



HARTFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

HEADTEACHER'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

6th March 2026



Dear Parents, Carers and Families

Another week has flown by, and we've even seen some sunshine and blue sky!

As we've come to expect here at Hartford we weren't disappointed by the standard and variety of costumes worn by the children and staff for World Book Day yesterday! It's really fabulous to see everyone getting into the spirit of the day and having a great time. Kudos, as always, goes to Mr Matt for his WBD outfit. If you didn't see him in person, this year he was *Worzel Gummidge!* A reminder that the Scholastic Book Fair will be on again tonight after school until 4.30pm. It will be located under the canopy outside the Year 3 and 4 classrooms. The fair will also be on after school next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

World Book Day – Thursday 5th March

Our English Lead, Miss Hall is also delighted to report that Hartford Primary was buzzing with excitement this week as pupils and staff came together to celebrate **World Book Day!** Classrooms were filled with fantastic costumes, inspiring stories, and a shared love of reading, as children immersed themselves in books and enjoyed a range of fun, creative activities. It was wonderful to see such enthusiasm for reading across the school, reminding us all just how magical books can be in sparking imagination and learning.

Year 5 Visit to Jodrell Bank

To Infinity and Beyond!

Last week, Year 5 visited Jodrell Bank to support their current science topic of Earth and Space. The children had a fantastic time exploring the exhibitions, using the hands on activities and travelling past constellations, galaxies and into Outer Space from the comfort of the planetarium!

Year 5 were a credit to the school and represented Hartford Primary impeccably. Thank you, Miss Shepherd and the Year 5 team, for organising this exciting educational visit.

Year 2 Visit to Chester Cathedral

Our Year 2 trip to Chester Cathedral was a fantastic learning experience. The children explored the different features of a cathedral, including the font, altar and beautiful stained glass windows, and learned how these parts are used for worship. They were fascinated by the colourful mosaics that tell stories from the Bible and enjoyed spotting different characters and scenes. We also visited the inspiring *Under the Moon* exhibition. The children's behaviour throughout the trip was excellent; they were respectful, curious and a real credit to the school.

Attendance

Whole school attendance up until Friday 27th February 96.89%. We've had 36 children recorded as late this 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.

PTA Update

PTA Meeting 4th March

Unfortunately, we only had 6 people attend the PTA meeting this week including Mrs Cade. However we were able to discuss that so far this school year we have raised over £7500, and we have a fantastic variety of activities planned for the rest of the school year. Minutes of the meeting will follow next week, but the committee have had a reshuffle - Kate Farmer remains as Chair, Rachael Edwards is moving to Treasurer and Charlotte Spragg is Secretary,

Winner Bars

It was great to see all the buzz and excitement about our winner bars and some children clutching their golden tickets! We had 25 prizes in the end - ranging from hot chocolate for their class, non-uniform days through to UA trampoline vouchers! If your child has a golden ticket and has not claimed their prize they can collect it from the school office. Thank you to everyone who purchased one - we raised £500 for school! Big thanks to Becky and Eve for all the wrapping!

Help/Items needed

We are looking for one or two volunteers to help with us doing some tea-towel designs for EY and Year 6 groups to purchase if anyone is willing to help us! If you are also doing a clear out - if anyone has any children's tunnels or balance beams you are willing to donate/give to us for our summer event please do let us know!



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Preloved Uniform

Preloved uniform will be on sale with the Book Fair this week and next. Please come and grab some bargains!! 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.

Dates For Your Diary

Monday 9th March – Mini Police Attestation Ceremony
Wednesday 11th March – Year 5 attending “Into the Woods” at Hartford High School
Monday 16th March – Friday 20th March – Science Week
Monday 23rd March – School Photographer Class and Year 6 Leavers Photos
Monday 23rd March – Year 5 visit from, Cheshire Fire and Rescue
Wednesday 25th March – EYKR Come and Pick up 2pm
Thursday 26th March – EYEH Come and Pick up at 2pm
Monday 30th March – EY Easter Visit to St Johns Church
Wednesday 1st April – Break up for the Easter Holidays
Monday 20th April – School reopens for the Summer term

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards

L Cade

Mrs L Cade
Acting Headteacher

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

Hartford High School Events Available For Children In Years 4,5 and 6 – Thursday 19th March

Hartford High School are running two events for children in Years 4, 5 and 6. An Easter craft workshop and a chess competition. Please see the attached flyers for further information. Places are limited so we will contact you if you DO NOT get a place and the form to sign up will close on Sunday 15th March.

