



# HARTFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

## HEADTEACHER'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

### 25<sup>th</sup> April 2025



Dear Parents, Carers and Families

Welcome back to the Summer term, I hope you all had a lovely break over the Easter holidays and enjoyed spending time together as a family, weren't we lucky with the weather for the most part? The forecast for next week also looks favourable with temperatures set to rise, please remember to apply sun cream to your child before school and send them in with a sun hat if they have one.

#### **A Sporting Update from Mr Cairns**

Our first event of the Summer Term was an away trip to Kingsmead Primary School for the Year 5 and 6 boys and girls football teams. During the boys' match Hartford had the majority of the ball and played some nice football on a tricky pitch. Unfortunately, on this occasion the team lost 4-2. The Year 6 players have a return fixture next Wednesday at home so they will have the chance to even things up.

The girls' team conceded an early goal but didn't let their heads drop. They kept going and produced a brilliant performance, with five different scorers in a 5-1 win. Well done to everyone who took part in both games.

#### **Dates For Your Diary**

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April – Year 5 'Smokebusters' Visit  
Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April – Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May – Parents' Evenings  
Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April – Year 5 Northwich Sings  
Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May – Year 2 Burwardsley Residential Parents Meeting 5pm (main hall)  
Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May – Year 5 Visit to Chester Zoo  
Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May – Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May – Year 6 SATs  
Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May – Year 3 World Museum Visit  
Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May – Bag2School Collection  
Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May – PTA Silent Disco – Early Years, Year 1 and 2  
Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May – PTA Silent Discos – Year 3 and 4, Year 5 and 6  
Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May – Census Day Special Themed Lunch  
Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May – Year 6 Conway Residential  
Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May – Year 4 Tattenhall Residential  
Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May – Last day of Summer 1 Half Term  
Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June – Inset Day  
Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – School Reopens for Summer 2 Half Term

#### **Parents' Evenings**

Parents' Evenings are being held next week, and the booking system has now closed. If you haven't made an appointment and would like one, please contact the ladies in the office. A reminder that appointments are face to face in school.

#### **Year 5 'Smokebusters' Visit – Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April & Year 5 Northwich Sings – Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April**

It's a busy week for Year 5 next week as they have a visit from Cheshire Fire Brigade on Monday followed by their performance at Northwich Sings on Wednesday. The children will be learning all about fire safety on Monday and will take part in a practical demonstration of how to react in a smoke-filled environment.

Northwich Sings is in its fifth year and involves local primary schools coming together to take part in a celebration of singing. This year the children will be performing songs from Aladdin. We've been advised that ticket sales have now been opened up for anyone requiring extra tickets. Any number of tickets can

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now be purchased. The same link can be used, and no password is required:

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/northwicksings2025>

## Census Day Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May – Special Themed Lunch

Our next school census day is Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May and Mrs Jones, our school cook, will be providing a special themed lunch: All the fun of the fair. The children will be able to choose from sausage and chips or fish finger batch and chips, please see the attached flyer for the full menu.

## PTA News

As mentioned before we broke up, we will be holding another Bag2School collection on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May as a fundraiser. Bags should be left under the office window before 9am on the day. Please don't drop any bags off before 13<sup>th</sup> May as school cannot store them.

After last year's rave reviews, we will be hosting Hartford Primary School's second silent disco. The children will be provided with a headset with 3 channels so they can boogie with their friends to their favourite choice of music, as well as control their own volume (which was a big hit last year!).

Tickets will go on sale for £5.50 via ParentPay next week (the office will email when the payment items go live). The ticket price will also include a snack and unlimited squash. At the end of each disco, children will be dismissed from their normal classroom entrance, which will be accessible from the front gate only.

As previously the discos will be held over 2 days:

Early Years, Year 1 & Year 2 – 14<sup>th</sup> May 15:30 – 16:30

Year 3 & Year 4 15<sup>th</sup> May 15:30 – 16:30

Year 5 & Year 6 15<sup>th</sup> May 17:00 – 18:00

## Picture News Assemblies

During assemblies each week the children have started to learn about a current news topic. This week we've been talking about whether music should be part of every school day. Here's a brief summary and some suggested discussion points for you at home:

### TAKEHOME

Should music be part of every school day?

### In the news this week

Singer, Ed Sheeran, has written a letter to UK Prime Minister, Sir Keir Starmer, asking for more money to support music education in schools. In the letter, Ed asks the government to increase funding for instruments, training, and teachers, among other things. Many famous musicians, including Sir Elton John, Coldplay, Harry Styles, and Stormzy, have signed the letter to show their support.

#### Things to talk about at home ...

- What type of music do you like to listen to? Ask someone at home – do you listen to the same type of music?
- How do music lessons make you feel? What parts do you enjoy/not enjoy?
- Do you think enough time at school is spent on music lessons?
- Have you ever learned, or would you like to learn to play an instrument?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

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**Hartford Parish Council Event - Let's Play! Sunday 27th April 2025**

Everyone is welcome to Let's Play on 27<sup>th</sup> April from 2-4pm. It takes place on Hartford's Green field, behind the Chester Road shops.

The aim of this free event is to help children feel more at home in the village, make friends and have fun! At the sessions, you'll find lots of games and activities on offer, like giant jenga, chess, water-colour paints, hula-hoops, balls, construction blocks and more. Play is unstructured – that is to say, there isn't an adult leading the games. It's all about children having the chance to be creative. The event is free and aimed at children up to the age of 12 (but all are welcome). Children are the responsibility of their parents / carers and must be supervised at all times.

See more here: <https://hartfordparishcouncil.org.uk> If you or your child has any SEND needs, please email [clerks@hartfordparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:clerks@hartfordparishcouncil.org.uk)

**Now Northwich – Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> May**

Now Northwich, Cheshire's international dance and street arts festival is being held on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> May from 12pm – 7pm and promises to be a great free day out for families in Cheshire. Expect the unexpected as the streets of Northwich town centre and Baron's Quay come alive with performance, dance and live music.

From high wire acrobatics by Gorilla Circus and energetic dance by Company Chameleon, to giant puppets and live music in Carnival from Global Grooves, Now Northwich promises a visual feast of entertainment for all the family to enjoy.

Explore what's on: <https://nownorthwich.co.uk>

Watch the trailer: <https://nownorthwich.co.uk/watch-the-trailer-1>

**FACE Family Support Online Course**

Please find attached details about an online course being provided by FACE Family Support about emotional resilience for children.

Have a lovely weekend.

Warm regards

Miss M Fairweather

**Headteacher**