



HARTFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

HEADTEACHER'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

10th July 2026



Dear Parents, Carers, and Families

Our Year 6 pupils were delighted to perform their end-of-year production "I'm an 11 year old get me out of here" to our Early Years and Key Stage 1 children during a special dress rehearsal this morning. It was a wonderful opportunity for our younger pupils to enjoy the show before the main performances next week, and they were thoroughly entertained by the talented acting, singing, and confidence shown by our Year 6 cast. The performance was met with smiles, laughter, and enthusiastic applause, making it a memorable experience for both performers and audience alike. We are incredibly proud of the hard work, dedication, and teamwork our Year 6 pupils have shown in preparing for this special production. Year 6 parents, you are in for a treat!

We've been very busy with school trips recently and I'd like to thank all of our parent helpers who have supported our staff not only this week but over the whole academic year, we really do appreciate your help. Here's a roundup of who has been out and about over the last few days and what they've been up to:

Year 6 Visit – Lion Salt Works – 25th/26th June

Year 6 enjoyed two fantastic days at The Lion Salt Works recently, taking part in a performing arts project that brought local history to life. Working with Much Ado Workshops, the children learned about the lives of salt workers and their families before creating and performing their own drama pieces around the historic site. Despite the soaring temperatures, the children showed great enthusiasm, teamwork, and resilience throughout, with plenty of hydration and shade breaks to keep everyone safe. The project was a wonderful opportunity to develop confidence, creativity and historical understanding, and we were incredibly proud of how they represented our school. This trip was timed perfectly ahead of the children's end of year production and I'm sure will have helped them to hone their performance skills.

Early Years Trip to Thurstaston Beach – Friday 3rd July

Last week, Reception enjoyed a fantastic trip to Thurstaston Beach. We had a wonderful time playing on the sand, building sandcastles, collecting shells and searching for crabs along the shoreline. One of the highlights of the day was spotting a jellyfish on the beach! Before heading home, everyone enjoyed a refreshing ice lolly. We are incredibly proud of all the children, whose behaviour was exceptional throughout the day—they were a credit to our school. A huge thank you to our parent helpers for joining us and making the trip such a success. It was a truly wonderful day enjoyed by all!

Year 5 Trip To Chester Zoo – Monday 6th July

Year 5 had a fabulous day at the zoo this Monday after their trip was rescheduled from last week due to the heat. The visit consolidated the children's learning from their science topic of Living Things and Their Habitats and also their English topic of the Environment and Conservation. They were able to apply their knowledge of classification, life cycles and conservation as well as observe firsthand animals in different environments and habitats. The children were a pleasure to accompany during the visit and had a great time.

Year 1 Visit To Hartford Allotments – Tuesday 7th July

Year 1 had a wonderful time at Hartford Allotments on Tuesday afternoon. We were very lucky to be able to visit this little 'gem' in our local community. The lovely owners of the allotments kindly showed us around and we took part in some fabulous activities. First, we completed a minibeast hunt and then identified the different trees that we could find. We then explored the allotments and learnt more about all the fruit and vegetables that grow there. We are very grateful to all the helpers from the allotments who made this visit happen to support our learning in science!

Year 3 Trip To Thurstaston Beach – Thursday 9th July

Sun hats at the ready, Year 3 set off for an exciting trip to Thurstaston Beach yesterday! After a long but cool coach journey, we were greeted by spectacular views across the Dee Estuary, where we even spotted Wales in the distance. The children loved exploring the beach, building pebble towers, learning about coastal erosion, and collecting natural items from the strandline. Crabs being their best find of the day! They then used their findings to recreate an aerial view map of the estuary. The children were a credit to the school throughout the day and rounded off their adventure with a well-deserved ice lolly!

Early Years and KS1 Sports Day – Thursday 16th July

As our Early Years and KS1 parents will already know we've rescheduled today's Sports Day to next Thursday 16th July due to the hot weather. Please ensure your child/ren comes to school in their PE kit on the day and has their water bottle, sun cream and a hat.

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We will open the **front gate only** at **1.20pm** so we can get started as close to 1.30pm as possible. The gate will shut shortly after the children have started competing.

The school office will let you know by 11am on the day if we have to postpone for any reason.

Preloved Uniform

Preloved Uniform will be available to purchase at the EY/KS1 Sports Day. If you have any donations of **clean** uniform in **good condition**, please send them in. We are particularly in need of t-shirts, zippies and hoodies. Donations can be given to the office or to Miss Crouch 2EC.

If you require uniform at any other times, 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.

Attendance

Whole school attendance up until Friday 3rd July was 96.84%. We've had 47 children recorded as late this week.

Dates For Your Diary

Monday 13 th July	Early Years Pirate Day
Monday 13 th July	Year 4 Marshalls Arms Visit
Wednesday 15 th July	Year 1 Bridgewater Gardens Trip
Wednesday 15 th July	Year 6 Leavers Performance 2pm
Wednesday 15 th July	Year 6 Leavers Performance 6pm
Thursday 16 th July	Early Years and KS1 Sports Day
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
Tuesday 21 st July	Year 1 Beach Party
Wednesday 22 nd July	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly 2pm
Wednesday 22 nd July	School Closes for Summer (Normal Collection Times)

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

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 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](#)

Films In Hartford – Monday 3rd August 2.30pm

Hartford Civic Society screen films at the Grange Theatre throughout the year, with all proceeds going to various local charities. They are showing the film 'If' on Monday 3rd August at 2.30pm, please see the attached poster for further information.

Summer Dance Camp

Flyer attached for information.

STEM Skill Summer Clubs

STEM Skill Clubs are being held locally for children aged 8–13:

- Grange School Sports Centre, Northwich – 27–31 July and 3–7 August 2026
- Sandbach (Boys) School, Sandbach – 10–14 August and 17–21 August 2026

Activities include robotics, drone flying, stop motion animation, engineering challenges and more, all led by OFSTED-registered, DBS-checked staff.

FACE Family Support

Timetables attached for support course available in August and September.

Free Breakfasts At Morrisons Cafes

Morrisons in association with Kelloggs are introducing free breakfast clubs over the Summer holidays, see the attached flyer for further information.

Summer Reading Challenge

Just a reminder of this year's Summer Reading Challenge:

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?

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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.

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!

Northwich Panto Design A Dame Dress Competition

Anton Benson Productions would like to invite children to take part in their "Design a panto dame dress" competition for this year's production of Snow White at Northwich Memorial Court.

Children can use the attached template (or start with a blank piece of paper*) to design a costume for their dame to wear in this year's pantomime.

Completed entries can either be scanned and emailed to info@antonbensonproductions.com or hand delivered to Northwich Memorial Court no later than Saturday 18th July 2026.

The competition is open to all children who have attended primary school in the 2025/2026 academic year.

The winning entry will be selected by the production team (including our resident dame Wayne Morgan-Williams) and announced over the summer holiday. The winning entry will be turned into a real costume to be worn in this year's pantomime and will also get a free family ticket to come and see the show. The winner's design, along with several lucky runners up, will feature in this year's program.

* If entries are submitted on blank paper, please make sure they include the name and age of the child, plus the parent / guardian's name and contact details.