



# HARTFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

## HEADTEACHER'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

### 11<sup>th</sup> July 2025



Dear Parents, Carers and Families

What glorious weather we're having, let's hope it holds for the Summer holidays!

Our KS2 children thoroughly enjoyed their Sports Day yesterday. It was lovely to see so many parents and grandparents coming along to support the children. I'd like to thank Mr Cairns for his fabulous organisation of this year's events – I'm sure he'll confirm yesterday's winner in this week's sporting update below. I'd also like to thank our PTA for providing refreshments at both of our Sports Days – I'm sure you were all grateful for the opportunity to have a cold drink whilst you were enjoying the competition. Good luck Early Years and KS1 this afternoon!

#### **Year 1 Visit to Bridgewater Gardens – Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July**

Year 1 enjoyed a very exciting, interactive and informative day at Bridgewater Gardens on Monday. The children engaged with a nature hunt, den building, a Fantastic Food workshop and were put to work in the gardens! They weeded, planted lettuce and peas, watered and picked fruit. There was even chance to play on the adventure playground and enjoy the experience of travelling on a double-decker bus – truly a top day in every way!

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

Dodgeball - Monday was a day of dodgeball at Hartford High School. The Year 4 children headed off first. They had a great morning, playing over 20 matches against 8 other schools. They dodged, dipped, ducked, dived and dodged all morning and represented the school brilliantly.

In the afternoon, the Year 5/6 team took part in their competition. Both teams performed very well, thinking of new tactics to try to defeat the other schools. Even though they were throwing balls at other schools all afternoon, they still showed their values at the end, shaking hands and clapping for the opposition.

Fencing - After school on Tuesday this week, three of our Year 5 and 6 pupils headed off to a fencing competition at Hartford Manor Primary School. They used the actual fencing equipment, with helmets, jackets and swords all attached to the electric scoring system. All three children did a fantastic job, attacking their opponents to earn points. Hartford finished in 1<sup>st</sup> place with each of the children winning the majority of their matches. Well done everyone!

KS2 Sports Day Winners – 6LO are going out with a bang having been crowned champions at our KS2 Sports Day yesterday! Congratulations to them and I'd also like to say well done to all the classes who took part, giving their all, in rather warm conditions. Good luck Early Years and KS1 for this afternoon.

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

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  
Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July – Year 6 Leavers' Lunch  
Tuesday 22nd July – Year 6 Bowling trip  
Wednesday 23rd July – Year 6 Leavers' assembly 2pm  
Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July – School finishes at normal time for the Summer holidays  
Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September – Inset Day – school closed to pupils  
Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September – School reopens for the 2025/26 academic year

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## Year 6 Leavers' Lunch – Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July

As part of our Year 6 leavers' celebrations the Year 6 children have been allowed to select a menu for their Leavers' Lunch which is being held on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July. The menu for the **whole school** will be:

Cheese & Tomato Pizza served with fries and baked beans or sweetcorn  
Spaghetti Bolognese (Vegetarian option available)  
Chocolate Cake  
Fresh Fruit

Year 6 also have lovely activities booked for the rest of their final week at school including their trip to Warrington Tenpin for bowling on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July. Their final celebration will be their Leavers' Assembly at 2pm on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July when we are looking forward to welcoming our Year 6 parents to school for the final time.

## PTA News

### Frozen Friday – 11<sup>th</sup> July

We will be holding another of our popular Frozen Friday events today after school. We will be located in the outdoor classroom and will be selling:

Ice lollies - £1  
Sweets - £1 a bag or £2 a cone

Cash and card payments accepted.

**Pre-loved uniform:** Those of you that were at the KS2 Sports Day yesterday will have seen the mountain of pre-loved uniform that we have available! Items are free or donations welcome (50p or £1 an item suggested). We can't keep it all due to storage restrictions so please come and grab some at pick up today.

## Picture News Assemblies

During assemblies each week the children are learning about a current news topic. This week we've been talking about how scientists in Australia have discovered that people lived in high mountain caves nearly 20,000 years ago. We've asked the question: "What makes somewhere a good place to live?" Here's a summary and some suggested discussion points for you at home:

### TAKEHOME

#### What makes somewhere a good place to live?

Scientists in Australia have discovered that human beings lived in high mountain caves nearly 20,000 years ago. They found tools, burnt wood, and other artefacts deep inside the caves of Australia's Blue Mountains, showing that people once cooked and lived there. The discovery is one of the earliest records of people living within this mountain range. The caves were likely a safe and useful place to shelter during cold winters in the mountains.

**Things to talk about at home ...**

- Why do you think people chose to live in mountain caves? Share your response with someone at home. Do you think it's important to learn about the homes of people from the past?
- Considering where you live, what are the things you need to live a comfortable life in your home? Have these things changed over time?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

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## **Hartford Parish Council Event – Picnic In The Park**

A reminder that HPC's Picnic in the Park event is taking place this Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July from 1pm - 4pm at Grange Park, Bradburns Lane, Hartford. This free event is about coming together as a community. There will be lots of activities and entertainment on offer, for example a DJ, Face Painter, cricket activities for children, funfair stalls, live music and more. See the attached flyer for more information.

## **FACE Family Support Sessions**

FACE Family Support's August timetable of support sessions is attached for your information.

## **Hartford Girls Football Academy and Cuddington & Sandiway Girls JFC**

Please find attached flyers from Hartford JFC and Cuddington & Sandiway Girls JFC regarding their girls' football sessions.

## **Witton Albion Ability Counts**

Please see the attached flyer regarding Pan-disability football sessions being provided by Witton Albion Football Club at Moss Farm. Pan-disability football is a format where individuals with a wide range of impairments and health conditions can play football together. It's a flexible and inclusive approach, emphasising participation and enjoyment for everyone, regardless of their specific disability. Unlike some disability football formats, pan-disability football doesn't have a formal classification system.

Finally and perhaps most importantly, given the current hot weather and therefore our desire to be near water, Cheshire Fire Brigade have asked school to share the following information regarding water safety:

### **Stay safe this summer**

Whether you're staying at home or going on holiday this summer, make sure you are being safe in and around water.

### **What to do if you see someone in trouble**

**Shout** – "Are you in trouble? Can you swim towards me, or stand up?"

**Reach** – find a long object that you can let go of, to try and reach the person. Lie down or crouch so you aren't pulled in too.

**Throw** – throw something to help keep them afloat - throwlines (floating lines), footballs, and life rings are great options.

**Don't go** – Never go into the water yourself; keep eyes on them and call 999 immediately.

**If you're in trouble, Float to Live** - lie on your back, keeping your mouth above the surface, and try to gently move to safety. Stay calm.

For more information and life-saving tips, visit: <https://www.cheshirefire.gov.uk/your-safety/water-safety/>

Have a lovely weekend, enjoy the sunshine!

Kind regards

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