



HARTFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

HEADTEACHER'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

13th February 2026



Dear Parents, Carers and Families

I can't believe that we are at the end of another Half Term, how quickly this year is passing by. I hope all our families have a fun and restful week off, and that we return to warmer and less wet weather on Monday 23rd February.

It's been such a joy to see the children wearing what "makes them happy" in school today, to mark Children's Wellbeing Week. Outfits have included Cheerleaders, Scouts, Brownies, Disney Princesses, Vets, children proudly representing their sports and clubs, and of course, lots and lots of football kits! It's been such a positive way to end this half term.

This week Year 1 visited Manchester Airport Runway Visitors Park and Year 4 the Lion Salt Works, bringing classroom education to life in an enriching and fun way. We have also welcomed parents and family members in for our Early Years Come and Play sessions.

After half term Year 5 are looking forward to visiting Jodrell Bank on Friday 27th February, and also World Book Day on Thursday 5th March – more details of which can be found below.

School Council Update: Children's Mental Health Week Activities

The School Council have been working over the past few weeks to prepare activities across the school for Children's Mental Health Week. The children delivered assemblies to KS1 & KS2 about this year's theme 'This Is My place'. They discussed where we feel we belong and how to make people feel they belong at school and around us. They have implemented individual and class competitions around belonging and cannot wait to look at all the entries after half term - especially the class songs and raps about what makes each class special and somewhere people feel safe and comfortable!

Year 1 Visit to the Runway Visitors Park

On Monday Year 1 enjoyed a super visit to the Runway Visitor Park at Manchester Airport. We had a fabulous tour of the Park and even got to see Concorde! We learnt about the different parts of a plane and watched the biggest plane in the world land on the runway. Then we had the chance to dress up and act out the roles of all the different jobs connected with an airport. The visit supported our History topic on Transport to help us compare transport in the past with modern day air travel. We were extremely proud of our children who listened well and behaved impeccably throughout the day!

Year 4 Visit to the Lion Salt Works

Year 4 had a fascinating trip on Tuesday to the Lion Salt Museum in Wincham. The children were very excited to see actual salt pans that were used in the salt making process and the effect that the mining had on the landscape around Northwich. They enjoyed interacting with the hands-on exhibits and even carried out their own experiments to make their own salt and investigate why salt was so important to people in the past and why it continues to be important today. The trip really helped the children to "live" what we've been learning about in the classroom.

Dates For Your Diary

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
Monday 23rd March – School Photographer Class and Year 6 Leavers Photos

Attendance

Whole school attendance up until Friday 6th February was 96.94%. We've had 33 children recorded as late this week, another 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.

Safer Internet Day

Safer Internet Day 2026 took place this week, with learning based around the theme 'Smart tech, safe choices – Exploring the safe and responsible use of AI'. Everyone's talking about AI, and with many children and young people hearing about and using AI online, it's important they have the skills and confidence to make safe choices when they are using smart technology. In school we discussed the impact of AI on all of our lives, looked at how AI can be used for good, and gave

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advice and guidance that empowers people to use AI safely and responsibly. Please find attached some information for parents regarding the safe use of AI.

World Book Day – Thursday 5th March

This year, we are celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 5th March.

To celebrate the day, we would like to invite the children to come to school dressed up in a way which celebrates reading. This could be as their favourite character, dressed in PJs for a bedtime story or a simple clue to reading for example a plain t-shirt with a word/quote written on it.

Costume Swap: we fully understand that the cost of buying a new costume for World Book Day is prohibitive for some families. To support this, we will be running a “Costume Swap”. Please have a look over half term whether you have any spare costumes you are happy to donate/swap and drop them off into the school office between Monday 23rd and Friday 27th February. We will then run a “Costume Swap” on **Friday 27th February** at the end of the school day (3.10pm onwards) in the outdoor classroom

World Book Day message from our Local Libraries: Public libraries are hosting their highly successful Fancy Dress Swaps again this year in preparation for World Book Day. Using the scheme could not be easier: donate any unwanted costumes to the library or see what outfits they have and take them for no charge, it's that simple. Participating libraries are Barnton, Frodsham, Hope Farm, Little Sutton, Wharton and Winsford. And why not use the opportunity to borrow a book or join the library while you're there? Joining a child is free and easy and does not require ID. There are no late charges for Under 13s.

