



HARTFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

HEADTEACHER'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

19th September 2025



Dear Parents, Carers and Families

On Monday this week, our School Councilors and I made the journey to Sandiway Primary School to meet with children and teachers from the schools within the Trust. We discussed what lunchtime looked like in each of our schools and the children put forward suggestions and shared ideas as to how they thought it could be improved. Our children represented Hartford Primary extremely well, they were polite, confident, and articulate when discussing their ideas and showed good listening skills when their peers were speaking. Thank you to Mrs Farmer and Mrs Tench for helping me to transport the children.

Mrs Rowland and the Early Years team welcomed our new parents into school on Tuesday evening for an information meeting about how we teach phonics in school. The powerpoint presentation is available on the Early Years page of our website for anyone who couldn't attend.

Our Early Years parents were back in school today for our annual 'Come Dine with Me' event. The children were so excited to be able to share their lunchtime routine with their grownups. The hall was very busy indeed!

Another group of Year 6 children have been taking part in their Bikeability training today. This is proving to be a real success with children. It has been brilliant to see their skills, technique and confidence improve throughout the day.

Healthy and Safety Practices

Many of you will have already seen my email this morning regarding our Health and Safety Practices. In case you missed it I've included it below:

As part of our Health & Safety practices we regularly conduct fire drills to ensure that the children know how to evacuate the building quickly and safely in the event of a fire. In addition to this, today, we have practiced our 'lockdown' procedure where the children need to get into school safely. The staff are obviously very aware of the seriousness of this type of procedure but please be assured we have kept this very low key for the children, so as not to alarm them. The 'reason' we used today, for having to make ourselves safe in the classroom, was that there was a loose dog on the field.

I'm pleased to report that the children dealt with the situation brilliantly, remaining calm and responding to instructions in a sensible manner.

Meet the Teacher Meetings

Thank you to our Year 1 parents who attended their Meet the Teacher Meeting this week, I hope you found it useful. Our final meeting for our Early Years parents is on 24th September, at 5pm.

Dates For Your Diary

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
Thursday 2nd October – PTA AGM 6pm
Monday 13th October – Year 5 Gurdwara Trip
Thursday 23rd October – Year 4 Synagogue Trip

Looking further ahead I wanted to give you some advance notice of dates for Parents' Evenings this term and our Christmas events.

Monday 20th October – Thursday 23rd October – Parents' Evening appointments
Monday 1st December – Academy Photography in school, individual and sibling photographs
Wednesday 10th December – KS1 Nativity 2pm
Thursday 11th December – KS1 Nativity 2pm
Friday 12th December – Early Years Nativity 10am and 2pm
Monday 15th December – KS2 Christmas Performance at St. John's – Years 3 & 5
Wednesday 17th December – Christmas Dinner Day
Thursday 18th December – KS2 Christmas Party

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Friday 19th December – KS2 Christmas Performance at St. John's – Year 4 & 6

Friday 19th December – Early Years & KS1 Christmas Party

Friday 19th December – School closes for the Christmas break

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 up until Friday 12th September was 98.4%. We had 17 children recorded as late during the week.

PTA News

We will be holding our AGM in school on Thursday 2nd October at 6pm. As parents of children in the school you are automatically a member of HPS' PTA. We're looking to form a new committee during our AGM and would like to encourage as many parents as possible to attend the meeting.

Save the date – 24th October – we have an exciting event planned for the children – more information to follow.



Lost Property

Unfortunately, we already have an alarming amount of lost property in school. If your child has lost an item, please encourage them to check the lost property station in Mrs Moore's Hall. Most of the items are unnamed jumpers and cardigans. I'm sure you'll appreciate that, with nearly four hundred children in school, unless an item is named, it is extremely difficult to reunite it with its owner.

Hartford Parish Council Events

Let's Play, Sunday 21st September - Calling all children in Hartford... want to make new friends and have fun? Come along with your parents or carers to Let's play! The event is free-of-charge and takes place from 2 - 4pm on [Hartford's Green Field](#) (near the allotments, behind the Chester Road shops).

At the event, you will find lots of games and activities on offer, like football, giant jenga, chess, art, hula-hoops, balls, construction blocks and more.

These play sessions are organised by Hartford NSPCC and are supported by Hartford Parish Council. The aim of the sessions is to help children feel more at home in Hartford, 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.

Please note: Children are the responsibility of their parents / carers and must be supervised at all times.

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Art club for 11 – 16 year olds

Get creative and make new friends at this art club at Hartford Village Hall, starting Tuesday 23rd September. The club takes place from 4 - 5pm. Try water colours, clay-modelling and much more. Let your ideas flow!
Cost: £3 per session, with free refreshments. Concessions available – please contact us to discuss. All proceeds go to NSPCC. Book your place now by contacting Linda on 07813 662654, places are limited. This event is run by Hartford NSPCC and supported by Hartford Parish Council.

Early Help Navigator Service

Cheshire West and Chester have asked us to promote their Early Help Navigator Service which is designed to help provide support and advice to parents and families. Please see the attached flyer for more information about what the service provides and how to access their support.

Hartford Football Club Early Years Academy

Please see the attached flyer for information about local football sessions suitable for children in Early Years and Year 1.

Winnington RUFC Rugby & Football Camps – October Half Term

Flyer attached for information.

Piano Lessons

One of our Midday Assistants, Miss Ho, is now offering private piano lessons for children. She is based in Leftwich, please see the attached flyer for further information and her contact details.

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Kind regards

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Acting Headteacher