



# HARTFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

## HEADTEACHER'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

### 13<sup>th</sup> March 2026



Dear Parents, Carers and Families

Another week has flown by and what a mixed bag of weather we've had! As usual we've had lots going on in school from our Year 5 mini police attending their attestation ceremony, a Year 4 girls football competition, a Year 5/6 hockey competition and Year 5 going to Hartford High School to watch their pupils perform *Into The Woods Jr.* Read on to find out more:

#### **Mini Police Attestation**

Twenty of our Year 5 children enjoyed a wonderful after-school celebration on Monday as they were officially sworn into the Mini Police Programme by real officers during a special attestation ceremony. The atmosphere was one of pride and excitement as each pupil took their oath, marking the start of their role as young champions for community safety. The highlight of the event was the joyful cap toss at the end, with smiles all round as the new Mini Police marked the moment in true ceremonial style. We are incredibly proud of their commitment and enthusiasm!

#### **Year 5 Visit to Hartford High School**

On Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March, our lucky Year 5s were invited to Hartford High School to watch their performance of *'Into The Woods Jr.'* It was a wonderful way to spend the morning and many of the Year 5 children have said they're looking forward to taking part in performances when they are at high school too. We had a lot of fun identifying the different fairytales mixed up in the story and some of the characters really made us laugh! The singing, dancing and acting were brilliant and it was really lovely to see so many ex-Hartford Primary School pupils taking part in this production - what a talented bunch!

#### **Scholastic Book Fair**

We had a very successful Book Fair after World Book Day with sales amounting to over £800. Thank you all so much for your support as Scholastic will now give us a certain percentage in book vouchers to be able to buy new books throughout the school.

#### **Science Week – Monday 16<sup>th</sup> – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March**

Next week, we will be celebrating all things scientific at school as it's our annual Hartford Primary Science Week! We have an exciting week planned with lots of visitors booked in to help the children learn about science beyond the classroom. They will meet people with jobs in many science fields to give them a taste of how an interest in science may lead to a future career. Thank you to the wonderful parents who are coming in to facilitate this. In addition, Year 6 will visit Hartford High for a science lesson, and all other year groups will take part in some wonderful science workshops. We are all very excited for the week ahead!

#### **Parents' Evenings – Monday 27<sup>th</sup> - Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April**

Our next round of Parents' Evening appointments will be held from Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April – Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April. Late appointments (up until 7pm) will be held on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 30<sup>th</sup>. Appointments will be available to book via School Spider (the system that runs our website) as usual, and communication will be sent to advise when these will go live once we've finalised each teacher's schedule. If you're new to school and don't yet have a login for School Spider or just need a reminder of your details, please give the ladies in the office a call or send them an email.

#### **Mrs Dickenson Retiring**

Most of you will know the lovely Gill in our school office, whether it be on the end of the phone, email, at the window when you pop in or even from her early morning Zumba sessions with Mr Cairns during Sports Week. Gill has taken the decision to take early retirement and spend more time with her recently retired husband. Her last day will be Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April and we are of course very sad to see her go; the office simply won't be the same without her! However, we know she won't be able to stay away and will be popping in when she can, hopefully with some of her delicious baking!

I want to thank Gill for the last 8.5 years of being part of our Hartford team, her constant smiling face and positivity. We're going to miss you Gill!

#### **Attendance**

Whole school attendance up until Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March 96.88%. We've had 42 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.

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**A Spring Update From Mr Cairns**

Mr Cairns will provide an update on this week's Year 4 girls' football and Year 5/6 hockey competition in next week's newsletter. Next week is also looking busy sports' wise as we have 76 Year 5/6 children going to Hartford High School on Tuesday to take part in Smile for a Mile cross country event, 2 Year 4 girls competing in a gymnastics competition on Wednesday and 9 of our Year 5/6 girls competing in a netball competition on Thursday.

**Dates For Your Diary**

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March – Science Week  
Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March – School Photographer Class and Year 6 Leavers Photos  
Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March – Year 5 visit from, Cheshire Fire and Rescue  
Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March – Year 4 Film Night  
Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March – EYKR Come and Pick up 2pm  
Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March – EYEH Come and Pick up at 2pm  
Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March – Early Years Easter visit to St Johns Church  
Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April – Break up for the Easter Holidays  
Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April – School reopens for the Summer term  
Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April – Year 5 Northwich Sings  
Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April – Year 3 Chester Zoo visit  
Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April – Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April Parents' Evenings

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**

**Free Swimming Lessons**

Brio at Northwich are offering free swimming lessons in the Easter holidays to children who are entitled to Free School Meals. The lessons are:

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April

- 9:00 – 9:30am Stage 1 beginners
- 9:30-10:00am Over 8's beginners

Follow this link to book:

<https://eequ.org/book/23330/dates?highlighted-block=5ffc502c-187f-433d-b0a9-e14968400588>

**Sports Coaching Group Easter Holiday Club & Superstars Easter Holiday Camps**

Please find attached flyers regarding holiday clubs being run locally during the Easter break.

**CA Alternative Futures Easter Holiday Club**

CA Alternative Futures are also running another holiday club this Easter – please see the attached flyer. In addition to paid places they have secured funding for the April half term and are able to offer 15 Special Educational Needs free places and 15 free places for children on Free School Meals. Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. Families can book directly by scanning the QR codes on the leaflet.