



HARTFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

HEADTEACHER'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

20th March 2026



Dear Parents, Carers and Families

Spring has finally sprung! What glorious weather we've had this week, let's hope it continues into the weekend.

As you know we've have been celebrating Hartford Primary Science Week in school this week and what a wonderful celebration of science it has been! Once again, we have been lucky enough to have had many inspirational scientists visit all our year groups.

The week began with Science Week assemblies led by Mrs Clinkard and Miss Shepherd where they introduced the children to our theme this year, which was 'curiosity'. During the week we have been encouraging the children to ask questions to develop their scientific thinking.

On Monday we were delighted to welcome staff and students from the Medical School at Chester University which was organised with the help of one of our fabulous parents, Professor Kate Knight. Professor Knight and her team from the Medical School worked with our children in Year 2, 5 and 6 to deliver their 'Mini Scientists' program. This involved a range of workshops including basic First Aid, learning about DNA and also Chromatography through practical investigations.

Early Years and KS1 enjoyed experiments with 'Super Little Scientists' and KS2 watched the brilliant Adrian Bowden's interactive Travelling Science Show! Year 5 and 6 loved putting their newfound knowledge of forces into action by designing and building their own marble rollercoasters! Year 6 went to Hartford C of E High School and had a lesson in a Science Laboratory led by the High School teachers. Farmer Jack and Farmer Alex from the National Farmers Union brought a tractor into Early Years and we have enjoyed a visit from The Willows Vets in Hartford. Early Years have also taken part in a chick hatching program to learn about life cycles and have been observing and caring for our new arrivals! All the children throughout the school have enjoyed spending time with the chicks too.

We'd like to give a big 'shout out' to members of our school community who volunteered their time this week to run workshops and talks in a number of different year groups connected to their jobs in science. Thank you to Kate Knight (Yasi Year 6) Lou Walker (Zoe Year 5), John Harris (Rory Year 1), Matt Farmer (Izzy Year 2 and Thomas Year 6) and Kevin Dean (a former parent!)

We could not run our week without the help of these fabulous people! We love Science Week at Hartford Primary! We strongly believe it is a great opportunity outside of the usual curriculum to enthuse our children about science and to learn more about science related jobs. Our aim is to create a 'buzz' about science and hopefully inspire our children to be scientists of the future!

School Uniform

Now that the weather is getting warmer I'd like to remind everyone about our 'summer' uniform policy. Summer dresses should be blue and white check. Shorts should be 'school shorts' style, no shorter than just above the knee and not of the sports style such as Nike pro black. Thank you for your support.

Attendance

Whole school attendance up until Friday 13th March 96.91%. 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.

Dates For Your Diary

Monday 23rd March – School Photographer Class and Year 6 Leavers Photos
Monday 23rd March – Year 5 visit from, Cheshire Fire and Rescue
Tuesday 24th March – Year 4 Film Night
Wednesday 25th March – EYKR Come and Pick up 2pm
Thursday 26th March – EYEH Come and Pick up at 2pm
Monday 30th March – Early Years Easter visit to St John's Church
Tuesday 31st March – Year 1 Easter visit to St John's Church
Wednesday 1st April – Break up for the Easter Holidays
Monday 20th April – School reopens for the Summer term

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Tuesday 21st April – Year 5 Northwich Sings
Thursday 23rd April – Year 3 Chester Zoo visit
Monday 27th April – Thursday 30th April Parents' Evenings

Parents' Evenings – Monday 27th - Thursday 30th April

As mentioned in last week's newsletter our next round of Parents' Evening appointments will be held from Monday 27th April – Thursday 30th April. The booking system via School Spider will go live at 6pm on Monday 23rd March and remain open until noon on Wednesday 22nd April. 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. Here are details of the week's schedule for your information:

