



## Hartford Headlines 34

Hartford Infant and Preschool & Hartford Junior School Newsletter Friday 13th June 2025

### Headteacher Highlights...



- We have had a great week with **Empathy Day** organised by **Mr Christopher Squires**, **Mrs Rachael Hyem** and **Ms Sarah Poirier**- have you found one of our **painted pebbles** in the community?
- We hope that you have seen our **Learning Leaflets** and **Enquiry Organisers** for this half term, sent last week.

- Please note all children in **Year R, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3** and **Year 4** must be accompanied by a **known adult to** and **from** their **classroom**. Please don't let your older child bring them to school. **Our playground is open from 8.30am**. If your **Year 5** or **Year 6** child wants to come to school *earlier* than 8.30am, they will be expected to go into the **Free Breakfast Club** where they can be supervised. **Thank you for your continued support.**
- We have collated all our **Lost Property** and **Pre Loved uniform... 'Find it Friday's'** are coming- we will put out our racks, and leave outside the Treehouse club entrance... do browse and retrieve/take items.



## Empathy Day 2025

On **Thursday 12th June**, both schools participated in [Empathy Day](#).











## Attendance Matters...

Attendance between 02/09/2024 – 13/06/2025

Class	Attendance
1	91.27
2	91.27
3	92.98
4	91.81
5	94.85
6	94.46
Preschool	91.44
<b>Whole School</b>	<b>92.85</b>

Class	Attendance
BEECH	96.88
CHESTNUT	94.27
HOLLY	91.88
WILLOW	96.11
ASH	95.81
OAK	96.21
PINE	94.77
SYCAMORE	96.73
<b>Whole School</b>	<b>95.32</b>

Number of late children this week

Class	Late before 9.15am	Late after 9.15am
1	5	0
2	1	1
3	3	1
4	2	2
5	0	0
6	5	0
Preschool	0	0

Class	Late before 9.15am	Late after 9.15am
BEECH	1	1
CHESTNUT	6	1
HOLLY	1	2
WILLOW	1	0
ASH	2	0
OAK	4	0
PINE	2	0
SYCAMORE	1	0

Our Best Class for Attendance has got the 'Bee on Time' award [they earn 10 house points]:  
 Infant School: **Class 5** Junior School: **Beech Class** A **HUGE** thank you to the lovely **Emily** from **Year 4** for the donation of extra pencils for our **Attendance Matters Prizes**- we really appreciate her generosity!

## Golden Welly & Broom Awards...

We have added **another** award to celebrate the great behaviours at OPAL time...



*1 - This award is given to a child from both the Infant School and the Junior School for great behaviours that demonstrate our Golden Rules.*



*2 - This award is given to a child from both the Infant School and the Junior School [it is kept in school] for great tidying up skills.*

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

In the **Infant** School - **Freya** [Class 3]

In the **Junior** School - **Iza** [Ash Class] **Golden Broom**

In the **Infant** School - **Julian J** [Class 4]

In the **Junior** School - **Teddy** [Holly Class]

**Well done to the children for showing us how to play and tidy so well.**

## OPAL Opportunities...



*3 - Our new 'Playometer' for our Play Leaders to show their peers across both schools how well they have been behaving in OPAL.*

**This week**, we introduced **Tug of War** and **small bikes and scooters** to our lunchtime OPAL. **WOW!** The children have had a lot of fun albeit a bit muddy! Have you seen our new **welly racks** courtesy of **Mr. Hyem**. Please name your wellies and bring them in - you never know when you might need them! A **HUGE** thank you to this week's **Y5 & Y6 Play Leaders: Zuzia,**



**Iza, Amelia, Cara, Maisie and Lexii and Fife** who has been a super **litter picker**! We let our children know about their behaviours with our '**Playometer**'. This was created by **Mr. Whitham** - our **Play Leaders** love using it to reflect on **good behaviours** with children across both schools.

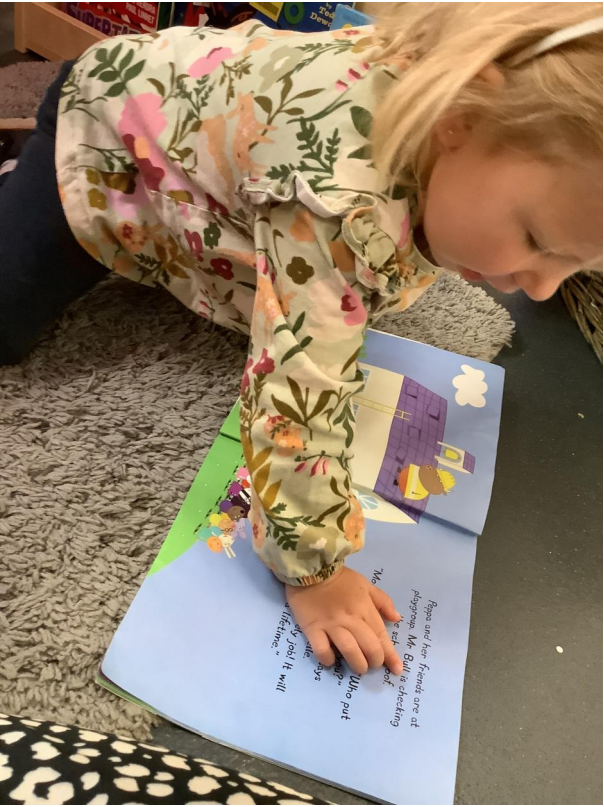
## Classroom Curiosity...

