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12th November 2026



Dear Parents, Carers, and Families

Yesterday, I had the pleasure of attending the Remembrance Service at St John's Church alongside ten of our Year 6 children. I was incredibly proud of how respectfully and thoughtfully they conducted themselves throughout the service. They were fabulous ambassadors for our school, representing our community with such maturity, dignity, and pride.

I would also like to say a huge thank you to our Year 6 children who have helped to facilitate the sale of poppies in support of the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal, and to all of our families for their generous support of this important cause. Your contributions are greatly appreciated.

Finally, thank you to everyone who donated a shoebox gift in support of the Samaritan's Purse Christmas Shoebox Appeal. These have now been collected and are on their way to their destination. I am sure they will be gratefully received and will bring joy to children who may otherwise have very little this Christmas. Thank you once again for your incredible generosity and continued support of our school community.

Moving on to our news for this week:

Interfaith Week

This week is Interfaith Week! Across the school, we've been celebrating the rich diversity of beliefs, cultures and traditions that make up our community. The theme this year is "Lighting the Way for a Shared Future."

The week began with a live Picture News assembly for the whole school, providing an opportunity for pupils to reflect on the importance of understanding and respecting different faiths and beliefs. Throughout the week, classes have been exploring how people of different faiths and worldviews can learn from one another, share common values and work together to build a kinder and more peaceful future.

Religious Education plays an important role in helping children develop respect, understanding and empathy for others. Through learning about and from different religions and beliefs, our pupils are encouraged to ask thoughtful questions, appreciate different perspectives, and reflect on their own values. Interfaith Week provides a wonderful opportunity to celebrate diversity, promote inclusion and strengthen the values of kindness, respect and cooperation that are at the heart of our school community.

Together, we can help light the way towards a shared future where everyone feels valued, understood, and respected.

Year 1 Trip To Reaseheath Zoo

This week our Year 1 classes have enjoyed a fabulous visit to Reaseheath Mini Zoo. Whilst at the zoo they took part in a workshop to learn about animal diets and identify animals that were herbivores, carnivores, and omnivores. We then had a great tour of the zoo and particularly enjoyed seeing the otters, meerkats, and llamas! This super visit reinforced our Year 1 learning in Science. Thank you as always to our parent helpers who volunteered on the day.

Odd Socks Day - Monday 16th November

We are the Year 6 Happiness Heroes! We are a team of Year 6 children and it is our job to promote No Outsiders and My Happy Minds and to help make our school the very best it can be by ensuring it is a happy and safe place for everyone. As part of our role, we are helping to organise Odd Socks Day.

Odd Socks Day marks the start of Anti-Bullying Week, which will take place from Monday 16th November to Friday 20th November, with the theme 'Break the Silence'. As part of this year's theme, we will be encouraging children to start conversations about bullying, speak up, listen and take action together.

Most importantly, Odd Socks Day is designed to be fun! It is an opportunity for everyone to express themselves, celebrate their individuality and recognise what makes us all unique.

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The Year 6 Happiness Heroes would like to invite all children (and staff!) to wear odd socks on Monday 16th November and make a voluntary donation of £1. Donations can be made via your ParentPay account or by bringing cash on the day. The money raised will be shared between the Anti-Bullying Alliance and improvements to our school library.

Thank you for your support! We can't wait to see your socks!

The Year 6 Happiness Heroes



Year 2 Wings and Things Friday 20th November

Year 2 have been given the opportunity to meet a special visitor next Friday. The company 'Wings and Things' are going to be visiting us and bringing a real barn owl! This is to link to the children's learning about owls in English as they are reading the book 'The Owl Who was Afraid of the Dark'. The children will spend about an hour with our visitor and will learn lots of facts about owls and other birds of prey. Our wonderful PTA will be covering the cost of the workshops, so there is no charge for families, and we would like to thank you PTA for this very kind donation.

Attendance

Whole school attendance up until Friday 6th November was 97.33%, we had 44 children recorded as late last week. Please do make every effort to get your child to school on time as it really helps to support their readiness for learning.

PTA News

A big thank you for all the donations we've received for the Own Clothes Day that took place on Friday 23rd October – we raised over £330.00 for the school.

We still have places available on our "Festive Doormat Workshop" which is taking place at school on Thursday 3rd December. Please visit your ParentPay account to purchase a place.