	Mon 27 th	Tues 28 th	Wed 29 th	Thurs 30 th
EYEH		3.30pm – 7pm	12.45pm – 5pm	
EYKR	12.30pm – 5pm			3.30pm – 7pm
1CW		3.30pm – 7pm		1.30pm – 5 pm
1JD		1.30pm - 7pm		
2EC	1.30pm – 5pm			3.30pm – 7pm
2RB			1.30pm – 5pm	3.30pm – 7pm
3GR	1.30pm – 5pm	3.30pm – 7pm		
3HE	1.30pm – 5pm	3.30pm – 7pm		
4MH	1.30pm – 5pm	3.30pm – 7pm		
4JO		3.30pm – 7pm	1.15pm – 5pm	
5CW		3.30pm – 7pm	1.30pm – 5pm	
5ES		3.30pm – 7pm		1.30pm – 5pm
6LO				1.30pm – 7pm
6LW		3.30pm – 7pm	1.30pm – 5pm	

A Sporting Update From Mr Cairns

The Year 5/6 netball team produced another outstanding performance yesterday. They travelled to Cuddington Primary School to play against Cuddington, Sandiway and Little Leigh. Their crisp passing, interceptions and excellent shooting saw them win every match. A great warm up for the County Final next week. Well done girls!

Two Year 4 gymnasts went to the County Final on Wednesday. Unfortunately, Zelie had an injury in the warmup which meant only Penelope could take part in the actual competition. She did an amazing job, finishing 5th in Cheshire for her routine and vault. Well done to both girls for getting to the final, a fabulous achievement.

72 of our Year 5 and 6 children headed to Hartford High on Tuesday to take part in the 'Smile for a Mile' cross country event. It was so nice to see all the children trying their best all the way round. I was very proud of them all. The boys came 2nd overall and the girls came first!! Well done everyone.

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On 12th March, we had two County Finals on the same day. The Year 4 girls' football travelled to Moss Farm in extremely windy conditions! They still managed to play some amazing football and progress to the semifinals. Unfortunately, they then came across a very strong team from Tarvin who won the game 2-0. Well done girls for getting so far in the competition.

The Year 5/6 hockey team had already won two tournaments and headed off full of confidence to play the best 16 teams in Cheshire. They were a credit to school with their resolute defending and slick attacking moves. They came up with tactics of their own to try to solve problems and showed the school values at all times. Coming 5th in Cheshire is a great achievement. Well done everyone.

I'd like to thank all the parents who have helped with transporting the children to these events. Your support is invaluable.

School Photographer Monday 23rd March

A reminder that Academy Photography will be in school on Monday to take class photographs and our Year 6 Leavers' photographs.

PTA News

PTA Meeting 4th March - Please see attached to the newsletter minutes from our last PTA meeting.

In search of...

From the minutes you'll see that we propose to run another colour run this year as our summer event - the feedback about the fun last year was overwhelming! As part of this we are looking for new obstacles for the course so if anyone has any balance beams, kids' tunnels, steppingstones or anything else you think could be good please let us know!

Volunteer help

We have a number of events coming up next term that we are looking for volunteers to help run - if you're able to help at any of the following events, please let us know!

Silent disco, sports' day drink stalls, frozen Fridays, colour run (non-paint options on food stalls available!)

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.

Due to an influx of donations (thank you!) for the time being we will only be accepting donations of the following:

- Zip tops, hoodies and t-shirts in all sizes.
- Any items aged 9 +

I hope you all have a lovely weekend, enjoy the sunshine

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

Mother Goose Brio Northwich Saturday 21st and Sunday 22nd March

Brio are offering a 25% discount code for this weekend's performances of Mother Goose to customers who have children who attend a local school.

The discount code is: MGP25

This can be entered when booking tickets to Mother Goose from Brio's website on www.brioentertainment.org

Hartford Parish Council News and Events

Craft For Kids - Wednesday 8th April

Want to try out new arts and crafts? Children aged 5 – 11 can join this fun craft session from 10am – 12 noon at Hartford Village Hall on Chester Road. Entrance is £3 per child. All proceeds go to NSPCC.

