



23rd January 2026

“Learning Together for Life”

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank You for Your Incredible Support

We are delighted to share some fantastic news: Hartford Manor has received a strong number of first-choice applications for our Reception Class for September 2026. At a time when primary pupil numbers are falling nationally, it is especially encouraging to see our school community continuing to grow. The fact that Hartford Manor is bucking this national trend speaks volumes about our children, our staff team, and most importantly our families.

We know that so many of our new families come to us because of your recommendations. Thank you for sharing your positive experiences of Hartford Manor with friends, family, neighbours, and through local community sites such as Hartford Life. Your supportive comments and endorsements make a real difference.

Keeping Our Children Healthy: Reducing Pollution Around Schools

We are fortunate at Hartford Manor to have more parking and drop-off spaces than many local schools. This week I read with interest a national report highlighting that the daily school run is the single biggest source of carbon emissions associated with England's schools. We also know that emissions from vehicles can harm children's lungs and, in some cases, contribute to asthma.

With this in mind, can I please remind all families about the dangers of idling engines, particularly close to school entrances. Even a few minutes of idling can create high levels of pollution in the area where children walk and play.

We have been monitoring the use of the car parks this week and would like to encourage parents to use the car parks in the following ways:

- The Turning Circle is designed for short-term drop-off and pick-up to support the staggered school opening time, so that once you have dropped your child in school, your space is quickly made available for others to park
- The school car park off Carriage Drive offers additional parking and reduces congestion on surrounding roads

I continue to be impressed by the number of families who walk to school in all weathers, and equally by those who choose to drive part of the way and walk the last section. These small changes help to reduce traffic, improve air quality, and contribute to calmer, safer roads around school.

After School Safety Reminder

A small number of residents have shared concerns that some children have been playing in the residential car park off Carriage Drive after school. While we love to see children active and spending time outdoors, the car park is not a safe play space.

Could I kindly encourage families to use the designated play areas in Hartford for after-school play. This ensures everyone stays safe and helps maintain positive relationships with our neighbours.

Best wishes,

Simon Kidwell

Principal

School Dinners	Next week, we will be on menu 1. Please pay for your meals via School Gateway.
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Diary Dates

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Tuesday 10 th February 2026	FOHM meeting 7pm (in school)
Friday 13 th February 2026	School closes for half-term
Monday 23 rd February 2026	School re-opens
Monday 2 nd March- Wednesday 4 th March 2026	Book Fair (school hall) 3:20-4:00pm
Thursday 5 th March 2026	World Book Day
Tuesday 24 th March - Wednesday 25 th March 2026	Year 4 Residential
Wednesday 1 st April 2026	School closes for Easter break
Monday 20 th April 2026	School re-opens
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

February Half-Term Football Camp

Hartford Manor Primary School
CW8 1NU

Monday 16th February to Friday 20th February

Boys And Girls Ages 5-14
9:00 - 3:00

£20 a day
£50 for 3 days
£80 for the week

Places Are Limited, For bookings contact:
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