



HARTFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

HEAD'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

7th October 2026



Dear Parents, Carers, and Families

October has certainly got off to a mild start, with some lovely autumn weather for us to enjoy. There is lots happening across the school this month, with plenty of exciting activities, events, and achievements to share. I've accompanied our Year 4 trip to The Deva Centre today, a report of our day will follow in next week's newsletter. Read on to find out what's been happening and what we've got to look forward to.

Early Years 2027 Open Event – Thursday 1st October

I'm delighted to report that our Open Event for prospective Early Years 2027 parents was very successful last Thursday. Our Year 6 ambassadors for the day were George, Olivia and Holly and they performed their duties brilliantly, so much so that we've had some lovely email feedback from our visitors. Our next Open Event for parents is Tuesday 13th October and our next Come and Play event for children with availability is on Monday 9th November. Details of how to book are on our website.

Year 6 Big Sing – Thursday 1st October

We were incredibly proud of our Year 6 pupils as they represented our school at the Big Sing event last Thursday. Their behaviour was exemplary throughout the day, from walking to and from the church to showing respect and maturity during the service. The children performed beautifully and thoroughly enjoyed singing and listening to pupils from other local primary schools and Hartford Church of England High School. The highlight for many was joining together for the massed performance of *Don't Look Back in Anger*, accompanied by the talented Year 10 band. It was also lovely to see some familiar faces from previous school years. Overall, it was a fantastic experience, and we were delighted to be part of such a joyful celebration of music.

Year 3 Visit to Beeston Castle

Year 3 had a fantastic day exploring Beeston Castle yesterday! Our adventure began as soon as we arrived, with a challenging climb up to the castle ruins. Along the way, we stopped to think about why hunter gatherers chose to settle around Beeston and enjoyed the spectacular views from the many lookout points. We then stepped back in time to experience life in the Bronze and Iron Ages, learning why people built hillforts in this location. The children worked together to build their own human roundhouse, visited a real roundhouse, and handled artefacts from different periods of history, helping them to imagine what life might have been like thousands of years ago. After a day full of learning, exploration and adventure, there were certainly lots of tired Year 3's on the coach journey home!

Parents' Evenings

As you'll have seen from the dates for the diary section over the last couple of weeks, Parents' Evening appointments will be held from Monday 19th October – Thursday 22nd October. Late appointments (up until 7pm) will be held on Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st. Appointments will be available to book via School Spider (the system that runs our website) as usual and communication will be sent to advise when these will go live once we've finalised each teacher's schedule. Our office team will be issuing login details to our new Early Years parents (and any new In Year Transfer parents) shortly. If you're not new to school and need a reminder of your details, please give the ladies in the office a call or send them an email.

On 21st October, Mrs Helen Rowland, our Special Educational Needs Co-Ordinator (SENCo) will be offering a drop in session for parents from 1.30pm - 6pm. This is an informal drop-in session for any parents who wish to discuss any potential special educational concerns they may have about their child. If you would like a specific time to fit in with your Parents' Evening appointments when you've booked them, please email Mrs Rowland directly on:

senco@hartfordprimary.cheshire.sch.uk

Pupil Survey

I emailed out last Thursday with details of a pupil survey and would like to encourage you to complete this with your child/ren. The deadline for replies is 9am Thursday 15th October. Here's a reminder of the details and the link to the survey:

At Hartford Primary School, the safeguarding, happiness, and well-being of our pupils is our top priority. We have put together this short questionnaire based on the official Ofsted pupil survey. We ask that you sit down and complete these questions together with your child at home to help us gather their views.

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<https://forms.gle/hAyVn7YPzotnPXCc8>

Important Note on Anonymity: This survey can be completed anonymously (although we are asking for Year group to help us support any trends). You are not required to provide your name, your child's name, or their class. However, please be aware that if you choose to remain anonymous and raise a specific concern or issue that you would like us to resolve, we will not be able to reach out to you to offer support and address the matter. If you would like us to follow up on your responses, please ensure you complete the name sections.