Tub2Pub Charity Campaign

This year we will be supporting the Tub2Pub campaign, run by Greene King in partnership with Macmillan Cancer Support, collecting clean, empty plastic confectionery, biscuit, and cracker tubs to divert them from landfill and raise money for charity. During the 2025 Tub2Pub recycling campaign, Greene King collected a record-breaking 27,990kg of plastic (over 240,000 tubs) and raised £10,916.10 for Macmillan Cancer Support.

Please help us support this great cause (and it gives you an excuse to eat chocolates!!) Send your clean, empty plastic confectionery and biscuit tubs to Miss Crouch at school between now and 1 February 2027.



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Dates For Your Diary

Monday 16th November	Odd Socks Day
Friday 20th November	Year 2 Wings and Things
Tuesday 24th November	Early Years Christmas Visit to St. John's Church
Friday 27th November	PTA Christmas Event
Monday 30th November	School Photographer – Individual & Sibling Portraits
Thursday 3rd December	PTA Festive Doormat Workshop 6.30pm – 8.30pm
Friday 4th December	Early Years Christmas Visit to The Ice Cream Farm
Monday 7th December	Years 1 – 6 Visit to The Storyhouse Chester - Rapunzel
Tuesday 8th December	Early Years Nativity 10am and 2pm
Wednesday 9th December	St. John's Church Christmas Celebration – Years 3 & 5
Thursday 10th December	KS1 (Years 1 & 2) Nativity 2pm
Friday 11th December	KS1 (Years 1 & 2) Nativity 2pm
Monday 14th December	St. John's Church Christmas Celebration – Years 4 & 6
Wednesday 16th December	Christmas Dinner Day
Friday 18th December	School Closes for Christmas
Monday 4th January 2027	Inset Day – School Closed
Tuesday 5th January 2027	School Reopens for Spring 1`

Preloved Uniform - *Important update*

As we will be holding a preloved uniform sale at the PTA's Christmas event on 27th November, we are now welcoming donations of school logoed uniform (no non logoed or grey items please) that are clean and in good condition. Please drop any donations off at the school office.

If you need items of uniform, 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.

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

Christmas is coming to Hartford!
Get set for these free, festive events in the village. There is no need to book a ticket - just come along on the day. Everyone is welcome!

- **Christmas Lantern Parade**
  Sat 21 November 2026, 4.30pm on the Chester Road car park, opposite the shops
  Free, family-friendly lantern walk before the Light Up event.

- **Christmas Light Up**
  Sat 21 November 2026, 5.15pm onwards on the Chester Road car park, opposite the shops
  Enjoy free refreshments and music from Singspace Musical Theatre Choir, Hartford CofE High School, and St John's Church... plus meet Santa!

- **Hartford Christmas Fayre**
  Sat 28 November 2026, 11am - 3pm at St John's Church and Church Centre
  Enjoy live music, browse food and craft stalls… plus meet a special visitor from Lapland!

- **Let's Play**
  Sun 13 December 2026, 2pm - 4pm on the Green Field behind the Chester Road shops
  Make new friends and have fun at this free Christmas-themed outdoor play event for children and their families.

These events are all run by volunteer members of the community and supported by Hartford Parish Council. Find out more about the events here: Events - Hartford Parish Council

Flyers attached.

🎄 **Christmas trees that raise money for Hartford Primary**
This Christmas, Grange Christmas Trees, a local family-run business at Iddenshall Grange just outside Tarporley, is supporting our school. For every family who buys their tree there and mentions Hartford Primary, £5 comes back to the school.

Fresh, real trees in a range of varieties and every size, from £50. Choose yours at the farm or have it delivered locally.

📍 Iddenshall Grange, Tarporley, CW6 0EQ
🌐 grangechristmastrees.co.uk
📱 facebook.com/grangechristmastrees
📞 07985 235884

Just remember to say "Hartford Primary" when you buy. Thank you for supporting the school! 🎄

Kidscount Christmas Holiday Club
Please see the attached flyer for information regarding Kidscount's Christmas holiday club.

Superstars Festive Holiday Clubs
Superstars Festive Holiday Clubs are running from Monday 21st to Wednesday 23rd December 2026.

The clubs offer children a fun, active and engaging way to spend their school holidays, with a variety of activities including multi-sports, football, dance, festive LEGO challenges, Christmas crafts and a festive party.

HAF-funded places available for eligible children, helping families access fun, enriching activities during the Christmas holidays.

Please see the attached flyers for further information.