



HARTFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

HEADTEACHER'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

2nd May 2025



Dear Parents, Carers and Families

What wonderful weather we've had this week! Although I'm glad it's a little cooler today and I'm sure our Year 4 and Year 5/6 girls' cricket teams will appreciate the slightly lower temperature for their competitions at Oakmere Cricket Club. Speaking of sport, Mr Cairns has had a busy week as you'll see from his sporting update below. Before I move on to that, I'd like to thank you all for attending parents' evening this week. I trust you found your appointment useful and have gained an insight into the progress your child has made over the academic year so far. As usual the children's overall progress will be reported in their end of year reports which will be emailed home in July.

A Sporting Update from Mr Cairns

On Tuesday afternoon, the boys' Year 5 and 6 cricket teams went to Northwich Cricket Club to play against 6 other schools. The weather was beautiful, and the boys all had a great time. They played lots of short matches which gave everyone lots of chances to bat and bowl and improve their skills. One of the teams qualified for the Vale Royal Partnership Final which will be on Tuesday 20th May.

On Wednesday we hosted a football match against Kingsmead Primary School. The girls had previously won the first game at Kingsmead 5-1, but this one was much closer. After scoring an early goal the girls then conceded to make it 1-1. The rest of the match saw chances for both teams, but no one could get the ball past the strong defending and goalkeeping of both sides, so the game ended in a draw.

The boys had lost 4-2 away so needed a big performance. They delivered a superb 3-0 win! They won every tackle, played some wonderful passes and scored three very good goals. They could have had even more with the strikers and wingers looking dangerous on every attack. Even when Kingsmead did attack, both goalkeepers looked unbeatable.

Well done to everyone who took part in these competitions. I'll report back next week how our Year 4 and Year 5/6 girls' cricket teams get on today.

Year 5 'Smokebusters' Visit & Year 5 Northwich Sings

On Monday, Year 5 had a visit from two firefighters from the Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service! We had a great morning learning all about fire safety and how to make an action plan at home to help us stay safe if a fire breaks out. The children were very respectful during the visit and showed great engagement - well done Year 5!

On Wednesday evening, we performed as part of the Northwich Sings singing festival on the main stage at Northwich Memorial Court. Their performance in front of nearly 600 people was absolutely wonderful! We are so proud of how well they did and for all of the hard work that the children have put into rehearsing for this. A massive well done to all of Year 5, we are so proud of you!

Dates For Your Diary

Monday 5th May – May Day Bank Holiday - School Closed

Wednesday 7th May – Year 2 Burwardsley Residential Parents Meeting 5pm (main hall)

Friday 9th May – Year 5 Visit to Chester Zoo

Monday 12th May – Thursday 15th May – Year 6 SATs

Tuesday 13th May – Year 3 World Museum Visit

Wednesday 14th May – PTA Silent Disco – Early Years, Year 1 and 2

Thursday 15th May – PTA Silent Discos – Year 3 and 4, Year 5 and 6

Thursday 15th May – Census Day Special Themed Lunch

Wednesday 21st May – Friday 23rd May – Year 6 Conway Residential

Thursday 22nd May – Friday 23rd May – Year 4 Tattenhall Residential

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Friday 23rd May – Last day of Summer 1 Half Term
Monday 2nd June – Inset Day
Tuesday 3rd June – School Reopens for Summer 2 Half Term
Thursday 12th June – Bag2School Collection

PTA News

The payment items for the Silent Discos went live on Monday this week, the deadline to book your child's place is Tuesday 6th May. See the dates for the diary section for confirmation of the date of each disco.

The date for our Bag2School collection has been rescheduled by the company to Thursday 12th June. Please see the attached flyer for further details regarding items that are accepted for recycling. Bags should be dropped off under the school office window on 12th June only and before 9am, thank you.

Finally, the minutes from our recent meeting are attached for your information.

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 the current refuse collection workers' strike in Birmingham and whose job it is to keep our local places clean and tidy. Here's a brief summary and some suggested discussion points for you at home:

TAKEHOME
Whose job is it to keep our local places clean and tidy?

In the news this week

Many workers in Birmingham have been on strike (choosing not to work) since January, because they believe they are not being treated as paid fairly. The workers on strike are the people whose job it is to collect rubbish and empty the bins from outside houses and streets. As an all-out strike has now been going on since 1st March, huge piles of rubbish are building up around the city.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Talk to someone at home about what happens to your rubbish. Where do you take it? Do you know where it goes? What about your recycling?
- Tell someone at home about this week's story. What do you think it might be like for some people living in Birmingham at the moment?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

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Drinks Bottle Recycling Scheme

Sadly, the drinks bottle recycling scheme is stopping on 22nd May. Please have one final clear out of broken or unwanted hard plastic drinks bottles and send them to 2EC by Friday 16th May. Thank you!

Local All Stars and Dynamos Cricket Courses

All Stars Cricket provides a fantastic first experience of cricket for all children aged 5-8 years old where they are guaranteed 8 weeks of jam-packed fun, activity and skills development. The programme is designed to introduce children to the sport, teaching them new skills, helping them make new friends and have a great time doing so. Every child that registers will receive a personalised t-shirt, bat, ball and a backpack.

Local All Star Courses:

Winnington Park CC - [Clubspark / All Stars / Coaching / Course](#)

Northwich CC - [Clubspark / All Stars / Coaching / Course](#)

Davenham CC - [Clubspark / All Stars / Coaching / Course](#)

Dynamos Cricket provides a fantastic next step after All Stars and is the perfect introduction to cricket for those aged 8-11. Dynamos is all about fun and provides children with a more social offer, focusing on developing the

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fundamental skills required to play cricket. Every child receives their very own Dynamos Cricket New Balance t-shirt, personalised with their name and number.

Local Dynamos Courses:

Barnton CC - [Clubspark / Dynamos / Coaching / Course](#)

Oakmere CC (Girls Only) - [Clubspark / Dynamos / Coaching / Course](#)

Middlewich CC - [Clubspark / Dynamos / Coaching / Course](#)

Now Northwich – Saturday 3rd May

A reminder of this Saturday's event: Now Northwich, Cheshire's international dance and street arts festival is being held on Saturday 3rd 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>

Cheshire Forest Schools May Half Term Holiday Club

Please see the attached flyer for details of a holiday club being run on 27th May by Cheshire Forest Schools.

Winnington Park Rugby Club – May Half Term Holiday Club

Please see the attached flyer for details of a rugby club running 27th – 29th May. The club is suitable for both experienced players and those new to the game.

Have a lovely long weekend, see you on Tuesday.

Warm regards

Miss M Fairweather

Headteacher