



HARTFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

HEADTEACHER'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

6th June 2025



Dear Parents, Carers and Families

Welcome back to the final half term of the 2024/25 academic year, where does the time go?! I hope you all had a lovely half term, the children certainly seem refreshed and raring to go. As usual we've got lots planned for the weeks ahead, including our Year 2 residential and a trip to the beach for Early Years. Our Year 6 children have such a busy schedule we've already emailed their parents separately! We're also getting ready to welcome our new Early Years 2025 families to school when the children join us for our whole school transition days on 2nd and 3rd July. Once senior leaders and I have finalised staffing for next year we'll share details with you ahead of transition.

We ended last term with our Year 4 and Year 6 children attending residential visits to Tattenhall and The Conway Centre respectively. Here's a little account of each trip:

4JO and 4MH had a fantastic time! We climbed trees, zipped down a wire at tremendous speeds and worked as teams to solve problems when travelling along low ropes from various obstacles. It seemed we never had a moment's rest and even had time to play games on the field and sing songs whilst eating marshmallows around the campfire. When we arrived back at school, we were still buzzing with excitement but extremely tired!

Year 6 had a fabulous time on residential in sunny Anglesey. The children embraced the activities on offer: zooming through the trees, canoeing and jumping in the Menai Straits and climbing up higher than many thought they could. The staff and instructors were proud of all of the children for their positivity, enthusiasm and their caring natures. Some of the children showed themselves to be complete adrenalin junkies and others fab leaders! We all went home very tired (and some stinky too) after a wonderful 3 days away

Year 5 Visit to Crown Farm Quarry – Wednesday 4th/Thursday 5th June

Year 5 had an amazing trip to Crown Farm Quarry this week - what a hidden gem it is! We explored beautiful wildflower meadows, found (and named!) lots of froglets by the lake and spent time listening to the amazing bird song and sounds of the countryside when we went on our walk. We heard chiff-chaffs, blackbirds and robins as well as spotting damsel flies and dragon flies. We also created habitats using items we found in the woodland area, and we went on a bug hunt too. Both classes had a brilliant time and learned about local habitats and endangered creatures in our local area.

Year 6 Snap Trap and PSA Activities This Week

Year 6 visited Cuddington Primary School on Wednesday to watch a performance called The Snap Trap. This was a thought-provoking show which encouraged children to think about our behaviour online and how to use social media and the internet safely. We watched as the characters put themselves in dangerous positions and were pressurised by friends to make bad decisions. Throughout, Year 6 were able to comment on the events and make suggestions of what the characters should do. Thanks to the great contributions of our children we saw positive outcomes for the characters. Year 6 represented our school incredibly well with impeccable behaviour during their visit.

The children also took part in a Personal Safety Awareness course this week. They learned how to recognise when they're in a vulnerable situation and were taught different strategies to be able to remove themselves from danger. The children were very sensible and were able to talk about and demonstrate how to keep themselves safe.

A Sporting Update from Mr Cairns

After school on Wednesday this week, the Year 5 football team hosted the Year 6 team from Tarvin Primary School. Hartford started on the front foot. There was some brilliant passing football which saw Ted score twice before Tarvin grabbed one to get back into the game. Ted then stepped up to get his hat trick and fired one across for Freddie to make it 4-1. Tarvin came back into the game late on with two goals, but the victory was never in doubt with fantastic keeping from Charlie, solid defending from Riley P, Arlo and Harley, slick passing from Thomas and Riley L and pressing from the front from Teddy. Well done boys!



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Healthy Living Week – Monday 16th – Thursday 19th June

Mr Cairns will be running a special Healthy Living Week starting on Monday 16th June. This will be similar in style to the sports week he's run in recent years which I know the children thoroughly enjoy. A separate communication will be sent out shortly with full details.

Dates For Your Diary

Monday 9th June – Early Years visit to The Grange Theatre to watch The Smeds and the Smoos

Thursday 12th June – Bag2School Collection

Thursday 12th & Friday 13th June – Year 6 visit to Lion Salt Works

Friday 13th June – Year 4 Bake Sale

Monday 16th June – Healthy Living Week starts

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

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

Friday 27th June – 6LW visit to The Odiyana Buddhist Centre

Friday 27th June – PTA Colour Run Event

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)

Tuesday 15th July – Year 6 Bubble Football in school

Wednesday 16th July – Year 6 Leavers' performance 2pm and 6pm

Thursday 17th July – Year 6 Leavers' performance 6pm

Tuesday 22nd July – Year 6 Bowling trip

Wednesday 23rd July – Year 6 Leavers' assembly 2pm

Wednesday 23rd July – School finishes at normal time for the Summer holidays

Monday 1st September – Inset Day – school closed to pupils

Tuesday 2nd September – School reopens for the 2025/26 academic year

A message from Mrs Helen Rowland our SENDCO

Mrs Ireland (our Family Support Worker) and I would like to invite parents to a session in school to share some information around Executive Functioning. Mrs Ireland will go into detail about how our brains work and continue to develop until 24 years of age. We will look at the problems that children can face when they struggle with their functions - behaviour, sleep, working memory etc. This also works well alongside the My Happy Mind programme which we have just launched.

All our teachers and teaching assistants had training last term around this and found it very interesting and insightful.

