



HARTFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL
HEADTEACHER'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER
26th June 2026



Dear Parents, Carers and Families

As we come to the end of an exceptionally hot week, I would like to extend my sincere thanks to all of our staff for the fantastic teamwork and dedication they have shown. Everyone has worked together to adapt plans to keep the children safe and as comfortable as possible, and to ensure that their time in school remained enjoyable despite the extreme temperatures. From providing extra opportunities for water play and shaded activities to lessons with feet in trays of water, as you may have seen from last night's ITV news item, we've had it all going on!

Year 2 had an unforgettable residential visit to Burwardsley earlier this week during the hottest days of the year. The children demonstrated fantastic resilience, teamwork and growing independence throughout their time away from home. The staff at the centre adapted our programme to take into account the weather and the children fully embraced a range of outdoor activities including pond dipping, den building, forest art and jungle camp. A particular highlight for many was the lively water fights, which helped everyone keep cool and added to the fun! We are incredibly proud of how well the children supported one another and made the most of this special experience. A huge thank you to all the staff involved for making the trip such a success.

Year 6 children are currently at The Lion Salt Works where they are taking part in a two day project which will allow them to develop not only a deeper understanding of life as a Salt Worker or a family member but also to improve their self-confidence through performance and group work. The latter I'm sure will stand them in good stead for their leavers' performance at the end of term. Rehearsals for 'I'm an 11 year old get me out of here' are well underway and sounding great. Year 6 parents you're in for a treat!

We did take the decision to postpone two of our planned trips this week. Early Years will now visit Thurstaston Beach next Friday 3rd July and Year 5 will go on their trip on Monday 6th July.

On Monday next week our Year 4 children will go to Tattenhall for their residential visit. I'm sure they'll have a fabulous time, and the weather is forecast to be a little cooler for them thankfully.

As you know the children will be spending time in their new classroom with their new teacher for next year on Wednesday and Thursday next week. I'm pleased to confirm that after completing a recruitment process today I am now finalising our staffing structure for 2026/27 and will be able to share this with you early next week ahead of our transition days.

A Sporting Update From Mr Cairns

Mr Cairns will provide an update on this Monday's athletics event and of course KS2's Sports Day, which also took place on Monday, in next week's newsletter as he's currently off site with his class at The Lion Salt Works.

Attendance

Whole school attendance up until Friday 19th June was 96.84%. We've had 71 children recorded as late this week, largely I know due to the roadworks, in and around Hartford, and the extra volume of traffic these have caused. Please allow extra time for your journey.



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Special Educational Needs Update

Attached to the newsletter this week are two documents which are now on our website under SEND. The SEND Pledge has been created after a SEND Survey went out to some Parents with SEND children. We want families to feel confident that they will receive a consistent and regular approach with regards to their child and what we can provide. The second document shows the sensory tools that we will provide in school for children with sensory needs and what we class as fidget toys which the children can bring in for playtime/wet play but not for lessons. This again is to have a consistent approach throughout school. Please speak to your child's class teacher if there are any individual circumstances that we should be made aware of.

Dates For Your Diary

Monday 29 th – Tuesday 30 th June	Year 4 Tattenhall Residential
Wednesday 1 st July	Transition Day
Thursday 2 nd July	Transition Day
Friday 3 rd July	Rescheduled Early Years Trip Thurstaston Beach
Tuesday 7 th July	Year 1 Hartford Allotment Visit
Monday 6 th July	Rescheduled Year 5 Trip
Thursday 9 th July	Year 3 Thurstaston Beach Trip
Friday 10 th July	KS1 Sports Day
Monday 13 th July	Early Years Pirate Day
Wednesday 15 th July	Year 1 Bridgewater Gardens Trip
Thursday 16 th July	KS1 <i>Back Up</i> Sports Day
Friday 17 th July	Year 6 Bubble Football
Friday 17 th July	Early Years Picnic on the Field
Tuesday 21 st July	Year 6 Bowling Trip
Wednesday 22 nd July	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly 2pm
Wednesday 22 nd July	School Closes for Summer (Normal Collection Times)

Finally, I'd just like to draw your attention to the letter from United Utilities which is attached to the newsletter email. Two representatives from United Utilities have just called into school to advise that there will be a road closure over the weekend at the top end of Bradburns Lane near Sir Leslie Martin Day Nursery. This is to repair a damaged sewer. They are very much hoping that the work will be completed over the weekend, but this is dependent on what they find. Therefore if the work is more extensive than they first thought it will carry over into next week and impact those families who travel that way to school.

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Warm regards

S L Cade

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 Events:

Picnic in the Park - Sunday 12th July 2026

At Picnic in the Park, everyone is welcome. Come along to this free community event on Sunday 12th July 2026. It takes place from 1-4pm at Grange Park, Bradburns Lane, Hartford.

- Barbeque run by Hartford Scouts
- Bar and cake stall run by Winnington Park Cricket Club
- Music, dance performances and DJ set
- Free arts, crafts, games and cricket activities
- Stalls run by local charities and community groups

Find out more: [Picnic in the Park 2026](#)

Join the free Summer Reading Challenge at Your Local Library!

The Reading Agency is excited to invite your child to take part in this year's **Summer Reading Challenge – Read to the Beat!** - completely free at your local library!

What is the Summer Reading Challenge?

The Summer Reading Challenge is a fun, free way for children aged 4–11 to stay motivated to read during the summer holidays. Children set their own reading goal and can read anything they enjoy – all books count!

Why should my child sign up?

One in four children hasn't reached the expected level of reading by the age of 11 and many will struggle to keep up at secondary school, despite reading for pleasure being one of the single biggest indicators of children's development.

The Summer Reading Challenge helps your child to:

- Build confidence and self-esteem
- Stay prepared to return to school in the autumn
- Settle into a new year group
- Access free books and fun family activities all through the summer at your local library

Your child will be part of a UK-wide programme developed by The Reading Agency, delivered in partnership with the public library network, and this year powered by Universal Music Group UK – whose artists will be championing the joy of reading and sharing their own stories of creative expression. All brought to life with wonderful illustrations by award-winning author and illustrator Harry Woodgate.

What will my child read?

Anything they like! We've also curated a special booklist featuring 55 titles for all reading levels, including fiction, non-fiction, poetry, and graphic novels, with dyslexia-friendly options too. From rap and K-pop to orchestras and opera, there's a music-inspired story for every child.



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How can my child take part? (Library or online)

At the library:

- Visit your local library to sign up – see if they are running a Super Sign Up Saturday!
- Set a summer reading goal and choose from books, eBooks, or audiobooks. Check out the [Read to the Beat Collection](#) for suggestions
- Receive a special sticker booklet and collect rewards for reading

Or online

- Visit summerreadingchallenge.org.uk
- Sign up, set a reading goal, and get book recommendations
- Unlock digital badges and earn a printable certificate

When does it start?

- In England and Wales: 4th July
(Please check with your local library for specific start and finish dates in your area.)
- Use the [Library Finder](#) to locate your nearest library.

Don't miss out – head to your local library and sign up this summer!

CWAC Parent Carer Forum Newsletter

Here's a link to the latest newsletter: [Your June Parent Carer Forum News is Here!](#)

FACE Family Support

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

Summer Holiday Club

Flyer attached with details of CA Alternative Futures Summer holiday club.

Summer Holiday HAF Programme

Leaflet attached with information about this Summer's programme.

Climbing Hut Summer Holiday Programme

Details attached of Ellesmere Port's Climbing Hut's Summer programme.