions: 10am -12 noon and 1.30pm to 3.30pm

Want to try painting, knitting and other crafts? Hartford NSPCC invites children aged 5 to 11 to these fun craft sessions. Entrance is £3 per child and includes materials and refreshments. All proceeds go to NSPCC.

To book your place, contact Linda on 07813 662 654 then pay on the door on the day. Children are the responsibility of their parents/carers and must be supervised at all times. This is a Hartford NSPCC event supported by Hartford Parish Council.

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Hartford's Community Facilities

Have your say on Hartford's community facilities - fill out our survey by Friday 20th February 2026

Hartford Parish Council is exploring how our community facilities – including the [Village Hall](#), [Green Field Pavilion](#) and Cricket Pavilion can best serve local residents and we invite you to fill out our survey.

The aim of the survey is to build a clearer picture of what matters most to the community, including how existing facilities are being used, what could be improved, and what new opportunities or activities would be most valued. We want to hear from a wide range of residents. Whether you use local venues regularly, occasionally, or not at all, your perspective is important.

Please take a few minutes to complete the survey. Your responses will be treated in confidence and reported in summary form only. You can fill out the survey on paper via the pull-out in February's Hartford News magazine, or online: [Developing Hartford's community facilities](#)

Holiday Fun For Kids And Teens

Looking for ways to entertain children and teens over the school holidays? There are lots of free or low-cost activities, in and around Hartford. Take a look at our summary of what is on offer: [Holiday fun for children and teens](#). Any other activities we can add to this list? Please contact clerks@hartfordparishcouncil.org.uk.

Local Support

If you are struggling to pay bills and cover essential costs of living, please take a look at our summary of organisations in the local area that can help: [Cost of living support](#).

We have also put together a summary of local [mental health support](#), [energy support](#), and [support getting online](#). Please contact clerks@hartfordparishcouncil.org.uk if you know of any support services that we can add to these summaries.

February Half Term Fun At Sandiway Library

Looking for ways to entertain the kids this February half-term? If so, come and visit us at Sandiway Library. We have books for children and teens of all ages – including fiction, non-fiction, picture books, search-and-find books, and graphic novels like Dog Man, Bunny vs Monkey and One Piece. We also have e-books, audio books, e-magazines, and dyslexia-friendly books. It is free to join the library and borrow books, and you don't need any ID to join.

You can also enjoy lots of activities during the week which are free of charge, please see the attached flyer.

To find out more, call in us to see us at Mere Lane, phone 01606 271767 or go online: [Libraries | Cheshire West and Chester Council](#).

Junior Bake Off Contestants Required

We've been contacted by the Chanel 4 team in charge of Junior Bake Off, they are looking for contestants aged between 9-15 for series 12 of the show, interested bakers can apply online at - www.applyforjuniorbakeoff.co.uk Please see the attached flyer for further information.

Have a lovely weekend everyone and don't forget it's non-uniform day next Friday. The staff are looking forward to seeing lots of different outfits representing what makes the children happy.

Kind regards

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Mrs L Cade
Acting Headteacher