



HARTFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

HEADTEACHER'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

16th May 2025



Dear Parents, Carers and Families

I'd like to start this week's newsletter by congratulating our Year 6 children on how they've approached their SATs tests each morning. They were calm and confident tackling Grammar, Punctuation, Spelling, Reading, Arithmetic and Maths Reasoning with positivity. A big thank you to the Year 6 team of staff, Mrs Cade and Mrs Rowland (Senco) for making this week as normal as possible for the children. We are now making our final preparations for our Year 6 residential to the Conway Centre on the Isle of Anglesey next week, which couldn't be better timed! Well done Year 6, enjoy your weekend.

Year 3 travelled to Liverpool on Tuesday and had an absolute blast exploring The World Museum! They were thrilled to touch real-life ancient Egyptian artifacts and uncover the fascinating secrets behind them. One of the highlights was participating in a re-enactment of the mummification process, where they learned about the gory aspects of the Egyptian afterlife. Afterwards, they had plenty of time to discover other exciting exhibits, including an aquarium, a creepy-crawly bug house, and an out-of-this-world space area. It was a day full of learning and fun!

A Sporting Update from Mr Cairns

After school yesterday, children from Winnington Park Primary School visited for a Year 5/6 boys and girls football match. The boys kicked off first and it was clear from the start it was going to be a very close game with chances for both teams. Freddie M scored a fantastic solo goal to give the boys a 1-0 half time lead. The first half of the girls' match was very similar but unfortunately it was the Winnington girls who got the first goal.

Both teams had a tense second half to their game. The boys conceded from a free kick to make the score 1-1, as the game progressed both teams could have won it – in the end a draw was a fair result. The girls played so well in their second half, dominating possession of the ball with lots of shots on goal but just couldn't get past a very good Winnington goalkeeper. Well done to all those who played. We will go to Winnington Park for the return fixtures after the half term break.

I'd like to take this opportunity to give you some advanced notice of our Sports Days this year. These are Thursday 10th July (afternoon) for Key Stage 2 (Years 3-6) and Friday 11th July (afternoon) for Early Years and KS1 (Years 1-2) I'm also running another Sports Week this year which will take place week commencing 16th June – more details about this will follow in due course.

Dates For Your Diary

Monday 19th May – Dogs Trust visiting Year 5 and 6
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
Wednesday 4th June – 5ES visit to Crown Farm Quarry
Thursday 5th June – 5CW visit to Crown Farm Quarry
Thursday 5th June – Year 6 Personal Safety Awareness Course
Thursday 12th June – Bag2School Collection
Tuesday 24th June – Early Years visit to Thurstaston Beach
Tuesday 24th June/Wednesday 25th June – 2NB residential visit to Burwardsley
Wednesday 25th June/Thursday 26th June – 2EC residential visit to Burwardsley

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Thursday 26th June – Year 6 visit to The Odiyana Buddhist Centre

Monday 7th July – Year 1 visit to Bridgewater Gardens

Thursday 10th July – KS2 Sports Day (afternoon)

Friday 11th July – Early Years and KS1 Sports Day (afternoon)

PTA News

On behalf of the PTA, a HUGE thank you to everyone who helped make our silent discos such a resounding success.

We were thrilled to see so many children bopping along with their headphones on, completely immersed in the music.

The energy in the hall was incredible! We even caught some teachers letting loose (Mrs C 🤖).


We've had so many requests for the playlists, so we're happy to announce that we've shared them on our [PTA Facebook page](#), so you can recreate the silent disco magic at home.

Early indications show we've raised a fabulous £1,244! This money will go towards paying for our school library service which is sadly no longer funded by the local authority. This invaluable service provides the teaching staff access to topic books to support learning and bring the curriculum themes to life for our children.

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 young inventors and asking the question 'What everyday items could be changed to help others?' Here's a summary and some suggested discussion points:

TAKEHOME



What everyday items could be changed to help others?

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

In the news this week

Three teenagers from India, India – Dhruv Choudhary, Milran Iadranis, and Mihir Jain – have created a sub-powered fridge. Their goal is to support hospitals in rural areas around the world that lack access to electricity. Their invention, called the Thermofridge, was submitted to The Earth Prize, a global competition which aims to inspire young people to solve world-wide problems.

Things to talk about at home –

- Share your thoughts on the new fridge invention. Who do you believe will benefit most from it?
- Make a list of everyday items at home. Which make your life easier?
- Can you think of an item you use that could be improved? How?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

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Speeding and Parking Concerns

A local resident has contacted the school and our local PCSO to express her concern about the speed some vehicles are travelling at on their approach to school. I'd like to take this opportunity to remind you that the speed limit on the roads around school is 20mph and request that you adhere to this for the safety of all road users and pedestrians. Following on from this, Simon Donnelly, our PCSO, has been conducting one of his regular parking patrols this week and has unfortunately been met with some uncooperative responses to his requests to park in a safer way. Simon patrols the roads around school as often as he can at our request in a bid to ensure the area is safe for our children and their families. I'd therefore appreciate your support in this matter.

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Hartford Parish Council Events

A reminder of two forthcoming events being run by Hartford Parish Council this month (full details are in last week's newsletter):

Let's Play! - Sunday 18th May 2-4pm - Hartford's Green Field (behind the Chester Road shops)
Craft for Kids - Wednesday 28th May 10am-1pm - Hartford Village Hall (Spaces are limited so please contact Linda on 07813662654 to book and then pay on the door on the day)

KIXX Football Sessions

Please see the attached flyer for some football sessions being held locally which you may be interested in.

STEM May Half Term Holiday Club

Please see the attached flyer for details of a STEM Skills holiday club being held at the Grange School Sports Centre, Hartford, this half-term. These fun-filled educational clubs are designed for all children aged 8 to 13.

Alternative Futures May Half Term Holiday Club

Details of another holiday club attached. This one is being held at Cuddington Youth Club.

FACE Family Advice Sessions

The latest timetable of events offered by FACE Family Advice is attached for your information.

Have a lovely weekend, let's hope this beautiful weather continues for our Year 4 and Year 6 residentials next week!

Warm regards

Miss M Fairweather

Headteacher