PTA Update: Winner Bars for World Book Day

To celebrate World Book day (Thursday 5th March) the PTA are 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 now 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.

Have a fabulous half term and we'll see you all again on Monday 23rd February.

Kind regards

Mrs L Cade
Acting Headteacher



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Please find below a list of community events and support sessions we have been made aware of that our families are welcome to access.

1st Hartford Scouts Activities

Please find attached two flyers regarding fundraising events for 1st Hartford Scouts:

- Bedding Plant sale - order by 17th April
- Car Wash on 28th February at The Grange School Car Park

Museum Explorers Activities

Museum Explorer sessions that will be running over February half term across our museums.

Alongside Museum Explorers we will also be offering the following free crafts:

- Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th - Make your own paper mosaic inspired by our Roman collections – 10:30 – 15:30 @ The Grosvenor Museum, Chester
- Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th - Celebrate the start of the Chinese Year of the Horse by making your own horse model -10:30 – 15:30 @ Lion Salt Works, Northwich
- Thursday 19th and Friday 20th - Give Spring a helping hand by making a paper 'handy flowerpot' – 10:30 – 15:30 @ Weaver Hall Museum & Workhouse, Northwich

CWAC Parent/Carer Forum

Please [click on this link](#) to access all the half term events being held

Face Family Advice:

Will be running a free talk for parents on "Anxiety Based School Avoidance" on the 26th March. Flyer attached

Winnington Park Rugby Club:

Winnington Park RFC invite our students to an historic day of sport at **Burrows Hill**. On **Saturday, 21st February**, we are celebrating the incredible success of the Red Roses by hosting the official **Women's Rugby World Cup trophy!**

This is a rare opportunity for young people in our local community to see the trophy in person and engage with women's rugby at a grassroots level.

Event Schedule: Saturday, 21st February

- **12:15 PM:** Event Begins
- **12:20 PM:** The Trophy Arrives (Photo opportunities available 📷)
- **12:50 PM:** Guard of Honour
- **1:00 PM:** Winnington Park Ladies vs. Vagabonds Ladies (IoM) Kick-off
- **1:10 PM – 2:00 PM: Winnington Park Sirens Fun Session** – A beginner-friendly introduction to rugby for girls.

🍌 Special Offer for Girls (Years 4–11)

To encourage participation, any girl who joins our Winnington Park Sirens Fun Session or participates in the Mascot/Guard of Honour lineup will receive a FREE hot dog!

Note for Parents: No prior rugby experience is needed for the Sirens session. It is designed as a "have a go" session focused entirely on fun, fitness, and inclusion.

🏠 For the Families

Our clubhouse will be open all afternoon, featuring the Six Nations on the big screens. With a full bar and food service available, it promises to be a fantastic atmosphere for the whole family.

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We would be very grateful if you could share this invitation with your students and parents via your school newsletter or digital platforms. (I've included suggested post and flyer below)

We look forward to welcoming your students to the club!

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 24th, and March 3rd, 10th, 24th and 31st 2026. The cost is £15 for 5 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 18 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.

Have your say on Hartford's community facilities

- Fill out our survey by Friday 20 February 2026.
- Hartford Parish Council is exploring how our community facilities – including the [Village Hall](#), [Green Field Pavilion](#) and the Cricket Pavilion on Grange Park – can best serve local residents. We invite you to fill out our survey by the end of Friday 20 February 2026.
- The aim of the survey is to build a clearer picture of what matters most to the community - including how existing facilities are 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 here: [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. See our summary of what is on offer: [Holiday fun for children and teens](#).

Local support

- If you are struggling to pay bills and cover essential costs of living, please see our summary of local organisations that can help with [cost of living support](#). We have also put together summaries of local [mental health support](#), [energy support](#), and [support getting online](#).