



27th February 2026

"Learning Together for Life"

Dear Parents and Carers,

Reading is a central pillar of our work at Hartford Manor. It sits at the heart of ensuring our children enjoy school, make strong progress across the curriculum, and leave us exceptionally well prepared for High School. In the Early Years and Years 1 and 2 we place a strong emphasis on learning to read by building children's decoding skills through high-quality phonics teaching, alongside nurturing a genuine love of books.

The success we achieve in ensuring that the very large majority of our children secure these core reading skills by the end of Year 1 means they are well placed to thrive academically throughout their time in school. However, while decoding is vital, it is equally important that we never lose sight of the joy and power of reading for pleasure.

Research from the Education Endowment Foundation shows that when parents and carers read regularly with their children, it can add up to four months of additional progress over the course of a year, a powerful reminder that small daily habits make a big difference. We appreciate how busy family life can be, but finding even a few minutes each day to share a story has a lasting impact on children's confidence, curiosity, and achievement.

To inspire and support reading at home and in school, we have an exciting programme of events planned for the coming weeks, including **World Book Day**, **the School Book Fair**, and **Friends of Hartford Manor Reading Challenge**. These activities celebrate reading across our school community and help children discover new authors, genres, and stories that spark their imagination.

Thank you for your continued interest and support.

Best wishes,

Simon Kidwell
Principal

<u>School Dinners</u>	Next week, we will be on menu 2. Please pay for your meals via School Gateway.
<u>Duck Co</u> 	A message from Duck Co: Duck Co is a small student business with some surprisingly big ideas. Started by Josh, Ethan and Frankie (Year 6). We were given a brilliant opportunity by our school to share our products at the Book Fair (Tuesday and Wednesday only) and we couldn't be more excited. Our ducks are 3D printed using high quality equipment and designed from scratch by one very talented (and very patient) Dad. We make bright yellow ducks, mini planes that fit our ducks perfectly and fun little mechs so that your duck can finally pilot its own robot-because every duck deserves an upgrade! Whether you're after a quirky gift, a desk buddy or just a duck that looks cooler than it should, come and visit us at the Book Fair. We promise friendly faces, great prices and ducks that are hard not to smile at. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to The Joshua Tree Charity.

	<u>Pricing list (Please bring the correct change)</u> Duck 50p Plane £2.00 Mech: £2.00
<u>World Book Day Thursday</u> <u>5th March 2026</u>	To mark World Book Day, the children are invited to do one of the following: • Come to school dressed as their favourite book character, • Bring along a wooden spoon decorated as a book or book character or; • Wear school uniform as usual 

Diary Dates

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
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

CAR WASH

FUNDRAISER FOR NORWAY 2027

28th February 2026
£7 per car!!



9am-12pm @ The Grange Jr
School Car Park,
CW8 3AU

Refreshments available!!



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