HARTFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL
HEAD'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER
18th November 2026



Dear Parents, Carers, and Families

I'd like to start this week's newsletter by returning to our Samaritan's Purse shoebox appeal. I'm delighted to share that all of our shoeboxes have now been delivered to Edward Mellor Estate Agents in Northwich, and we received the following lovely feedback from them yesterday:

"I would also like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to the school, parents and students for all the kind and generous donations received so far. Your support is greatly appreciated."

I'd like to personally thank Lilah and Edward for suggesting we get involved as a school to support this worthy cause and also their Dad for coordinating the logistics.

Moving on to our news for this week:

Odd Socks Day - Monday 16th November

We had a fantastic time celebrating Odd Socks Day on Monday 16th November, marking the start of Anti-Bullying Week! Our Year 6 Happiness Heroes did a brilliant job of helping to organise the event and raising awareness of this year's Anti-Bullying Week theme, **'Break the Silence'**. It was wonderful to see so many children and staff getting involved, wearing their colourful, mismatched and wonderfully wacky odd socks! The day was all about celebrating individuality, recognising what makes us unique and reminding everyone that our differences should be celebrated. It also provided an opportunity to encourage children to speak up about bullying, listen to one another and take action together to make sure our school remains a happy, safe, and welcoming place for everyone.

A huge thank you to everyone who took part and supported the event by making a voluntary donation of £1. All money raised will be shared between the **Anti-Bullying Alliance** and improvements to our school library. So far we have raised £209.40 We are so proud of our Year 6 Happiness Heroes for helping to spread such an important message and making the day such a success! **Together, we can make a difference – one odd sock at a time!**

Thank you, The Year 6 Happiness Heroes.

Year 6 Indoor Athletics Competition – Tuesday 17th November

A team of 24 Year 6 pupils represented school yesterday at an Indoor Athletics event at Hartford High School yesterday. I'm delighted to report that we've heard this morning that we won the competition and will now take part in the final in February. Well done to everyone who took part!

Tomorrow eight Year 6 children will be taking part in a Boccia and New Age Kurling event at St. Nicholas' Catholic High School. Good luck!

Year 2 Wings and Things Friday 20th November

A reminder that Year 2 have been given the opportunity to meet a special visitor this 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.

Early Years Church Visit – Tuesday 24th November

Next Tuesday we will be taking our Early Years children to St John's Church in Hartford. We will be listening to stories and taking part in a Christmas craft activity. This will be a lovely start to our Christmas activities for our youngest children.

Attendance

Whole school attendance up until Friday 13th November was 97.28%, we had 35 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.

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PTA News

PTA Christmas Event Friday 27th November
In celebration of our upcoming event, **Friday 27th November will be a Non-Uniform Day!** We encourage everyone to wear a little sparkle wherever they can! ✨ In return we would be very grateful for donations to help make our stalls a success.

We are suggesting the following donations by year group to help spread things out:

🍫 **EYFS & Year 1:** Chocolate donations (for the return of our *Where's Santa? Map!*)

🎁 **Years 2 & 3:** Children's gifts (for our Children's Tombola)

🍾 **Years 4, 5 & 6:** Bottle donations (for our much-loved Bottle Tombola!)

These are just suggestions to help spread the donations out, so you are very welcome to donate from any of the categories. **Please note:** We cannot accept donations before Friday 27th November as we don't have the space to store them. Please drop all donations off at the **Small Hall on the morning of Friday 27th**. Thank you so much for your support. Our stalls can only run with your generous donations, and as many parents who have attended before will know, the Bottle Tombola is always a firm favourite!

🎟 **Token Sales**

We will also be out and about selling tokens ahead of the event!

- **Bags of 5 tokens – £5**
- **Bags of 10 tokens – £10**

We will have **8 children's games in total**, with games costing between 1 and 2 tokens per go.

Where to buy your tokens:

- Monday: 3:20–3:30pm
- Friday: At the Small Hall during donation drop-off

Don't worry if you run out! Tokens will also be available to purchase on the night in the Small Hall.

Please note: The Bar and Bottle Tombola will accept both cash and card payments.

Dates For Your Diary

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

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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

Northwich Comic Con – Saturday 21st November
Comic Con is a fun, FREE, family festive event taking place at Brio Leisure in Northwich on Saturday 21st November.

Visitors can expect to find fan favourite characters, including an assortment of Superheroes, Star Wars, and many more in attendance, with regular meet and greet opportunities for those wanting a photo with their favourites! The Grinch and Santapool will be making a couple of appearances to hand out gifts to all the children as well. There will also be a variety of stalls where you can buy all those must-have Christmas gifts, including collectibles, trading cards, Funko pops, Lego, comics, action figures, artwork, games and more!

For any budding superhero, princess or villain there will be a cosplay (fancy dress) competition with prizes for the best outfit. You can also find replica prop sets and backdrops from fan favourite series, perfect for photo opportunities! Flyer attached.

Wild Tots Playcafé – SEND Sessions
Wild Tots Playcafe in Northwich have just started hosting SEND sessions on Thursday afternoons and Sunday mornings. They offer a calmer environment during these times, which they think will benefit some parents. Parents who are interested in attending can book the sessions online via their website: https://wildtotsplaycafe.co.uk/

Face Family Support
Please see the attached flyer for details of support sessions being held this December.

Mid Cheshire Hearts FC
Please see attached a flyer from Mid Cheshire Hearts FC who are looking for new players.

Swimbarn
Flyer attached regarding a swimming facility in Higher Whitley which offers swimming lessons, swim/fitness classes and private hire.