



HARTFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

HEADTEACHER'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

27th February 2026



Dear Parents, Carers and Families

Welcome back to our Spring 2 term, I do hope you enjoyed a restful but fun half term. WE are all waiting for the weather to improve and a few more blue skies, hopefully they won't be too far away now.

This week has already been a busy one, with multiple sporting events and Year 5 visiting Jodrell Bank today. Our Early Years pupils experienced our amazing Forest School for the first time and loved every moment of it. Their behaviour and engagement was a joy to see.

Excitement is mounting for World Book Day next week – a real highlight of our year. with our staff members planning their costumes. Year 2 are looking forward to visiting Chester Cathedral next Tuesday, and we are hoping for as much support as possible at our PTA Meeting on Wednesday.

Sporting Update from Mr Cairns

It was a fantastic week for Hartford's sports teams. It started on Tuesday with the hockey team. They had already won one round and went to Weaverham High School for the Vale Royal Partnership Final. They played some superb passing hockey, defended their goal resolutely and were unbeaten during the tournament. They were even chosen for the Spirit of the Games Award for their sporting values during the afternoon. They will now go to the County Final in March in Alderley Edge.

On Wednesday, 16 gymnasts headed to Cheshire Gymnastics at Moss Farm. They had put lots of effort in over the half term to prepare for the event and all performed brilliantly. They all did two vaults, performed their routine and did some partner balances. All children were amazing but four children came away with a medal. Freddie and Jasper were rewarded for their partner balances and Penelope and Zelie came joint second overall. The girls will now go to the County Final in March.

On Thursday the netball team went to Hartford High School for the netball competition. In the group stages they won 16-1, 18-0 and 25-1 to progress to the semi finals. They met Cuddington who they beat 10-1 and went to the final against Davenham. The first two points of the game went to Davenham but the girls did not panic. They played some fast paced passing netball and started to make their shots and came out 12-6 winners. They will now go to the County Final in Warrington.

Finally, it was so nice to see how many children had watched the Winter Olympics. So many came to me this week to let me know they had seen gold medals won in skeleton and snowboard cross and how they loved watching the curling.

Attendance

Whole school attendance up until Friday 13th February was 96.92%. We've had 33 children recorded as late this week, which is a similar number to just before half term. 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.

World Book Day – Thursday 5th March

We are very much looking forward to World Book Day next Thursday 5th March, hopefully you received the details comms which were sent out at the start of this week. But to remind you:

Children are invited 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 Reminder: 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



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World Book Day Menu: to add to the excitement, our kitchen staff will be serving a special “Julia Donaldson” themed school dinner, details of which are below.

WORLD BOOK DAY

Thursday 5th March

The Gruffalo's Margherita Style Chicken served with Sautéed Potatoes & Peas

Room on the Broom Cheese Pie served with Chips & Baked Beans
Vegetarian Option Available

The Giants and the Joneses Jacket Potato Selection served with Various Fillings and a side Salad

Zog's Chocolate Mousse
Fresh Fruit Platter

Edsential CATERING

PTA Update

Winner bars! Today marks the last day for ordering your winner bars in Parent Pay to celebrate world book day! We have some fab prizes of UA trampoline voucher, smiggles merchandise and school prizes for the pupils class! Those pre bought will select their bars at the end of the day in class and there will be a small selection available to purchase on the day outside the school hall.

PTA meeting Wednesday 4th March: Next Wednesday we are holding a short PTA update meeting at 1730 in the small school hall with updates on the activities done to date and share ideas for the rest of the school year. It would be great to see as many of you there as possible as everyone is automatically a member when their children become pupils!

We also have a secretary role available on the committee which we are required to have filled as part of the charity trustee requirements. This is to help run the meetings and capture minutes then you can be involved as much or little in the events we run. If you want to find out more or are interested please email the PTA or come along to the meeting. Attached is the proposed agenda and minutes from the last meeting which was our AGM.

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.



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Dates For Your Diary

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
Wednesday 25th March – EYKR Come and Pick up 2pm
Thursday 26th March – EYEH Come and Pick up at 2pm
Wednesday 1st April – Break for the Easter Holidays

I look forward to being back in touch next week, have a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards

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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.

Cheshire Forest Schools

Will be running an Easter Holiday Camp on the 8th and 9th of April. Details included in attached flyer

ADHD & Autism Sleep Challenges: Practical Help For Tired Parents

[Click on this link](#) to access a free webinar a free webinar about sleep with ADHD and Autism. It is only an hour but it may be of interest to any families struggling with sleep issues but not necessarily having SEN needs. If you cannot attend, you can register your interest and the webinar will be emailed to you.

CHAP's Family Empowerment Course:

Autism Awareness Courses to Empower Parents: please find attached flyer with details as to how to access this support

Face Family Advice

Please find the timetable of upcoming support session below:

 March 2026 Timetable	
<small>All sessions delivered live online via zoom, 90 minutes long</small>	
£24 each or FREE with School Membership	
<small>Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk</small>	
<small>Recordings available for 48 hours (excluding Free Talk)</small>	
Improving Family Communication	2 Mar 10am
Autism - Improving Communication	2 Mar 7pm
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	3 Mar 10am
Supporting a Child with ADHD	3 Mar 7pm
Anxiety Based School Avoidance	9 Mar 10am
Understanding Anger	9 Mar 7pm
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	10 Mar 10am
Facing Defiance	10 Mar 7pm
Cannabis and Ketamine Awareness	16 Mar 10am
Anxiety Explained	16 Mar 7pm
Introduction to OCD	17 Mar 10am
What is ACT	17 Mar 7pm
Raising Self-Esteem	23 Mar 10am
Decreasing Depression	23 Mar 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	24 Mar 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	24 Mar 7pm
FREE Anxiety Based School Avoidance	26 Mar 7-8pm



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Hartford Events and Information From Hartford Parish Council

Let's Play, Sunday 8 March 2026

Want to make friends and have fun outdoors? Join us on 8 March at [Lets Play](#) from 2 to 4pm on [Hartford's Green Field](#) (near the allotments, behind the Chester Road shops).

At Let's Play, you can play football, chess, construction blocks and more. We will also have two small Beyblades arenas (bring your own Beyblades!), an art area, some musical instruments, free refreshments and more. Games are unstructured to encourage children to engage in creative play. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Adults can join in or just relax and drink a free cuppa! It is an outdoor event, but there is an accessible loo and a kitchen inside the Pavilion, plus a covered area in case of rainy weather. This is a free event organised by Hartford NSPCC and supported by Hartford Parish Council.

Tuesday art club for 11 to 16 year olds

Get creative and make new friends at this art club for 11 to 16 year olds. It takes place on Tuesday 3rd, 10th, 24th and 31st March 2026, from 4 to 5pm, at Hartford Village Hall on Chester Road.

Places are limited so book your place now: contact Linda on 07813 662654. The cost is £12 for all four sessions (pro-rata if you join later in the year) with free refreshments. Concessions are available – contact us to discuss. All proceeds go to NSPCC. Hartford NSPCC event supported by Hartford Parish Council.

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