



# HARTFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

## HEADTEACHER'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

### 24<sup>th</sup> April 2026



Dear Parents, Carers and Families

Welcome back, I hope you've all had a lovely Easter break with your family. The weather has certainly got the message we've moved into the Summer term this week, long may it continue!

I'd like to start this week's newsletter with some special news. Mrs Wheeler, one of our Year 6 teachers, has given birth to a baby girl this Monday. Phoebe and her Mum are both doing well and we're all looking forward to welcoming Phoebe to our Hartford family. Congratulations to Mrs Wheeler, Mr Wheeler and big brother Maximus.

#### **Year 5 Northwich Sings**

On Tuesday evening, our Year 5 children performed as part of the Northwich Sings singing festival on the main stage at Northwich Memorial Court. Their performance of the songs from Kitty Whittington in front of nearly 600 people was absolutely wonderful! The children have worked extremely hard and they sounded amazing. A massive well done to all of Year 5, we are so proud of you!

#### **Year 6 Snap Trap**

On Wednesday our Year 6 children joined their peers from our linked Create Trust schools, Cuddington, Little Leigh and Sandiway to watch a thought-provoking performance about e-safety called Snap Trap. The Snap Trap is a dynamic theatre-based e-safety session specifically designed for pupils in upper Key Stage 2. Through captivating storytelling and interactive discussions, the children were taken into real-world experiences of children affected by online bullying, social media misuse, and online grooming. Our Year 6 children were provided with the most up-to-date information on current trends which will help them to understand the risks associated with being online. I'm sure you'll agree that this is a vital part of our older children's education in today's digital world.

#### **Year 3 Chester Zoo**

I had the pleasure of joining Year 3 on their trip to Chester Zoo yesterday. We had a fabulous time learning about all the different animals, observing common characteristics, and discovering how different habitats meet the needs of the animals. The children paid particular attention to the giraffes in preparation for this half term's English class text, Zeraffa Giraffa. Thank you to the Year 3 team for organising such a lovely trip for the children. We were very lucky with the weather!

#### **1JD Swimming Lessons**

I've also accompanied 1JD on their first swimming lesson this afternoon. To say the children were excited is an understatement! We've never taken children as young as Year 1 swimming before I'm delighted to report that it was a great success. Everyone is really looking forward to next week.

#### **Dates For Your Diary**

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April – Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April Parents' Evenings  
Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May – May Day Bank Holiday – School Closed  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May – Year 5 Church Visit  
Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May – Year 3 Church Visit  
Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May – Year 6 Church Visit  
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May – Year 4 Church Visit  
Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May – Break Up For Half Term  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May – Inset Day – School Closed  
Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June – Inset Day – School Closed  
Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June – School Reopens For Summer 2  
Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June – Year 5 Bikeability Sessions Start – Details To Follow In Due Course  
Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June – Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June – Year 6 Conway Residential  
Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June – Year 6 Buddhist Centre Visit

#### **Attendance**

Whole school attendance up until Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April was 96.84%. We've had 47 children recorded as late this week. Whilst I appreciate there are times when being late can't be helped, please make every effort to get your child to school on time. Punctuality really does help the children get their day off to a good start.



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

A reminder that Parents' Evenings take place next week. The booking system has now closed. If you've not managed to make an appointment and would like one, please contact a member of the office team.

**A Message From Mr Cairns And Year 6**

The Year 6 children are trying to improve the sustainability of the school and the health of the children by encouraging everyone to walk, cycle or scoot to school. They have taken a baseline score from this week which showed that 60% of children came to school in the car. We are trying to reduce this to under 50% across the week from 26<sup>th</sup> April to 1<sup>st</sup> May.

Each day, the Year 6 children will collect data in each class. The class with the highest percentage of children coming to school on foot, by bike or scooter will win a prize. If you have a longer car journey, you can still take part by parking slightly further away from school and walking from there. Thank you for your support.

**Class Photographs/Year 6 Leavers' Photographs**

A reminder that the deadline for orders is 9am on 5<sup>th</sup> May.

**RRAP Club Update From Club Leader Mrs Fox**

Next week (Monday –Thursday afternoons), RRAP Club will be in the small hall due to Parents' Evening appointment taking place in the main hall. For collection, please use the intercom at the side of the front gate by the Year 5 classrooms; staff will bring your child to you. On Friday we will be back in the main hall as normal and collection will be from the main entrance.

For those children attending Breakfast club, drop off is via the main entrance as usual. Thank you for your support.

Have a lovely weekend, enjoy the sunshine.

Warm 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**

**Hartford Parish Council News/Events**

Let's Play, Sunday 26 April 2026

Want to make friends and have fun outdoors? Join us on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April at [Lets Play](#) from 2pm to 4pm on [Hartford's Green Field](#) (near the allotments, behind the Chester Road shops). Enjoy 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 with 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.

Art club for 10 to 16 year olds

Get creative and make new friends at this art club for 10 to 16 year olds. It takes place on selected Tuesdays from 4pm 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 £3 per session, with free refreshments. Concessions are available – contact us to discuss. All proceeds go to NSPCC. Hartford NSPCC event supported by Hartford Parish Council.

First Aid Awareness Event - Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2026

Join this basic first aid awareness course for free on 13 June from 11.15am - 1.15pm Taking place at Hartford Village Hall on Chester Road, the course will be hosted by Hartford Parish Council and delivered by the British Red Cross.

To book your place, please contact [asst.clerk@hartfordparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:asst.clerk@hartfordparishcouncil.org.uk) or call 01606 784401.

**FACE Family Support Sessions**

Please find attached a flyer with details of May's support sessions being offered by FACE Family Support.

**CWAC Parent Carer Forum Newsletter**

Here is the link to the March newsletter from your Parent Carer Forum, sharing the latest updates, events, and Easter Holiday Padlet [Your March Parent Carer Forum News is Here!](#) Unfortunately, we didn't receive this in time for our last newsletter of the Spring term.

**Rotary Youth Competitions National Finals**

The Rotary Youth Competitions National Finals are taking place in Cheshire this year, in Northwich! Please see the attached flyer for further information and details of how to book tickets if you're interested in taking your child along to watch.

**Private Piano Tuition**

One of our Midday Assistants offers private piano tuition outside of school, please see the attached flyer for further information.

**Northwich Comic Con – Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> April**

This free family event is coming back to The Memorial Court in Northwich on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April, flyer attached.

Visitors can expect to find fan favourite characters, including an assortment of Superheroes, Star Wars, and many more in attendance, with regular meet and greet opportunities for those wanting a photo with their favourite! There will also be a variety of stalls where you can buy must-have merchandise, including toys, collectibles, trading cards, Funko pops, Lego, comics, action figures, artwork, games and more!

We will also have a celebrity guest in attendance - Nigel Parkinson, the artist who brings Dennis the Menace to life in the Beano comic books will be answering all questions about his work or offering tips for anyone thinking of comic art as a career.

For any budding superhero, princess or villain there will be a cosplay (fancy dress) competition with prizes for the best outfit. You can also find replica prop sets and backdrops from fan favourite series, perfect for photo opportunities!