CWAC Live Well Newsletter

The latest copy of the Parent Carer Forum Newsletter and the Live Well Newsletter can be found here - [Newsletters | Live Well Cheshire West](#)

- [Parent Carer Forum Latest Newsletter](#)
- [Live Well Latest Newsletter](#)

Cheshire Museums Upcoming Events (flyers attached)

Grosvenor Museum, Chester, CH1 2DD, will be running free crafts between 10:30 – 3:30pm. Activities and entry to the museum are free with donations welcome!

7th & 8th April – Make your own owl mask
14th & 15th April – Make your own story cubes

Lion Salt Works, Marston, Northwich, CW9 6ES, will be running free crafts between 10:30 – 3:30pm. Crafts are free with donations welcome.

8th & 9th April – Make your own Easter basket
15th & 16th April – Create your own rainbow



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Weaver Hall Museum & Workhouse, Northwich, CW9 8AB, will be running free crafts between 10:30 – 3:30pm. Crafts are free with donations welcome.

9th & 10th April – Make your own miniature hobby horse

16th & 17th April - Create your own Spring wreath

Museum Explorer Club! At Weaver Hall Museum, Lion Salt Works and Grosvenor Museum. Our museums will be running special 1-hour STEM or art-based craft sessions between (11-12pm & 12-1pm) with a dedicated member of the learning team. They are £5 per session and booking is necessary, to book please call Weaver Hall on 01606 271640 or Lion Salt Works on 01606 275066 or Grosvenor Museum on 01244 972197

8th April – Victorian Toys – Weaver Hall Museum

9th April – Outstanding Owls – Grosvenor Museum

10th April – Egg experiments – Lion Salt Works

15th April – Aboriginal Art – Lion Salt Works

16th April – Art Discovery Day – Grosvenor Museum

17th April – Investigating the seasons – Lion Salt Works

Funfest Hartford Easter Holiday Club (flyer attached)

This half term, Fun Fest will be open at the following venues:

- Fun Fest Hartford Manor - Hartford Manor Primary School CW8 1NU - OPEN 7th - 17th APRIL
- Fun Fest Great Budworth - Cransley School CW9 6HN - OPEN 30th MARCH-10TH APRIL (excluding bank holidays)

Our clubs welcome children aged 3–12 years and are open 7:30am–6:00pm, offering full-day care packed with exciting activities, themed sessions, and plenty of opportunities for children to have fun and make new friends.

Kidscount Easter Holiday Club

Please find attached a flyer with further information about Kidscount's upcoming holiday club.

Supporting Children's Sleep – Thursday 12th March

Koala Northwest are running an online support session next Thursday for parents/families who are struggling with children's sleep. Please see the attached flyer for further information.

Cheshire Phoenix Junior Trials

Cheshire Phoenix Juniors are holding open trials for next season and are particularly keen to welcome players for:

 **U11/U12 Girls Team**

 **U12 Boys Team**

The club is part of the **Cheshire Phoenix Juniors basketball programme**, offering young players the opportunity to develop their skills, compete in regional and national leagues and enjoy the game in a positive and supportive environment.

Players can register their interest using the online form below:

Boys U12 <https://formurl.com/to/phoenix-trials>

Girls U11/12 <https://forms.gle/Gu2DFLH47LB5Q75T6>

St. Luke's Hospice Twilight Walk Saturday 21st March

Walk amongst the trees and under the stars at this year's Twilight Walk for St Luke's Hospice!

Taking place at Delamere Forest on Saturday 21st March, take part in a unique 10K walk at dusk with hundreds of other St Luke's supporters, as we welcome in the spring season.

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Under the glow of the setting sun, walk with others, enjoy music, fire pits, hot chocolate, and s'mores, all in aid of raising vital funds for local patient care.

Sign up today at a special 'early bird' offer saving 20% on adult registration, but hurry offer ends soon!



Hartford Events and Information From Hartford Parish Council

Let's Play, Sunday 8th March

Want to make friends and have fun outdoors? Join us on 8th 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.

Supporting young people in Hartford - share your ideas!

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