



17th October 2025

"Learning Together for Life"

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been an action-packed couple of weeks in school. Last Thursday, we had a great turn-out for the Reception Parent Reading Meeting. It's always lovely to see such positive engagement at these events and hopefully offered some helpful tips and advice. The 'Teaching Reading and Phonics at Hartford Manor' slides are available on the school website under the Our [School- Curriculum-English](#) tab. Our top tips for all ages are:

- Read stories aloud to your child and talk about the story
- Let them hold their book when they read to you
- Encourage them to look for parts in the words that they know to help them sound out unknown words

We have also published Reading Comprehension questions in the same area of the website. These will give you an idea of the types of questions we use in school during reading lessons.

Our girls' football team attended their first tournament on Tuesday accompanied by Mrs Meyer. The girls made us really proud with their team spirit and showed great resilience and determination throughout. We look forward to hearing about their future fixtures. Our Head Girl has written a sports report below.

On Wednesday, the local PCSO visited school to deliver fire safety and Halloween safety assemblies for Key Stages One and Two. The children asked lots of questions and engaged well in the sessions. We hope they shared some of their knowledge when they came home.

Next week, FOHM are holding the Monster Mash discos. On Monday, we will send a final reminder about tickets and arrangements for the evening.

We hope you have a lovely weekend.
Thank you for your continued support,

Jan Diamond
Head of School

<u>School Dinners</u>	Next week, we will be on menu 2. Please pay for your meals via School Gateway.
<u>FunFest Hartford Manor- October half-term</u>	FunFest will be running a holiday club at Hartford Manor during October half-term. To book a space please visit: https://fun-fest.co.uk/hartfordmanor/
<u>Thursday 23rd October 2025</u>	Tempest photography will be in school taking Individual photographs. Children are to wear full school uniform (no P.E kits).
<u>Clean Air</u>	We would like to remind everyone of the importance of keeping the area surrounding the school healthy for the children and families. If you drive to school in a non-electric vehicle, please remember to turn off your car engine while waiting at drop-off and pick-up times. Reducing engine idling helps improve air quality for our children, keeping them safe and healthy. In addition, please refrain from smoking or vaping near the school gates whilst waiting to drop-off and collect children. Thank you for your support.
<u>Term dates 2026-2027</u>	The term dates for the next academic year September 2026-July 2027 can be found on our school website: Hartford Manor Term dates 2026-2027 .

<u>Last day of term- Thursday 23rd October 2025</u>	Just a reminder that school closes on Thursday for October half-term. Friday 24 th October is a staff training day. Children will return to school on Monday 3 rd November 2025.
<u>Head Girl's Football Report</u>	On Tuesday, we went to a girls' football tournament at Hartford high. We came second out of six teams and won four out of five games. We won our first game 4-0, our second game 2-0, on the third game we won 3-0, on the fourth game we won 1-0 and the last game we sadly lost 2-0. Thank you for all the girls that came to the tournament and were a part of the team for Hartford Manor. We all enjoyed taking part and we are excited for future events coming up.

Diary Dates

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Thursday 23 rd October 2025	Tempest school photographs (Individual children only). Please wear full school uniform (no P.E kits)
Thursday 23 rd October 2025	FOHM Monster Mash Disco
Thursday 23 rd October 2025	School closes for half term.
Friday 24 th October 2025	School closed- Staff training day.
Monday 3 rd November 2025	School re-opens
Thursday 6 th November 2025	Tempest Sibling photographs. Please wear full school uniform (no P.E kits)
Friday 10 th November 2025 (2pm)	Jo Mander Early Help Navigator Service in school
Monday 17 th November-Thursday 20 th November 2025	Parents' evening week (booking information will be shared after half-term)
Tuesday 9 th December 2025 & Wednesday 10 th December 2025	KS1 Nativity in the school hall (2pm)
Friday 12 th December 2025	Reception & Nursery Christmas performance in the school hall (9am and 2pm)
Tuesday 16 th December 2025	11:00am Year 3 & Carol Service (St John's Church) 2:00pm Year 5/6 Carol Service (St John's Church)
Friday 19 th December 2025	School closes for Christmas Break.
Tuesday 19 th May 2026	Reception Sports Day
Wednesday 20 th May 2026	Years 1-6 Sports Day
Thursday 21 st May 2026	Nursery Sports Day

CAR WASH

FUNDRAISER FOR NORWAY 2027

19TH October 2025
£7 per car!!



8am-12pm @ The Grange Jr
School Car Park,
CW8 3AU

Refreshments available!!



Scouts



October Half Term

27th-31st October 2025

Fun Fest Hartford Manor

	AM	PM
Mon	Football Camp Pottery	Sports Action Crafty Creations
Tues	Sports Action Sublime Slime	Fun Fest Bootcamp Autumn Gardens
Weds	Wacky Races Picturesque Painting	Sports Action Fun Fest's Got Talent
Thurs	Crazy Golf Space Cadets	Fun Fit Wizards, Witches and Ghouls
Fri	Halloween Party Day	

Book online at www.fun-fest.co.uk

