



HARTFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

HEADTEACHER'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

9th May 2025



Dear Parents, Carers and Families

What a gorgeous day for our Year 5 children to be visiting Chester Zoo! I'm delighted to be accompanying them, and I've been looking forward to seeing the children develop their knowledge of Living Things and Habitats as well as the Environment and Conservation. As always, a big thank you to our teaching staff for organising such a fabulous trip and to our parent volunteers today.

Next week it's Year 3's turn to enhance their learning through an educational visit. They will be visiting The World Museum in Liverpool on Tuesday. The visit will provide the children with the chance to explore the history of Ancient Egypt in an interactive way and bring to life what they've already learnt in the classroom.

Looking ahead to the last week of term, excitement is building for our Year 4 and Year 6 children and their respective residential visits to Tattenhall and Conway. Of course before then our Year 6 children will be sitting their SATs test next week. I'd like to take this opportunity to wish them all the best of luck.

A Sporting Update from Mr Cairns

As promised last week, here's my report from last Friday's girls cricket day at Oakmere Cricket Club. The day started with our Year 4 team. They rotated around lots of different fun activities, improving their batting, bowling and fielding skills throughout the morning. At the end they put their skills into action by playing friendly games of Diamond Cricket against other schools.

In the afternoon, the Year 5 and 6 girls took part in their Dynamos Cricket tournament. They started well with a win against Barnton. The rest of the games were very close, with the girls improving their skills throughout the afternoon, with Kingsmead and Cuddington just edging the matches.

Well done everyone for taking part, it was a great day! Oakmere Cricket Club are always looking for new players. If your child would like any information about this, please contact me via the school office.

Dates For Your Diary

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
Friday 16th May – Early Years Play and Pick Up 2pm
Wednesday 21st May – Friday 23rd May – Year 6 Conway Residential
Thursday 22nd May – Friday 23rd May – Year 4 Tattenhall Residential
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

Further to our communication earlier this week the deadline to book your child a place on the PTA's Silent Discos next week has been extended until today.

Lost Property

Unfortunately, the current spell of warm weather has led to a growing mountain of unnamed lost property, mainly school jumpers/hoodies/fleeces. Please ensure that your child's uniform is clearly labelled so that items can be returned to them easily.

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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 VE Day and asking the question 'Why is peace worth celebrating?' There isn't the usual summary slide for parents this week but perhaps you'd like to discuss some of the following points with your child/ren:

Resource

Read through the information below, which shares more about the impacts of VE Day and the importance of peace.

What changed after VE Day?

During World War II, life was full of danger and uncertainty. People faced rationing, bombings, and long separations from their loved ones.

On 8th May 1945, VE Day marked a new beginning – a day when people could hope for a future without fear. It meant that fighting and air raids stopped, children returned home and families were reunited, shops reopened, and life began returning to normal.

Why does peace matter?

Peace means laughter instead of fear, and dreams instead of danger. When there is peace, families can stay together, children can go to school, and people can build happy, safe lives.

Peace gives everyone the chance to grow and learn.

How do we work to protect peace today?

Today, countries work together through organisations, like the United Nations, to solve problems, send help where it's needed, and stand up for people's rights.

80 years on, we remember VE Day not just to celebrate the end of World War II, but to think about how we can protect peace today and in the future.

Main question

Why is peace worth celebrating?

Useful Weblinks

- News story: VE Day 2025: What are the final day celebrations to mark 80th anniversary? | UK News | Sky News
- Useful video: 80th anniversary of VE Day this year (VOW) (more from people who lived through it) (UK)

Listen Think Share

- Look carefully at the poster image. What can you spot? Have you noticed any decorations or signs of VE Day celebrations in your local area?
- Look at the resource, which shares a little more about VE Day and its significance. What might life have been like during World War II, and how did things change after VE Day?
- Why do you think VE Day was such a big celebration in 1945? Why do we still celebrate VE Day today, even 80 years later?
- Are there still wars happening in the world today? Why might that be?
- How do people and countries try to build and protect peace today? How can values like respect, cooperation, and kindness help prevent conflict? What does 'peace' mean to you?
- After watching the useful video, what can we learn from the experiences of people who lived through World War II and VE Day?

