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Hartford Infant and Preschool & Hartford Junior School Newsletter Friday 14th March 2025

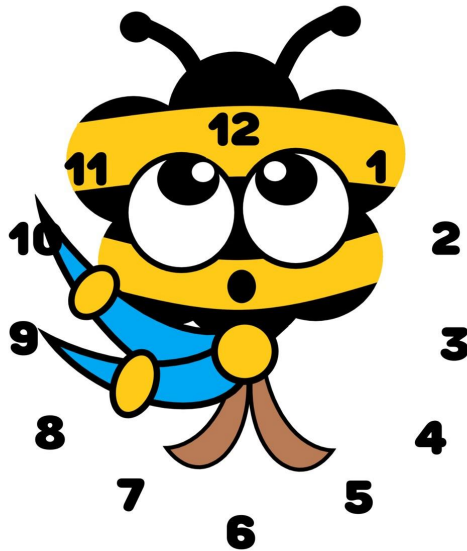
Headteacher Highlights...



- **This week** we have had a interesting week, especially in the **Junior School** with the stairwell renovations. We are certainly keeping up a healthy step count as we navigate around the school avoiding this area!
- If your child is late entering school they will also have a longer journey, because our hall is being used for Year 5 pupils and cannot be disturbed from 8.40am. **Please arrive in time for 8.40am in the Junior School.**

- From **Tuesday 1st April** we will be expected by Gov.uk to **separate and dispose of our food waste items from other waste**. All children and adults with a pack lunch will bring their uneaten contents home. All children and adults who have a school hot meal or eat snacks will use the **designated food waste bins** across the school [e.g. playground, dining hall and staff rooms].

!Attention Attendance!



*Please **Bee** on time for school.*

It is extremely important to aim for 96+%, this will ensure your child makes the best progress.

Junior School: 8.40am - 3.15pm Infant School: 8.45am - 3.15pm Preschool: 9.00am - 3.00pm This week the **best attendance** was seen in: **Class 5 in the Infant School** and **Ash** in the **Junior School**. Our **Bee** on time winner is **Nicole**. We reward the child with the **best punctuality** each week in the Infant Class with the best attendance. A **Tesco voucher** for home and a **lil' prize** for the child is given.

Attendance

Did you know that children should be in school **190 days** each year?
We aim for children to be in school for **96+%** knowing that sometimes they are ill.

Attendance during 1 year of school	Equals to days absent from school	Which is approximately weeks absent	Which means this number of lessons
95%	9 days	2 weeks	45 lessons
90%	19 days	4 weeks	95 lessons
85%	29 days	6 weeks	145 lessons
80%	38 days	8 weeks	190 lessons
75%	48 days	10 weeks	240 lessons
70%	57 days	11.5 weeks	285 lessons
65%	67 days	13.5 weeks	335 lessons

Hartford Infant & Preschool

Yearly attendance up to and including 14/03/2025

RM1	RM2	RM3	RM4	RM5	RM6	Pre School	Whole School
91.84	92	92.81	91.5	94.73	94.6	90.83	92.83

Number of late occurrences for this week

Class	Late before 9.15am	Late after 9.15am
RM1	3	1
RM2	0	0
RM3	7	0
RM4	2	0
RM5	1	0
RM6	4	1
Pre School	0	0

Hartford Junior School

Yearly attendance up to and including 14/03/2025

ASH	BEECH	CHESTNUT	HOLLY	OAK	PINE	SYCAMORE	WILLOW	Whole School
95.86	97.08	94.59	94.33	96.1	95.08	96.82	92.94	95.37

Number of late occurrences for this week

Class	Late before 9.15am	Late after 9.15am
ASH	0	0
BEECH	4	0
CHESTNUT	3	1
HOLLY	5	0
OAK	1	0
PINE	1	0
SYCAMORE	3	0
WILLOW	1	0

The **Department for Education** [DfE] provides advice and support for parents/carers to support their child's attendance. The following documents are available by clicking on the link:

[Click here](#) for **Working Together to Improve School Attendance** or [click here](#) for information on **School Attendance and Absence**

OPAL Occurrences...



