



NEWSLETTER

Edition 19: Friday 30th January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

We have had a mixed bag of weather this week but made the decision to put up a **red flag** to close the Zones that are on the field. We have tried to sort all the wellies and are anticipating more storage to help manage the mud situation.

What we need in school- EVERYDAY



We provide the children with a **FREE book bag** at the start of their journey with us and would expect the bag to be used throughout their time at Hartford.

We have strict rules about the drinks and snacks children can bring into school:

fresh water [no juice thank you]

fresh fruit [no Winders/crisps/chocolate bars]

Children need to wear **warm layers** - windows are open in school to circulate air. They need a **spare pair of socks** for wet day plays. **Wellies** and **waterproofs** are ideal to wear over layers to have a great time in OPAL.

What we **DO NOT** need in school

We ask you to check your child's coat and book bags so that children are **not** bringing in any of the following:

toys [these often get lost or broken]

nut items [we are **NUT FREE SCHOOL**- chocolate spread often contains nuts]

sharp items [screws/ drill bits/ pen knives etc]

fizzy drinks, glass bottles, chocolate bars





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Events



NSPCC Number Day

All Schools

Maths workshops

Friday 6th February

9.00am -10.00am approximately

Mrs Michelle Smith and Ms Sarah Poirier are organising a short event to celebrate maths across both schools. SEE BELOW for more details. £1 donation please.



Safer Internet Day

All Schools

Tuesday 10th February

Mrs Natalie Beecher and Mr Liam Cook are organising activities to support our  Safer Internet Day 2026 children with being safe online. More details to follow soon.

PATHS Disco

All schools

Thursday 12th February

Infant and Preschool 3.00pm - 4.00pm

Junior School 4.00pm - 5.00pm

The Infant and Preschool children can change into their disco clothes at the end of the school day and boogie with their friends. Light refreshments [juice, sweets and crisps] will be available as part of the ticket. Junior children can return at 4.00pm to end the half term with a Valentine's themed event. Tickets on Parent Pay (£3/child)



Sparky Start Day

Infant School

Friday 13th February



To complete our work on **Victorians** we are inviting all the children in **Class 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6** to come to school **dressed as a Victorian child**. Throughout the day the children will immerse themselves in a wide range of activities from a Victorian School Room to a Victorian Tea Party.



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Sparky Start Day

Junior School- LKS2 [Year 3 and Year 4]

Wednesday 25th February

We are inviting a visiting performance company to put on a show about the Romans for all children. This is our **Sparky Start** for our **history** work on Roman Britain in Beech, Chestnut, Willow and Holly. We would appreciate a voluntary contribution of **£3.00** towards the cost of this event on this occasion.

Sparky Start Day

Junior School - UKS2 [Year 5 and Year 6]

Tuesday 24th [Year 6] / Wednesday 25th February [Year 5]



Our **Year 5** and **Year 6** children will be visiting Burghley House, as part of our UKS2 curriculum, linking to the children's **history** learning on the Tudors. We would appreciate a voluntary contribution of **£10.00** towards the cost of the coach on this occasion.

Sparky Start Day

Infant School [Year R, Year 1 and Year 2]

Friday 27th February



We will be taking the whole school to **Wimpole Hall Farm** as part of our learning on animals. This trip is expensive with the price of coaches. We would appreciate a contribution of **£7.00** toward the coach fare. We will leave school after registration, take snacks and lunches and return by the end of the school day. What a great experience! Please look out for the letter with more details.

Sparky Start Science Day

All Schools

Mid March



We will be celebrating **British Science Week** with a visit from Sublime Science. We will send more details soon.

NSPCC Number Day

Friday 6th February 2026

Please send your child in with a small donation (£1) or bring along to the parent workshop.



Come along to the Infant School Hall once you've dropped off your child at 9:00am.

Mrs Smith and Miss Poirier will give a short introduction to Maths. Then you can join your child in their class for a fun maths activity.

If you have a child in Year 3 or 4 then please split your time.

All Stars Cricket



What Is All Stars Cricket?

All Stars Cricket provides a fantastic first experience for all children aged 5-8 years old where they're guaranteed 8 weeks of jam-packed fun, activity and skills development. The programme is designed to introduce children to the sport, teaching them new skills, helping them make new friends and have a great time doing so. Every child that registers will receive a personalised t-shirt with their name on it.

The Programme

There are over 2,200 clubs and centres registered to run All Stars courses so you'll be guaranteed to find a session close to you when signing up.

Key course features include:

A perfect first experience of cricket for all children aged 5-8 years-old

Eight 60-minute sessions, usually held over eight weeks

A personalised t-shirt, bat, ball and backpack.

Valuable time with your kids – mums and dads are encouraged to take part too.

All Stars Cricket is fully inclusive and designed to support a wide range of abilities, disabilities and different learning needs.

Safe and fully accredited.

England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) - The Official Website of the ECB

DYNAMOS CRICKET



What is Dynamos Cricket?

Dynamos Cricket provides a fantastic next step for all those graduating from All Stars Cricket and the perfect introduction for all 8-11 year-olds new to the sport!

Dynamos is all about fun and provides children with a more social offer, focusing on developing the fundamental skills required to play cricket.

We know how important it is to look like the heroes of the game, so every child who registers will receive their very own Dynamos Cricket New Balance t-shirt, personalised with their name and number.

The programme

Children will use soft balls and light wooden bats

Minimum of six 60-90 minute sessions, or minimum eight hours of course delivery

Introduction to game play through a countdown cricket match

New Balance personalised t-shirt with name and number

Valuable time with your kids – parents/guardians are encouraged to take part too

Complementary digital app experience

Exclusive access to The Hundred Topps Wild Cards

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