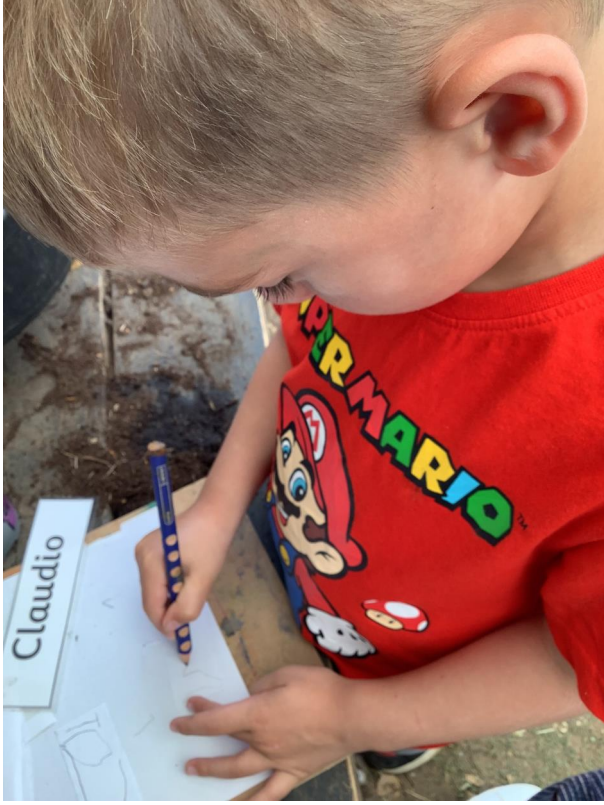


## Preschool

**This week**, we have been busy planting and linking new vocabulary such as 'roots' and 'shoots' we looked to see how our beans have begun to grow and planted some marigolds and peas. In PE and in the garden we focused on our balancing skills. In our phonics learning we introduced a new sound 'n'.

**Next week**, we will be using dice to explore a difficult way to represent number and continue our Very Hungry Caterpillar activities with puzzles and recalling order by 'feeding' our caterpillar (tubes) the food and fruit.







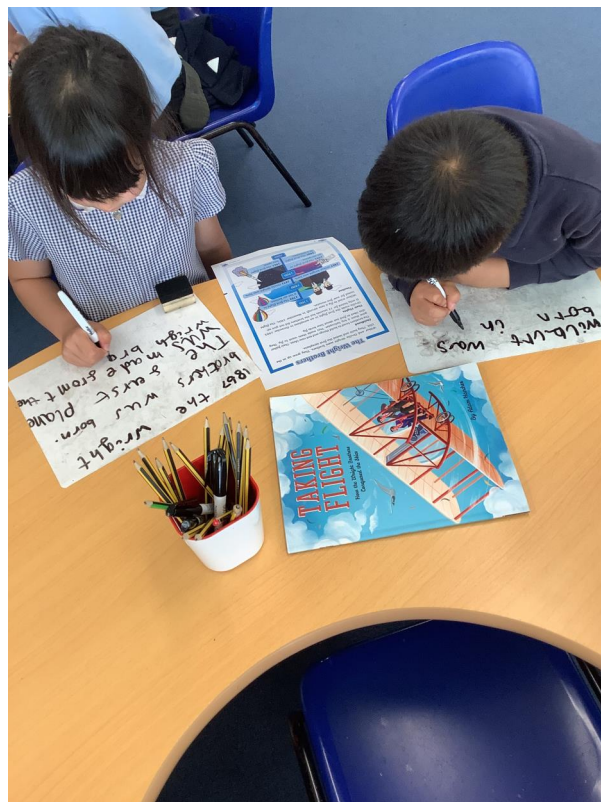
## Year R

**This week**, we have found out more about, 'The Wright Brothers' and the first flight, looking at books to help us. We created our own personal timelines, beginning to think about the past and the present. In our literacy sessions we have been using our phonic knowledge to write captions and sentences about the story of, '*The Three Little Pigs*' and in maths we have explored odd and even numbers. We have also enjoyed exploring how quantities can be shared equally in a practical hands-on way. **We enjoyed 'hiding' our pebbles in the local park for Empathy Day.**

**Next week**, in our computing sessions we will be using the programmable Bee-Bots and building commands to move them. In maths we will be learning how to use a Rekenrek to support us with our 'mastering number' learning.