Next week, we will be **enhancing** our play with more **water features** [e.g. tough tray with bubbly water, funnels, measuring jugs and droppers]. Obviously this is a zone that many children gravitate to and when they are immersed in their play they can get **wet**. Please can you provide your child with some **wellies** [named of course] so they can enter this zone [**no wellies, no water**]. We have provided *some waterproof trousers* for the children to borrow. If you know your child loves this area, a **pair of plastic waterproofs** and a **spare pair of socks** are handy to pop in to their book bag so that they are **comfortable** for the rest of the school day. [Link to waterproofs in Asda](#)



£4.00

ASDA George

★★★★★ (33)

+£3.75 delivery

Golden Welly Award...



1 - Golden Wellies...

Our **winners** for this week are...

In the **Infant** School - **Aronas**

In the **Junior School - Ondre** Well done to the children for showing us how to play well. They will be able to **ring the bells** for end of OPAL Lunch next week- how exciting!

Thank you for all your support.

Don't forget those wellies so they can access all areas... We welcome **changes of clothes** [especially socks/tights] to be brought in for those soggy wet days. If you have **waterproof trousers** do send them in a **named carrier bag**.



Classroom Curiosity...



2 - What has been going on in school?

Preschool

This week, we began planting flower seeds thinking about the link to Spring and new growth. We did an amazing jobs of marking our own pots with our names. We also saw lots of mark making linked to our story, 'The Three Little Pigs' – there is a video of the story read by **Mrs Shurlock** on [Tapestry](#) for your child to share with you at home.

Next week, we will continue reading, 'The Three Little Pigs' and begin to recall the story independently. It would be great to have sticks and straw to support this, if anyone is able to collect/donate these items, we would be very grateful.



Year R

This week we have been using our phonic knowledge to write labels and captions for pictures using taught Stage 2 and 3 phonics. In maths we have been exploring the concept of 'doubles' and using stem sentences such as 'This is a double because 3 is a part and 3 is a part' and '6 is made of 3 and 3 and 3 and 3 make 6'. In Forest School, lots of children enjoyed using sticks, bark, leaves and other natural resources to create a home for a British wild animal like a mouse, hedgehog or rabbit!

Next week in art we will be using pencils to explore mark making and looking at some of Pablo Picasso's early pencil sketches and drawings to inspire us! In maths we will be talk about and exploring 2D and 3D shapes e.g. circles, rectangles, triangles and cuboids using informal and mathematical language such as 'sides', 'corners'; 'straight', 'flat' and 'round'.

Your child has brought home a special **Spring Concert Songbook** today! Please ask them to teach you some of the songs we are busy practising for our **Concert at 9.15am on Tuesday 1st April**. They are beginning to know them well and should even be able to teach you some of the Makaton signs we are using for words like 'Spring', 'sunshine', 'rain', 'grow' and 'flower'!









Year 1

This week, in English we used adjectives to describe 'Gerald the giraffe's' appearance and his feelings. We looked at similarities and differences of towns and the countryside in geography. **Next week**, in maths we will be looking at weight and capacity.



Year 2

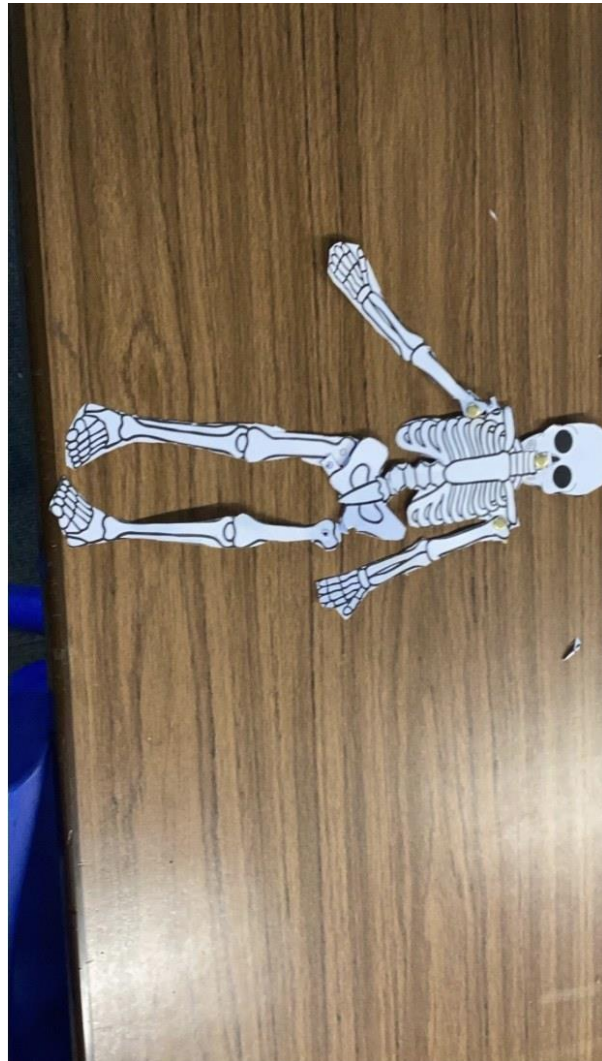
This week, in English, we enjoyed making our very own pea in a box to accompany the story, 'The Pea and the Princess', by Mini Grey. We worked out how to subtract two 2-digit numbers in maths, using a jotting to help us. In geography we learnt how St. Andrews Day is celebrated in Scotland. The children were keen to make shortbread at home [Recipe: Tweety Shortbread - CBeebies](#)