To book your place, contact Linda on 07813 662 654 then pay on the door on the day. This event is run by Hartford NSPCC and supported by Hartford Parish Council. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Let's Play - Sunday 26th April

Calling all kids and their families - want to make friends and have fun outdoors? Join us from 2 to 4pm on [Hartford's Green Field](#) for football, chess, construction toys, art and more. Play is unstructured – that is to say, there isn't an adult leading the games. It's all about children having the chance to be creative. This is a free event organised by Hartford NSPCC and supported by Hartford Parish Council. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Find out more: [Lets play - Hartford Parish Council](#)

Boccia

Play this fun, inclusive outdoor game for free. Boccia is an accessible, paralympic sport, similar to French Boules. Hartford Parish Council has installed a Boccia court where you can play, free of charge. You can also borrow Boccia balls and ball-ramps for free. The court is located behind the Village Hall (the black and white building near the tennis courts) at 244 Chester Road, CW8 1LW.

If you want to play on the court and borrow the kit, please email clerks@hartfordparishcouncil.org.uk or call 01606 784401. If you want to play within office hours (Mon – Fri), we can also arrange for the accessible toilet in the office porch to be open, should you need this.

Want to join in with others? [Tiny Steps](#) is a local group for families who have children with additional needs. To join a free-of-charge Tiny Steps Boccia play session, contact the Tiny Steps team: dianedixon@tinystepssensory.onmicrosoft.com

Holiday Fun for Kids and Teens

Looking for entertainment for children and teens over the Easter 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: <https://hartfordparishcouncil.org.uk/holiday-fun>

If you know of any other activities we can add to this list, please contact us via email: clerks@hartfordparishcouncil.org.uk



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Cheshire FA Easter Holiday Camps

Cheshire FA are running an action-packed two weeks of football, fun and confidence-building activities led by their UEFA & FA qualified coaches during the Easter holidays.

The camp features a range of **themed days**, including skills challenges, match play, tournaments and a bubble football fun day, providing an enjoyable experience for children of all abilities.

The links to the camp websites are below and further information is on the attached leaflets.

Girls Football Camp: <https://pitchbooking.com/book/event/06edd33b-336e-4298-83df-05b341d1e38c>

Boys Football Camp: <https://pitchbooking.com/book/event/ca0b3a30-ec98-464e-bd51-64df04927793>

Superstars Holiday Club

Superstars are running a holiday club from Tuesday 7th April - Friday 11th April from 9am – 3pm and are offering free places for parents in receipt of Benefit Related FREE School Dinners. The club is being held at Hartford High School and Rudheath Leisure Centre. Every child attending will receive a choice of a Hot Meal, Jacket Potato or sandwich option along with snacks and Fruit. Over the week Superstars will deliver each day a programme of Multi Sports, Football, Dance and Lego sessions.

Rudheath Leisure Centre - Crafts day on Thursday 9th April here is a link to book:

<https://eequ.org/book/superstars-rudheath-with-superstars-holiday-club-limited-16957>

Hartford High School - <https://eequ.org/book/hartford-high-school-haf-with-superstars-holiday-club-limited-23220>

If you require further information, please email info@littlesuperstars.co.uk

Sportibees Northwich Holiday Club

Places now available, book now: [Sportibees Easter Holiday Club - Weaverham with Sportibees ? Eequ](#)

[Weaverham Forest Primary and Nursery](#) - CW8 3EY

- ✓ 5 - 11 Year olds
- ✓ 10am - 2pm
- ✓ Free lunch provided
- ✓ 13, 14, 15 & 16 - April
- ✓ £15 per day
- ✓ Free HAF places available
- ⚽ Football
- 🏀 Multi-sports
- ✂️ Arts & crafts

Flyer attached for information, any questions, please message us on our social media @Footibees or email info@footibees.co.uk