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss

Parent Training Session – Sensory Diets & Circuits – Thursday 12th June – Little Leigh Primary School

A message from our Senco, Mrs Rowland: Little Leigh Primary School have extended the invitation below to all the schools within our Academy. If you are interested in learning more about sensory needs in children (not just children with Special Educational Needs), then please feel free to sign up for the session.

Dear Parents/Carers

We are pleased to invite you to a parent training session on **Sensory Diets and Circuits**, led by Jane Walsh from **Dorin Park School**, a local specialist setting. The session will take place on **Thursday 12th June at 2:00pm** at Little Leigh Primary School. It's a great opportunity to gain practical ideas and useful information to help support your child's sensory needs and preferences at home.

If you would like to attend, please email jillloyd@littleleighprimary.cheshire.sch.uk to confirm your place, and let us know **which school you are attending from**, as we will need to share final numbers with Jane.

We hope you can join us!

Kind regards, Jodie Lloyd, Senco at Little Leigh Primary School

Hartford Parish Council Events

Hartford Parish Council are running a number of events in May for children and their families, please see below and the attached flyers for further information.

Let's Play! Sunday 18th May

Calling all children in Hartford... want to make new friends and have fun? Come along with your parents or carers to Let's Play from 2 - 4pm on 18 May! The sessions take place on Hartford's Green field (near the allotments, behind the Chester Road shops).

At the sessions, you will find lots of games and activities on offer, like giant jenga, chess, water-colour paints, hula-hoops, balls, construction blocks and more. The aim of the sessions is to help children feel more at home in Hartford,

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make new friends and have fun. 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 sessions are organised by Hartford NSPCC and are supported by Hartford Parish Council.

It's free of charge to attend and there is no need to book – just come along on the day. We are keen to ensure the event is welcoming for everyone. If your child has any SEND needs, please email asst.clerk@hartfordparishcouncil.org.uk. We will do our best to accommodate your needs.

Please note - children are the responsibility of their parents or carers and must be supervised at all times. This is an outdoor event. If the weather looks bad, we may postpone and will update the Hartford Parish Council website on the day if so.

Craft for Kids - Wednesday 28th May

Want to try painting, knitting and other crafts? Hartford NSPCC invites children aged 5 - 11 to a craft session. Join in from 10am-1pm at Hartford Village Hall (the black and white building by the tennis courts on Chester Road). Entrance is £3 per child. All proceeds go to the NSPCC.

To book your place, contact Linda on 07813662654 then pay on the door on the day. Please note, children are the responsibility of their parents/carers and must be supervised at all times.

Picnic in the Park – Sunday 13th July

Save the date: Our annual Picnic in the Park event will be held this year on Sunday 13th July 2025 from 1 - 4pm on Grange Park (Bradburns Lane, Hartford). It is a family event for all ages, and there will be a DJ, funfair stalls, games, music performances, charity stalls and more.

Superstars Whit Half Term Holiday Club

Superstars has the following holiday club camps running over May half term running Multi Sports, Football and Dance sessions:

Dates: Tuesday 27th May until Friday 30th May 8am – 4.30pm with late pick up available until 6pm (£4 late pick up charge)

Venues: Rudheath High School CW9 7DT (half price offer opening offer £12 per day)
<https://superstars.classforkids.io/camp/923>

Cloughwood Academy CW8 1NU - £24 per day - <https://superstars.classforkids.io/camp/923>

If you require further details please visit www.superstarscamps.co.uk or email info@littlesuperstars.co.uk

Girls' Football Opportunities – Weaver Panthers Minis and Weaver Panthers

Please see the attached flyers for further information about girls' football opportunities which are available locally.

CWAC Parent Carer Forum News

Here's the link to the latest news from CWAC's Parent Carer Forum for your information: [Parent Carer Forum April News](#)

Have a lovely weekend.

Warm regards

Miss M Fairweather
Headteacher

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