Attendance

Whole school attendance up until Friday 2nd October was 97.84%, we had 36 children recorded as late last week.

PTA News

On Monday we held our annual AGM - we decided to try during school time as some parents had told us that evenings were difficult with childcare, but unfortunately attendance was still low. Luckily, we had enough people present to be able to meet the rules for running an AGM and voting decisions - thank you to those who did come!

Full minutes and copies of the chair and treasurer report will be issued shortly, but the key things discussed were the events and activities which led to £16k being raised during the last academic year, and also some of the proposed spend this year. Some of this will be for individual year groups, but also to release some funding to make

improvements to continue attracting more families into the school - if we do not have full year groups this limits the funding the school receives. More to follow in the formal minutes.

Finally, we have some changes to the committee - Charlotte Spragg has now stepped down from the committee, and Kate Farmer stepped down as Chair, both due to personal reasons. The new committee is as follows:

- Becky Farley was elected as Chair
- Rachael Edwards remains as Treasurer
- Kate Farmer was elected as Secretary

All parents are part of the PTA when their children are at school therefore if you are interested in helping at any event or even can help us match fund, please do reach out. In the meantime please save the date for the Winter Fair on Friday 27th November!

Dates For Your Diary (Christmas Performance Dates Now Included)

Wednesday 7 th October	Year 4 Visit to The Deva Centre
Monday 12 th October	Year 5 Sikhism Workshop
Monday 19 th October – Thursday 22 nd October	Parents' Evenings
Monday 19 th October	Squirrels Come and Play Session for Parents 2pm
Tuesday 20 th October	Hedgehogs Come and Play Session for Parents 2pm
Friday 23 rd October	Whole School Flu Immunisation Programme
Friday 23 rd October	School Closes for Half Term
Wednesday 4 th November	Indian Dance Workshop – Early Years and Year 3
Monday 9 th November	Otters Visit to Reaseheath Zoo
Wednesday 11 th November	Badgers Visit to Reaseheath Zoo
Tuesday 24 th November	Early Years Christmas Visit to St. John's Church
Friday 27 th November	PTA Christmas Event
Tuesday 8 th December	Early Years Nativity 10am and 2pm
Wednesday 9 th December	St. John's Church Christmas Celebration – Years 3 & 5
Thursday 10 th December	KS1 (Years 1 & 2) Nativity 2pm
Friday 11 th December	KS1 (Years 1 & 2) Nativity 2pm
Monday 14 th December	St. John's Church Christmas Celebration – Years 4 & 6

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Preloved Uniform - *Important update*

Due to storage we are unable to take any more donations at the moment.

Preloved uniform can be requested at any time using this email address:
preloveduniform@hartfordprimary.cheshire.sch.uk

Let us know your requirements and your child's name and class.

Have a good week everyone.

Warm regards

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Mrs L Cade
Head of School



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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

School Admissions Appeal Panel Members

Cheshire West and Chester Council are currently carrying out a round of recruitment to add to their existing pool of school admission appeal panel members. Please see the attached document for further information if you're interested in the role.

Cuddington Primary School Fireworks Event – Thursday 5th November

Please find attached a flyer regarding this event which may be of interest to you and your family.

Netball World Half Term Holiday Camp

Please find attached a flyer for netball camp being held at The Grange Senior School this half term.

Pumpkin Picking – Primrose Hill Nurseries

Primrose Hill Nurseries have asked us to include the following information about their Pumpkin Picking Event where families have the chance to go long to pick their home-grown pumpkins on site at Primrose Hill Nurseries.

It's a great event for the whole family. Entrance is free, and no ticket is required to visit.

You can expect a big pumpkin patch, Halloween trail, pumpkin carving, opportunities for photos and games for the children.

The pumpkin patch will be open every day from 1st October to 31st October 10am-4pm with extra activities on at weekends and half term.

From 17th October on weekends we will have coffee and sweet treats available to purchase on the pumpkin field with Halloween Themed Yoga and Spooky Circus Workshops in the tipis available to book via the link below:

<https://www.tipisatprimrose.co.uk/>

