



HARTFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

HEADTEACHER'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

17th July 2026



Dear Parents, Carers, and Families

As we reach the end of another incredibly busy and memorable term, it's hard to believe just how much we have packed into this last full week. From school trips for Years 1, 4 and 5, a fun-filled Pirate Day for Early Years, and a special treat of Bubble Football for Year 6 to name a few. Our pupils have enjoyed a fantastic range of experiences alongside their learning. We also enjoyed the wonderful Year 6 Leavers' Production, celebrated teamwork and determination at our Early Years and KS1 Sports Day and reflected on the fantastic progress our children have made as school reports have been shared with families. Thank you to our staff, pupils and parents for making this such a successful and enjoyable end to the school year.

Our Year 6 pupils gave their final performance of *I'm an 11 Year Old... Get Me Out of Here!* last night, and what a fantastic way to round off their time at primary school. Performing to a packed audience of family and friends, the children delivered what was undoubtedly their best performance yet. Their confidence, enthusiasm and talent shone through in every scene, and they should all be incredibly proud of what they achieved. Thank you to everyone who came along to support all of the performances this week.

The celebrations have continued today, with the children enjoying their well-deserved end-of-year treat of Bubble Football. There were plenty of laughs, lots of energy and, of course, a few spectacular tumbles! It was a wonderful way to celebrate the end of their primary school journey together.

I trust you all received yesterday's email containing a link to your child's end-of-year report and have enjoyed reading about the progress and achievements they have made throughout the year. Parents and carers of our Year 6 pupils will also have received their children's SATs results.

Each year, schools administer statutory assessments for children in Early Years (Early Learning Goals), Year 1 (Phonics Screening), Year 4 (Multiplication Table Challenge) and Year 6 (SATs). I am delighted to share that our pupils have achieved very positive outcomes across all of these year groups. These results are a reflection of the children's hard work, resilience and enthusiasm for learning, and I am incredibly proud of everything they have accomplished. An overview of our results will be published on our website in due course.

I would also like to extend my sincere thanks to all of our staff for their dedication, commitment and hard work throughout the year. Their passion and support make a tremendous difference to our children every day, and these achievements would not have been possible without them.

Moving on here's a flavour of everything that has been going on in school this week:

Year 1 Visit to Bridgewater Gardens – Wednesday 15th July

Year 1 enjoyed a beautiful and very sunny day at Bridgewater gardens this Wednesday. The children were able to explore community gardens, kitchen gardens, walled gardens and the woodlands (with the added attraction of their parks!) They participated in workshops where they examined fruits and vegetables as well as planting, harvesting and watering produce in the learning garden. As always, we are very grateful to the team of parent volunteers who accompanied us on the day too!

Early Years Pirate Day/Stay And Play Picnic

On Monday morning Early Years were taken over by pirates! All the children arrived wearing a range of fantastic costumes ready for a fun filled day to complete their current theme on Pirates. The children all had the opportunity to ice a pirate biscuit, play pirate games, sing sea shanties and build a pirate ship in the construction area. A huge thank you to all our parents for fully embracing the day, it's certainly one they'll remember.

We finished the week with our final stay and play session of the year which took the form of a family picnic on the field this morning. It was wonderful to see so many families and celebrate a fantastic first year at Hartford. Thank you to our Year 1 teaching team for joining us, it was lovely for the children to spend time with you all again in readiness for September.

Year 4 Marshalls Arms Visit – Monday 13th July

Year 4 enjoyed the sunshine during their walk to the River Weaver through Marshalls Arms this Monday. This trip helped to inform their Geography lesson on the use of the River Weaver past and present.

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Year 5 Visit To Hartford High School – Thursday 16th July

Year 5 had a trip to Hartford High School yesterday to take part in a Design Technology lesson. Whilst we were at the high school, the children had the chance to experience a construction simulator, and we learned about the famous architect Frank Lloyd Wright who designed a house called Fallingwater. Working with Mrs Walker, we were then architects designing our own buildings – such creative ideas!

A Final Sporting Update From Mr Cairns

On Monday, the Year 5 & 6 girls cricket team went to Warrington Cricket Club for the County Final. They played extremely well in the heat, winning three matches and losing two. Their bowling improved throughout the day, and they hit some great shots for 4 and 6 in the final game.

On Tuesday the Year 6 boys' cricket team got their turn. They started very well with all aspects of their game working, especially their accurate bowling. They won the first 4 matches which meant they went through to the semifinal against Bowden. Unfortunately the heat started to take its toll, and they lost the game by 20 runs. Well done to all those who played cricket this week in difficult conditions.

For our final sporting event of the year Jayden, Zoe and George went to Hartford Manor for a fencing competition on Tuesday after school. They had a fantastic time competing against other schools. As you can see from the results below, they made sure the final match of the year was a comprehensive victory!

Hartford Manor vs Hartford Primary – Hartford Primary School wins 7 matches to 2

Thank you to all the staff, parents and children who have been to competitions over the past 18 years. I have loved coaching all of the children and seeing them improve. We could not attend all the events without staff and parental support. Thank you to everyone who has helped.

Finally, we held our rearranged Early and KS1 Sports Day yesterday. It was lovely to see all the young children racing down the track, scoring goals and soaking the Year 6 children with wet sponges! After all the points were added up, Mrs. Dodd won her final ever Sports Day!

