



HARTFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

HEADTEACHER'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

12th September 2025



Dear Parents, Carers and Families

Now that we're coming to the end of our second week, I can safely say the school year is definitely in full swing! 3HE started their swimming lessons last Friday and some of our Year 6 pupils have been out and about on the roads around Hartford this week as part of their BikeAbility training. The children have been taking part in their training in small groups, initially on the playground, before venturing out into the village. All of Year 6 will have the opportunity to take part in the sessions over the coming weeks, with the final training day being Friday 3rd October. I'm sure you'll agree with me that this is a very important life skill for the children to learn, especially given the busyness of our roads these days.

Next Monday I will be taking our newly elected School Councilors to a meeting at Sandiway Primary School. Each year group from Year 2 – 6 have a minimum of two representatives on our School Council. We will be meeting up with School Councilors from the other Trust schools to share ideas, learn from each other, discuss lunchtime behaviour, and what works well in each school. Having already met with my council I know they will be excellent ambassadors for Hartford and will conduct themselves brilliantly.

JustGiving Campaign

Many of you will already be aware that Monika Nickson, Mum of Rosie in Year 3, sadly passed away during the summer break. In memory of Monika, friends of the family invite you to support her husband Dan and Rosie through a JustGiving campaign. After losing Monika in August following her diagnosis of stage 4 liver cancer, the fundraiser aims to ease their financial strain, support Rosie emotionally, and allow Dan the space to grieve without work pressures. Every gift, no matter the size, is a meaningful way to show that they are not alone.

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/gemma-garvey?utm_medium=CR&utm_source=CL

Meet the Teacher Meetings

Thank you to all our Year 4, 5 and 6 parents who attended their Meet the Teacher Meetings this week. I hope everyone who has attended the meetings have found them useful and a good introduction to the year ahead. Our final meetings are for Year 1 on 18th September and Early Years on 24th September, both at 5pm.

Dates For Your Diary

Monday 15th September – School Councilors' Meeting at Sandiway Primary School
Tuesday 16th September – Phonics evening for Early Years parents 5pm
Thursday 18th September – Year 1 Meet the teacher meeting 5pm (note rescheduled date)
Friday 19th September – Early Years Come Dine with Me (lunchtime event, information to follow)
Wednesday 24th September – Early Years Meet the teacher meeting 5pm
Thursday 25th September – Early Years 2026 prospective parents/children Come and Play session 3.30pm
Monday 29th September – Early Years 2026 Open Day for prospective parents 2pm

Attendance

I will be reporting on our whole school attendance on a regular basis this year. As you know regular attendance and good punctuality have a major part to play in your child's learning and development. I'm delighted to advise that our whole school attendance last week was 98.43%. We had 21 children recorded as late over the four days.

After School Clubs

A reminder that our after school clubs for children in Years 1-6 start next week. Please ensure your child's place is confirmed before you send them to a club and that you collect them promptly afterwards. The majority of clubs finish at 4.20pm, please check the club grid, which was issued last term, for specific details. Clubs will continue to be dismissed from the small playground outside the Year 5 classrooms.

PTA News – Easy Fundraising

As you know, the PTA is always looking for easy ways to raise funds for our wonderful school! We're thrilled to share that Hartford Primary School is registered with **easyfundraising**! This is a fantastic, completely free way for you to raise donations for the school just by doing your normal online shopping.

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How does it work?

It's simple: Whenever you shop online through the easyfundraising website or app, over 8,000 retailers – including big names like Sainsbury's, M&S, Argos, and Just Eat – will donate a percentage of your purchase to Hartford Primary at **no extra cost to you!** You pay the same price as usual, and the retailer donates to the school on your behalf.

Special Bonus!

Even better, if you sign up through our link today and raise your first donation, easyfundraising will give the school a **£1 bonus!**

Never Miss a Donation!

Forgetting to go through the easyfundraising website first? No problem! They have a **donation reminder** you can install on your browser. It will pop up whenever you're shopping on a site that offers donations, so you never miss an opportunity to help.

We really believe that easyfundraising is a brilliant and effortless way for all of us to contribute to making Hartford Primary even better. Every little bit helps, and it all adds up!

Please sign up today using the below link or the QR code:

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause/step-1/?char=101731&invite=m82x29&referral-campaign=s2s&utm_source=easyfundraising-app&utm_medium=referral&utm_content=copy-link



Cantonese Story Time – Sandiway Library

Sandiway Library is hosting Cantonese storytelling sessions for primary-school age children and their families. Stories will be in Cantonese, but everyone is welcome. There will also be themed crafts after the stories. The sessions take place from 11am – 12.15pm on the third Saturday of each month. The first session takes place on 20th September. The sessions are free-of-charge, and there is no need to book in advance, just go along on the day. For more details, please call Sandiway Library on 01606 271767, email sandiway.library@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk or visit the library on Mere Lane, CW8 2NS.

Dyslexia-friendly books

Sandiway Library also have lots of dyslexia-friendly books for children and teens. These books have accessible layouts and font, off-white paper to reduce visual stress, short chapters, and other features to make reading more manageable. With adventure stories, comedies and more, there is something for everyone. The books are identified by a yellow sticker. They also have the facility for you to borrow audio books via their BorrowBox app. You can also read e-books via the app which be made dyslexia friendly.

It is free-of-charge to join the library. You can join in person, online or over the phone, and you don't need to bring any ID with you. Once you have joined, you can borrow books, e-books and audio books for free, plus access free Wi-fi, use the computers free-of-charge, and enjoy free refreshments and social activities. Join now: call Sandiway Library on 01606 271767 or visit them online Libraries | Cheshire West and Chester Council.

Cuddington and Sandiway JFC

Cuddington and Sandiway JFC are looking for new recruits to join their U10' Girls' team – please see the attached flyer for further information.

October Half Term Holiday Clubs

Cheshire Forest School are running a Halloween themed holiday club this half term – flyer attached for information. Alternative Futures are also running a holiday club based in Cuddington – details attached.

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Cheshire West and Chester's Live Well Newsletter

The Live Well Newsletter will be published bi-monthly to provide parents and carers with the latest updates and information. It is also your opportunity to get involved, have your say and improve our Live Well/Local Offer Cheshire West Website. Please use the link below to access the newsletter.

- [Live Well Newsletter | Live Well Cheshire West](#)

Care for the Family - Left To Their Own Devices Event – 9th October 7.30pm – 10pm

An event run by national charity Care for the Family is coming to Chester on the evening of 9th October. Information below should you be interested and there is a flyer attached:

- Are you fed up with seeing the back of a phone more than your child's face?
- Do you feel every conversation you have about technology is a battle?
- Are you concerned about the impact it's all having – bullying, screen time, lessening attention span, the rise of AI and VR?
- Do you want to help your child navigate the online world safely?

Care for the Family have designed this event specifically with parents of 8 – 14-year-olds in mind. But even if you're not there yet, this event will help you be on the front foot for when those days come. It is being held at Doubletree by Hilton Hotel & Spa Chester, Warrington Road, Hoole, CH2 3PD and tickets are £11.00. Find out more and book your tickets: cff.org.uk/owndevices

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Kind regards

Mrs L Cade

Acting Headteacher