



10th July 2026

"Learning Together for Life"

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, I would like to thank you for your continued support during another week of exceptionally high temperatures. Your efforts in ensuring that children arrived at school well equipped with water bottles, sun hats and appropriate clothing have been greatly appreciated. Despite the challenging conditions, attendance has remained strong, reflecting the commitment our families place on learning and making the most of every school day.

This week also provided a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the talents and achievements of our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils. On Thursday evening, our children delivered a truly outstanding performance of *'The Mystery at Magpie Manor'* at Brio Memorial Court. Our end-of-primary-school production has become something of a Hartford Manor institution, providing children with the chance to perform in a professional theatre setting and showcase their teamwork, confidence, speaking, singing and acting skills.

The Class of 2026, supported superbly by our Year 5 pupils, made us all incredibly proud. Watching the children perform with such confidence was a fitting celebration of the remarkable progress they have made throughout their seven years at primary school. Thank you to the staff, families and wider school community who supported the event and helped make it such a memorable evening.

This summer marks a significant milestone for the Vale Royal School Sport Partnership as it celebrates its 20th anniversary. Earlier this week, we took part in the partnership's relay event, which sees a celebratory birthday cake passed between schools. We were delighted to receive the cake from Cuddington Primary School and look forward to passing it on to St Wilfrid's.

The Vale Royal School Sport Partnership is recognised as one of the most successful school sport partnerships in the country. The partnership plays a vital role in ensuring high levels of engagement in physical education, providing a wide range of inter-school competitions, delivering high-quality training for staff and giving our children access to expert teaching from specialist coaches. We are proud to have been part of this successful collaboration and to see so many children benefiting from the opportunities it provides.

Finally, I would like to draw your attention to a community fundraising event taking place during the summer holidays. The Charity Colour Run and Festival will be held on Saturday 15th August 2026 at Northwich Rugby Club, Moss Farm, raising funds for Cardiac Risk in the Young and the North West Air Ambulance Charity in memory of Mike Clarke's 40th birthday.

Some members of our school community will remember Mike as a former Hartford Manor parent. We were all deeply shocked and saddened by his sudden passing, and this event provides an opportunity to celebrate his life while supporting two fantastic charities that do such important work. The festival promises live music, family activities, local stalls, food and a colour run, and I know the organisers would greatly appreciate the support of the local community.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. I hope you all enjoy a wonderful weekend, make the most of the sunshine and, if football is your thing, enjoy keeping an eye on the fixture taking place over in Miami this weekend!

Best wishes,
Simon Kidwell
Principal

<u>School Dinners</u>	Next week, we will be on menu 1. Please pay for your meals via School Gateway.
	With the hot weather due to continue into next week, children may continue to wear cool clothing that covers the shoulders (no crop tops or football kits)
<u>NEP Art Project</u> 	The schools in Northwich form the Northwich Education Partnership. We work closely together to organise events across the schools and within the community. Recently, the children at Hartford Manor took part in a Bee Project, where some of our Year 1 children planted the planters in the town centre. Last week, I had the pleasure of displaying art work produced by the children of Northwich based on the theme 'Empowerment.' The NEP art exhibition is now on display at The Lion Salt Works in Marston until 26th September. Families and children can visit the art exhibition for free at any time. Admission to the museum is also free to children. Adults pay an admission fee. See if you can spot our masterpiece. (Thanks to Mrs Barwise and HM art group!)
<u>Clean Air Banner Competition Winners</u>	Congratulations to Aysha and Sebastian, winners of the Clean Air Banner Design Competition. Their creative and inspiring designs beautifully captured the importance of clean air and caring for our environment. Thank you to everyone who took part, we were so impressed by the fantastic ideas and artistic talent on display. Look out for the new banners in September!

Diary Dates

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Wednesday 22 nd July 2026	School closes for summer break 1:30pm (There is no after school club on this day)
Thursday 3 rd September 2026	Meet the teacher 3:30pm-4:00pm- an opportunity for your child to show you their new classroom and teacher. The No Outsiders books will be available for parents to browse.

Year 6 Leavers' Dates

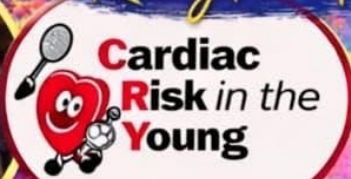
<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Tuesday 21 st July 2026	Year 6 Leavers' Disco- see school gateway for details.
Wednesday 22 nd July 2026	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly- 9:00am in the school hall
Wednesday 22 nd July 2026	School closes for summer break 1:30pm (There is no after school club on this day)

THE COLOUR RUSH FESTIVAL

CHARITY COLOUR RUN & FESTIVAL

In memory of Mike Clarke's 40th Birthday

Raising Funds for



NORTH WEST
Air Ambulance
CHARITY

SATURDAY 15TH AUGUST 2026

NORTHWICH RUGBY CLUB, MOSS FARM



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