Year 2 Multisport Event – Tuesday 14th July

Twelve of our Year 2 children enjoyed taking part in a multisport event at Sandiway Primary School on Tuesday. They participated in a variety of fun games that tested their speed, agility and coordination. The children showed fantastic enthusiasm, teamwork and determination throughout, and represented our school brilliantly. Well done everyone.

Attendance

Whole school attendance up until Friday 10th July was 96.85%, we've had 42 children recorded as late this week.

Year 6 Leavers' Lunch Menu – Wednesday 22nd July

As has become a much-loved tradition, our Year 6 children are given the opportunity to choose a special lunch menu for the entire school to enjoy. The menu for next Wednesday 22nd July will now be as follows:

- Pepperoni Pizza
- Mozzarella Sticks
- Jacket Potato with either beans, cheese or tuna

There will be a choice of desserts.

Lost Property

As we approach the end of term, please check our lost property for any items belonging to your child. Any unclaimed items remaining after **3.20pm on Wednesday 22nd** will be donated to our pre-loved uniform shop or to charity.

As we look ahead to the start of the new term in September, please ensure that all uniform, coats, bottles and other belongings are clearly named. This makes it much easier for lost items to be returned to their owners.

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Dates For Your Diary

Monday 20 th July	Staff Leavers' Assembly 2pm
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	Year 6 Leavers' Lunch Menu
Wednesday 22 nd July	School Closes for Summer (Normal Collection Times)
Tuesday 1 st September	Inset Day – School Closed
Wednesday 2 nd September	School Reopens
Wednesday 2 nd September	Year 6 Meet The Teacher
Thursday 3 rd September	Year 4 Meet The Teacher
Monday 7 th September	After School Enrichment Clubs Start This Week
Monday 7 th September	Year 2 Meet The Teacher
Tuesday 8 th September	Year 3 Meet The Teacher
Wednesday 9 th September	Year 1 Meet The Teacher
Thursday 10 th September	Year 5 Meet The Teacher
Tuesday 15 th September	Early Years Meet The Teacher

Finally, just a reminder that we are holding a staff leavers' assembly next Monday at 2pm on the school field and would love it if as many of our families as possible could come along to help the children give Mr Cairns and Mrs Dodd a special send off.

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

Edsential School Holiday Cooking Competition

This summer, our catering provider, Edsential, are inviting families to discover what ingredients go into school catering!

The catering team have been busy creating exciting new recipes that meet the proposed School Food Standards changes while cleverly incorporating extra vegetables into dishes children already know and love. Now they're sharing these recipes with parents and carers so they can recreate them at home during the school holidays.

Families that try one of our school-inspired recipes at home and share a photo get a chance to win fantastic prizes throughout the summer holidays like Chester zoo tickets or supermarket vouchers!

Please see the attached flyer for further details.

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?

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



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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!

RNLI's 2026 Float to Live Campaign

As we move towards the school holidays and with the continuing warm weather the RNLI have asked us to share the following lifesaving advice.

- The core campaign message remains simple and practical: if you find yourself struggling in the water, Float to Live. Tilt your head back with your ears submerged, relax and try to control your breathing, move your hands and legs if needed, and remember that it's OK if your legs sink — we all float differently. Once your breathing is under control, call for help or swim to safety.
- The campaign toolkit includes social media assets, films, posters, pocket guides, email banners and community resources. Please signpost your teams and partners to [download the campaign toolkit here](#), with all the digital assets available on the [Float To Live website here](#).
- A recorded briefing about the campaign can be [viewed here](#).
- A new case study about a young man called Euan who credits Float to Live with helping to save his life is [available here](#).
- For those wanting to understand the evidence behind the campaign, [this peer reviewed BMJ Injury Prevention](#) article is useful.

Cheshire West and Chester's Summer Holiday Activities

Explore CWAC's Summer Holidays 2026 Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) Activities and Events Padlet, packed with activities, events and opportunities for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disability throughout the summer holidays: <https://padlet.com/LiveWellCheshireWest/summerholidays>

You can also visit their School Holiday Activities pages to discover library events, family-friendly activities at Brio Leisure, and exciting experiences at local museums: [School holiday activities | Cheshire West and Chester Council](#)

Family First Magazine

We've been asked to share the first issue of Family First Magazine with you which can be accessed via the following link:

<https://familyfirst.co.uk/magazines/family-first-issue-3-2026/>

Circus At Blakemere Village

James Richards Circus will be at Blakemere Village from Wednesday 26th – Monday 31st August, flyer attached with more details.

Saturday Youth Theatre

Marmalade Drama have spaces available for their next production at their local youth theatre.

The group is suitable for children aged 6-16 years. Here's some more information and there's a flyer attached.

Location: Wincham Community Centre

Time: 10am-12pm Saturdays

Number: 07816683217 Email: olivia@marmaladedrama.co.uk

What we cover: acting/singing/dancing

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Scriptwriting & acting for screen workshops.

Please fill out this form for a free taster:

Enrolment Form
marmaladedrama.co.uk

Strong Minds Summer Club

Flyer attached with details of this holiday club being held at Northwich Rugby Club this August.

Summer Forest School At Kingsmead Primary School

Flyer attached for information.