



HARTFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

HEAD'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

14th October 2026



Dear Parents, Carers, and Families

As you'll be aware, today is the second day of our Ofsted inspection. I would like to extend my sincere thanks to everyone who has taken the time to complete the parent survey. Your feedback and support is very much appreciated.

It has certainly been a busy couple of days for everyone at Hartford, but one thing that has really stood out throughout the inspection is just how marvellous our children are. I have been very proud of how they have behaved and conducted themselves. I would also like to thank all the school staff who have demonstrated the true meaning of teamwork this week.

Once the inspectors conclude their visit today, they will begin writing their report. We will be informed of the outcome in due course and will share further information when we are able to do so.

As a result of the inspection, we had to cancel our Early Years 2027 Come & Play event scheduled for Monday, as well as our Open Events yesterday. We apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused. We have arranged an additional Come & Play session for the families who were booked to attend on Monday, and there are still several Open Events taking place over the coming weeks for prospective families to book onto.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and understanding.

Read on to find out what's been happening in school over the last few days.

Year 4 Visit to The Deva Centre – Wednesday 7th October

Year 4 had a great time last week at the Deva Centre in Chester. We were shown around the exhibition where we could get close to real Roman artefacts and try on Roman armour. We even saw a "real" gladiator battle and held some actual swords. The best bit though was parading through the streets of Chester with a shield and armed with a soft sword. We practised our battle cries, scared the citizens of Chester, and visited the Roman gardens and the Amphitheatre.

Year 5 Sikhism Workshop – Monday 12th October

Year 5 had a fantastic time taking part in an exciting Sikhism workshop on Monday! The children had the opportunity to explore a range of Sikh artefacts and learn about their importance, as well as discovering the meaning behind the 5 Ks of Sikhism. Many children particularly enjoyed having their hands and faces painted, while some were even chosen to dress up in traditional Sikh clothing. The workshop was a wonderful opportunity for the children to bring their classroom learning to life through first-hand experiences, ask questions and deepen their understanding of Sikh beliefs, traditions, and practices. It was a fantastic and memorable experience that the children thoroughly enjoyed!

Parents' Evenings

The booking system has now gone live and will remain open until 10am this Friday 16th October. If you're struggling to access the system, please contact our office team via admin@hartfordprimary.cheshire.sch.uk

On 21st October, Mrs Helen Rowland, our Special Educational Needs Co-Ordinator (SENCo) is 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

Attendance

Whole school attendance up until Friday 9th October was 97.75%, we had 28 children recorded as late last week.



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PTA News

We're delighted to confirm that we will be holding our Christmas event on Friday 27th November. If anyone can donate a prize for the Christmas Raffle, we would be very grateful and in return will promote your local business on our Facebook page and on the night of the event.



We are also holding an 'Own Clothes Day' on Friday 23rd October, the day we break up for half term. The children can wear an outfit of their choice in return for a donation (of any denomination) to PTA funds. Donations can be made via this link: <https://pay.sumup.com/b2c/QC8937MB> or by scanning the QR code below.



Dates For Your Diary (Christmas Performance Dates Now Included)

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	PTA Own Clothes Day
Friday 23 rd October	School Closes for Half Term
Monday 2 nd November	School Reopens for Autumn 2
Wednesday 4 th November	Indian Dance Workshop – Early Years and Year 3
Friday 6 th November	Swimming Lessons Start for Foxes Class
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

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Friday 27 th November	PTA Christmas Event
Friday 4 th December	Early Years Christmas Visit to The Ice Cream Farm
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
Friday 19 th December	School Closes for Christmas
Monday 4 th January 2027	Inset Day – School Closed
Tuesday 5 th January 2027	School Reopens for Spring 1`

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**

Blakemere's Halloween Trail

Blakemere's Halloween Trail will be starting on Saturday 17th October and running throughout the October half-term holiday, offering families a fun, spooky activity to enjoy together during the school break. Flyer attached for information.

Superstars Half Term Holiday Club

Superstars Holiday Clubs are back for October Half term, and we have been putting together amazing plans to keep your children occupied, engaged and above all having fun. Superstars will deliver each day a programme of Multi Sports, Football, Dance and Halloween Lego Sessions. Superstars will deliver a designated day of Halloween Crafts and on Friday there will be Halloween party day, whereby your children can come in their Halloween costumes. Flyer attached for information.

For further details please look on superstarscamps.co.uk

To book and pay follow this link: <https://superstarsholidayclub.ipalbookings.com>

CA Alternatives Futures Half Term Holiday Club

Our October Half Term provision is designed to provide children with a fun, safe, and supportive environment throughout the school holidays. We offer a range of activities including sports, team games, arts and crafts, creative activities, and themed Halloween activities, with a hot meal included each day.

As a provider with experience supporting children with SEND and additional needs, we pride ourselves on creating an inclusive environment where every child can feel welcome, supported, and able to take part.

Flyer attached for further information.