Next week, in English we will make a miniature book and sequence the story in order. In maths, we will focus on multiplying and dividing in 2s, 5s and 10s. [Multiplying and dividing - KS1 Maths - BBC Bitesize](#) In our exploration of the UK, we are off to Wales next.



Year 3

This week, in maths we have been exploring numbers to 1,000, thinking about the previous multiple of 10 and the next multiple of 10, the children demonstrated some excellent perseverance with this. In Science we really enjoyed thinking about the human skeleton and had great fun making a split pin skeleton. We have also been practising our chopping and peeling skills in DT ready to create our seasonal snack. **Next week**, in English we will be planning and writing a narrative and in maths we will be continuing our fantastic work looking at numbers to 1,000 and using a range of resources to support our learning.



Year 4

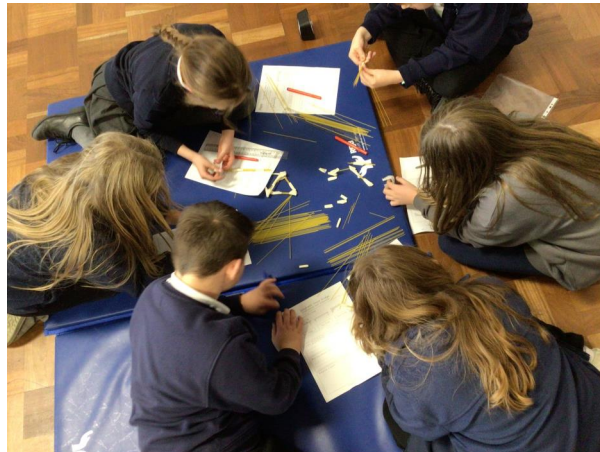
This week, we worked in groups to make our own biscuits in Design Technology [DT]. We demonstrated excellent **teamwork** skills and followed instructions wonderfully. **Next week**, they will write a **narrative** about the Oompa Loompas from our class novel 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory', using our creativity to write about where these characters came from.



Year 5

This week, we have been practising our communication and group work skills and making bridges in Design Technology [DT]. We have all settled into the hall brilliantly - Possibly some children even prefer it!

Next week, we will begin to write our own narrative story in English, showcasing all the skills we have learnt in our SPAG [Spelling and Grammar] sessions this half term.



Year 6

This week, we have been looking at question tags, colons and semi-colons in English and have also finished reading, 'Street Child'. In maths, we were looking at ratio and proportions and in science we have been thinking about how the heart works. **Next week**, we will be learning about hurricanes in geography and converting metric units of measurement in maths.









RED NOSE DAY...

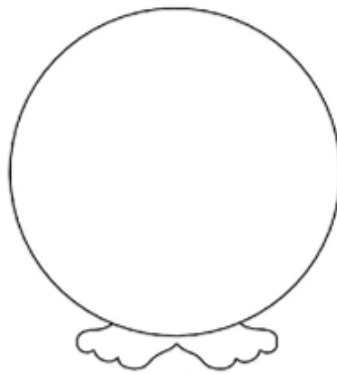
RED NOSE DAY

Both the **Infant and Junior School Councils** would like to organise a **designing and colouring competition** for **Red Nose Day** on **Friday 21st March**. It will cost 20p to enter and sheets will come home by Friday 14th March and need to be returned by Thursday 20th March. All children are invited to wear red clothing to school for a contribution to this charity.

