



HARTFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL
HEADTEACHER'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER
15th May 2026



Dear Parents, Carers and Families

I'd like to start this week's newsletter by congratulating our Year 6 children on how they've approached their SATs tests each morning. They were calm and confident, tackling Grammar, Punctuation, Spelling, Reading, Arithmetic and Maths Reasoning with such positivity, well done everyone! All done now and you can enjoy the weekend!

A big thank you to our Year 6 staff team and Mrs Rowland (Senco) for helping me administer the tests and for supporting the children. Year 6 are now looking forward to their residential visit to the Conway Centre on the Isle of Anglesey after half term as well as starting rehearsals for their end of year performance. Exciting times!

Now that we're well into the Summer term, I'd just like to take the opportunity to send out a few reminders:

The School Day

Our gates open at 8.45am and close promptly at 8.55am. If your child arrives after 8.55am you must bring them to the school office and sign them in. The school day starts at 8.55am and any children arriving after 8.55am but before 9.25am will be classed as late. Children arriving after 9.25am will be classed as late but the morning session will also be recorded as an unauthorised absence and will affect their attendance.

Early Years and Key Stage 1's (Years 1&2) day ends at 3.10pm and KS2's (Years 3 – 6) day ends at 3.20pm. The gates close at 3.30pm. Please ensure you have left the premises promptly so that we can secure the site for those children staying for RRAP Club and enrichment clubs.

Attendance

Whole school attendance up until Friday 8th May was 96.91%. We've had 44 children recorded as late this week.

You will have noticed from my weekly entry in the newsletter about whole school attendance that we have a big focus on attendance – quite simply because good attendance underpins your child's success at school. If your child is unwell, please ring the absence line 01606 74164 option 1 and leave a message giving your child's name, class and their symptoms. Should your child need to attend a medical appointment (doctor/dentist/optician/hospital) during school time please let the office team know as soon as possible and provide confirmation details of the appointment. For any other absences you must complete an application for absence form, prior to the absence. These can be found on our website or are available to collect from the office.

I've seen an increased number of applications for absence for holidays in recent weeks and whilst I appreciate the financial implications of increased costs in the school holidays. Holidays in term time will not be authorised, and if your child is absent for 5 days or more (10 sessions am/pm), school has to inform the council to issue a fixed penalty notice. It doesn't have to be 10 consecutive sessions; it is 10 sessions during a 10 week period.

Uniform

Staff have noticed that colourful trainers and footwear have started creeping in again. Please ensure your child wears black trainers/shoes for school with the exception being for PE when they may wish to wear astros/sports trainers which are by nature more colorful.



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RSE Week – Monday 18th May – Thursday 21st May

Next week, class teachers will be delivering the Relationship and Sex Education Programme in accordance with the guidance from the Department for Education. Each year group's curriculum was available for viewing during our recent Parents' Evenings. If you missed this and would like to review what your child will be taught, please contact your child's teacher via their year group email address and they can send you a copy of the information.

Dates For Your Diary

Monday 18th May – Year 3 Church Visit
Tuesday 19th May – Year 6 Church Visit/4MH Church Visit
Monday 18th May – EYKR Come and Play 2pm
Tuesday 19th May – EYEH Come and Play 2pm
Wednesday 20th May – 4JO Church Visit
Thursday 21st May – School Census Day – Special Themed Lunch
Thursday 21st May – Break Up For Half Term
Friday 22nd May – Inset Day – School Closed
Monday 1st June – Inset Day – School Closed
Tuesday 2nd June – School Reopens For Summer 2
Monday 8th June – Year 5 Bikeability Sessions Start
Monday 8th June – Wednesday 10th June – Year 6 Conway Residential
Friday 12th June – Year 6 Buddhist Centre Visit
Tuesday 23rd – Wednesday 24th June – 2EC Burwardsley Residential
Wednesday 24th – Thursday 25th June – 2RB Burwardsley Residential

School Census Day – Thursday 21st May – Special Themed Lunch

A reminder that next Thursday our school cook, Mrs Jones, will be providing the following Superhero themed menu for census day:

Captain America's Individual Shield Pepperoni Pizza with Superman's Ziggy Fries and Spidey Sweetcorn
(vegetarian option available)

Doctor Stange's Deli & Joker's Jacket Potato with Various Fillings and Mixed Salad

Infinity Stones Jelly

Fresh Fruit Platter

PTA News

What a busy week it has been with the silent discos - but we got there in the end! Following some issues with our first supplier, DJ Gear Hire Manchester saved the day at the last minute delivering everything we needed to enable us to go ahead as planned. The children, staff and volunteers had a great time! We've got some final sums to do to take into account a number of late bookings, but our initial profit is over £1100, and we hope to match fund another £1000 in addition – thanks to Amanda Eddleston for all her organisation and this potential match fund.... fingers crossed!

We know some parents were frustrated about the booking deadline for the disco. To clarify, for this type of event we have to order all the equipment in advance, so we need to know approximate numbers for this and to get supplies for the children's snacks/drinks. School also need to know from a safeguarding perspective who is attending. Together, on this occasion, we did manage to accommodate late bookings,

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but this did mean extra work for both the office team, and also to the PTA committee who had to make additional trips to suppliers. So please bear with us when we have the deadlines - we all do what we can to make sure the kids have a great time but are also kept safe!

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 +

Have a lovely weekend everyone, don't forget we break up for Whit on Thursday 21st May and return to school on Tuesday 2nd June.

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

Bitesize Bookworms

The UK-wide bookseller and stationer TGJones is inviting primary school pupils to take part in Bitesize Bookworms, a fun national book review competition. By describing their favourite book in one or two sentences we could win a £5,000 book and stationery bundle for our school. For further details visit [//www.TGJonesonline.co.uk/bookworms](http://www.TGJonesonline.co.uk/bookworms). Entries must be submitted by Friday 5th June 2026, must be less than 25 words and written by the child.

We encourage as many children as possible to enter, so we have more chance of winning these fantastic prizes for our school! Flyer attached for further info.

Join the Dream Big Art Club at Sandiway Library

The Dream Big Art Club is for young people aged 10+. It takes place at Sandiway Library from 3.45pm to 4.45pm on the following Mondays: 18 May, 1 June, 15 June, 29 June and 13 July 2026.

It's free to join, and free refreshments are available. Come along to have fun and be creative. To book your place, please call the library on 01606 271 767 or [book via this link](#).

Study in style at Sandiway Library

Looking for somewhere to revise, work online, or print your homework? If so, come along to Sandiway Library. We have comfortable seating and desks where you can study on your own or with friends. Whilst you are here, enjoy free tea, coffee and juice – and of course lots of fantastic free books, dyslexia-friendly reads, e-books and audio books.

As a library member, you can access free Wi-fi, and you can book the computers for one hour per day, free of charge. Need to borrow an iPad to study at home? We have a limited number of tablets available. Contact us to discuss.

If you need to print, it costs 30p per A4 side in black and white as standard – or for homework, you can print up to 5 A4 sides in black and white, free of charge.

It is free to become a library member and no ID is needed. If you're under 16, your parent or guardian can sign you up. Find out more about the library and our opening hours: Call 01606 271 767 or visit [Sandiway Library](#).

FACE Family Support

Please see the attached flyer for information about parenting courses being run by FACE Family Support.

Autism Family Support

Details attached of a free workshop.

May Half Term Holiday Clubs/Things To At Half Term

Please see the attached flyers for details on a holiday club being run by Cheshire Forest Schools and a discount code for the Climbing Hut at Ellesmere Port.

Cricket Taster Sessions

Details of cricket taster sessions being held next week in Hartford and Winnington attached.