The meeting will be on 1st July at 2pm in Mrs Moore's Hall. It will only last an hour, so you will be ready for pick up at the end of the day. Please can you email our admin team if you are interested and would like to come:

admin@hartfordprimary.cheshire.sch.uk It would be wonderful to see lots of parents!

FACE Family Support Sessions

Please see the attached flyer regarding an online talk regarding supporting a child with ADHD.

PTA News

Bag2School – Thursday 12th June

A reminder that Bag2School will be collecting your unwanted clothing items next Thursday. Please drop all bags off at school on the morning of 12th before 9am and leave them under the office windows. Please don't bring any bags ahead of the day as the school cannot store them.

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Year 4 Bake Sale – Friday 13th June

Year 4 are holding a bake sale after school outside their classrooms next Friday. If any parents from other year groups would like to bake or donate shop bought cakes, please drop them off with Year 4 on Friday morning. Please remember we are a nut and kiwi free school. Thank you in advance for your support with either baking/donating and of course purchasing on the day! Flyer attached for info.

Colour Run Event: A reminder that this will be taking place on **Friday 27th June** and is specifically to raise money to support the school in paying for the Educational Library Service. This service allows teaching staff access to topic books and materials to support the learning and bring the themes to life. Books and resources can be ordered and returned as needed throughout the academic year and is an extremely valuable resource giving access to hundreds of books and resources. Each and every child in school benefits from this library service.

To raise the valuable funds required, the "Colour Run" will be sponsored event and we would be very grateful if you can support your child in getting sponsorship. There are two ways you to collect the money,

- Sharing our Just Giving link with friends and family <http://www.justgiving.com/campaign/hps-colour-run>
- Paper sponsorship form: These have been distributed to the children but if you need an additional one please contact the office.

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 Dr Rosemary Coogan who is a new UK astronaut currently training with NASA. It is possible that she will be the first British person to walk on the moon. We've asked the question, "How does it feel to be the first to do something?" Here's a summary and some suggested discussion points:

TAKEHOME

Send a 50p share!

How does it feel to be the first to do something?

In the news this week

The UK has a new astronaut currently training with NASA for six months. Dr Rosemary Coogan, who has a degree in astronomy, is expected to take part in a space mission within the next five years. It is possible that Dr Coogan could become the first British person to walk on the Moon, and there has also been discussions about future missions to Mars!

Things to talk about at home ...

- Share your thoughts on the news that Dr Coogan could be the first Briton to walk on the Moon. Is it something you think you would like to do? Why?
- Share with someone at home a time when you were the first to do something. Talk about how you felt before and after. Has someone at home ever been the first to do something?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

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Hartford Church of England High School Tours

The High School are offering tours this month for parents of children who are currently in Year 4 and 5 – please see the attached flyer for further information.

Hartford Parish Council Events

The next [Let's Play](#) session is this **Sunday 8th June 2025 from 2 - 4pm**, on Hartford's Green field (behind the Chester Road shops). At the sessions, you can play football, giant jenga, chess and other games - plus do art, lego and much 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. It's free of charge to attend, and there's no need to book. Children are the responsibility of their parents / carers and must be supervised at all times. If your child has any SEND needs, please email asst.clerk@hartfordparishcouncil.org.uk We will do our best to accommodate your needs.

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Picnic in the Park - Sunday 13th July

Everyone is welcome to this free community event! Join the fun on Sunday 13 July 2025 from 1 - 4pm at Grange Park, Bradburns Lane, Hartford. Enjoy the DJ, live music, barbecue, games, entertainment, stalls, sport and art activities, and much more! The aim of the event is to come together as a village to socialise, relax and have fun. We look forward to seeing you there. Find out more: [Picnic in the Park 2025](#)

Play French Boules for free at the Village Hall

Want to play a fun new game in Hartford? Otherwise known as 'French Boules', Boccia is a sociable, inclusive Paralympic sport for all to enjoy. Throw, kick or use a ramp to propel a ball onto the court. The person who gets their ball nearest to the Jack wins!

Hartford Parish Council has installed a Boccia court at the rear of the Village Hall on Chester Road. The court is available to all Hartford residents, free of charge. You can also borrow Boccia balls and ball-ramps.

To reserve the court and equipment, call 01606 784401 or email clerks@hartfordparishcouncil.org.uk

If you want to play within office hours (Mon - Fri), we can also arrange for the accessible toilet in the office porch to be open.

Keen to meet new people? To join a Tiny Steps Boccia play session for families who have children with additional needs, contact the Tiny Steps team:

dia_nedixon@tinystepssensory.onmicrosoft.com

Winnington Park RUFC Summer Camp

Please find attached details of a rugby camp being held locally throughout August. The camp is suitable for newbies to rugby, or the most experienced players.

Hartford Football Club's Girls Early Years Academy

Please see the attached flyer from Hartford Football Club. The sessions are for girls in Early Years up to and including Year 2. They also have a new U8 girls' team starting from September 2025 for girls in Year 2 currently who will be in Year 3 as of September.

CWAC Parent Carer Forum Newsletter

Finally here's the link to the latest newsletter from Cheshire West and Chester's Parent Carer Forum:

[Your May Parent Carer Forum News is Here!](#)

Have a lovely weekend.

Warm regards

Miss M Fairweather

Headteacher