Design a Red Nose Competition

Name: _____

Class: _____



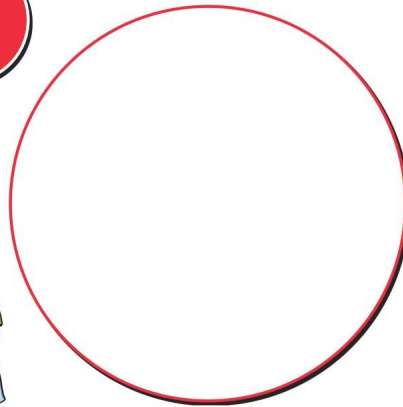
20p per
entry

All entries to be
handed by Friday
28th March

**RED
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Red Nose Day Design a Nose

Create your own unique
and fun Red Nose!



Joke Competition

Name: _____

Class: _____

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entry

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Computing Coaching...



Making Online Viewing Safer for Children There is so much amazing content online for children and young people, but as we all know, some of that content isn't suitable for younger eyes and ears. Much of the most serious and concerning content is being viewed and consumed at home, often in the child's bedroom. There is plenty of help and support available for parents and carers, including from organisations such as [Internet Matters](#) who have a fantastic advice guide to make online viewing safer for children. Within this guide there is advice on filters and parental controls, advice about watching and browsing together, screen time and more. You can access the guide [here](#). **What is Kick Streaming?** You might be aware of **Twitch**, especially if your children are gamers. Owned by Amazon it has become incredibly popular over the years for children to either watch live streams or to live stream themselves. But in the past there's been plenty of **controversy** about the platform,

particularly in relation to restrictions that were imposed upon streamers. So it's no surprise to see other platforms becoming more popular and one of those platforms is **Kick** (*not* to be confused with Kik Messenger). It was launched in 2022, **users should be aged 13 years+** and it follows the same process as Twitch where live streamers can make money. However, much of the content on Kick is adult in nature. **Internet Matters** has a good article about Kick and you can find the article here [What is Kik? Safety guide for parents | Internet Matters.](#)

Diary Dates 14.3.2025



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Red Nose Day	All schools	Friday 21st March	Children can enter the colouring/designing a red nose competition for 20p. Everyone invited to wear red clothing as part of the nonschool uniform for a donation to the charity.
GENR8	Junior School	Monday 31st March	The GENR8 Company will explore eater with the children in a special assembly.
Easter Concert	Year R	Tuesday 1st April	Our children in Year R [classes 1 & 2] will perform a few Easter themed songs for families to enjoy.
Church Visit	Year R	Wednesday 2nd April [pm]	Our Year R children in Class 1 and 2 will be visiting Trinity Church.
Easter Fete	All schools	Wednesday 2nd April & Thursday 3rd April	Our PATHS team will be organising our annual festive fair for the children. Due to the stairwell renovations, both fetes will take place in the Infant School during school time.
Easter Menu	All schools	Wednesday 2nd April	An Easter lunch to celebrate Easter.
Easter Bonnet Parade	Infant and Preschool	Thursday 3rd April	All Preschool and Infant children are invited to make an Easter bonnet at home to bring to school for the annual parade.
Easter Fun Menu	All schools	Friday 4th April	A fun Easter lunch to celebrate Easter and the end of term.
Dance Day	Infant and Preschool	Friday 4th April	A fun Easter dance session with Miss Charlotte- all children need to wear PE kits.
Last day of term	All schools	Friday 4th April	School will close for the Easter Break.
Treehouse Club closed	All schools	Friday 4th April	No Treehouse Club for this evening.
SAT Booster Brunch	Year 6	Monday 7th April	Mrs Jo Smith and Mrs Anna Haupt will launch SAT Booster activities to take home, come to school for 10.30am for a free breakfast, a surgery session with 'The experts' and a gift for all children attending.
Summer Term begins	All schools	Wednesday 23rd April	School reopens for all children. 8.40am for KS2, 8.45am for Year R and KS1 and 9.00am for Preschool.

Y6 SATs Brunch...

Mrs Jo Smith [Sycamore Class Teacher] and **Mrs Anna Haupt** [Pine class Teacher] warmly invite all **Year 6 children** on **Monday 4th April** from **10.30am until 12.00pm** to their **SAT Brunch Booster**. This will be an opportunity for the children to engage in some fun learning activities, pick up a **Easter Booster Activity Pack**, see their friends in a less formal situation, **sausage rolls** [veggie/vegan options available] and drinks will be available. For those children that attend the whole session we have a **surprise take away gift**. Any parents are welcome to pop in and ask any question to help further support children at home. [Please reserve your child's space using this link.](#)



Have a wonderful weekend...