## Year 1

**This week**, we made changes to the story of '*Anansi and the Golden Pot*' and made it our own in English. In maths, our teachers were impressed with our ability to use the equality symbols,  $<$ ,  $>$  and  $=$ . **On Empathy Day, we enjoyed leaving decorated pebbles at the park for members of our community to find.** **Next week** in science, we will think of a question that we can investigate and we'll begin to look at the artist Antony Gormley in art.







## Year 2

**This week**, we wrote the beginning of our story remembering to include time words in English. We had great fun in maths making 3D shapes so we could learn about their vertices, faces and edges. We learnt about the layers of a bulb in science. **We loved Empathy Day!**  
**We hid our pebbles down by the river...**

**Next week** in English, we will continue the middle and end of our story based on '*Lila and the Secret of the Rain*'. In maths, we will interpret and construct simple pictograms. In our enquiry lessons we will explore sources to talk about the life of the Wright brothers.

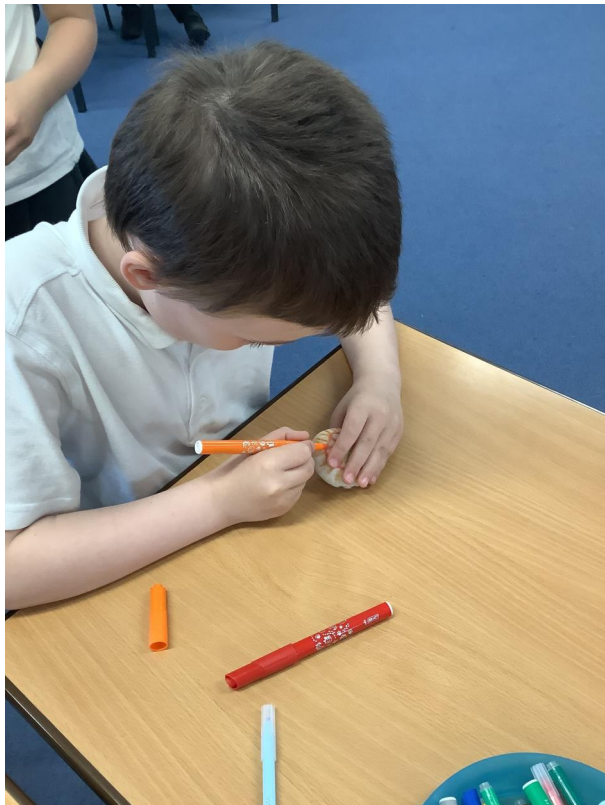








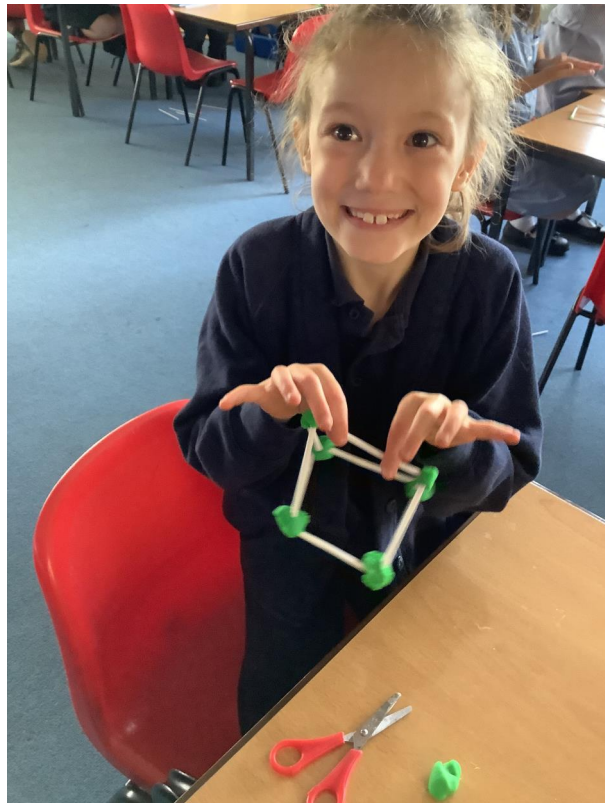
















### Year 3

**This week**, we have been planning our own newspaper articles based on an exciting moment from our class text '*The Nothing to See Here Hotel*'. **We have really enjoyed Empathy Day where we explored the meaning of empathy, created our own class positive affirmations and created our own kindness pebbles.** **Next week**, we will be writing our newspaper reports in English and in Science we will be investigating teeth. Please could children bring in a toothbrush to support with this investigation. Thank you in advance for this!

### Year 4

**This week**, we took part in the **DfE Multiplication Tables Check** and we are so proud of what we achieved. We had wonderful attitudes leading up to the check, we aimed high and got involved by practising at school and in our own time at home. **We were very creative during Empathy Day and enjoyed the assembly video.** **Next week**, we will be focusing on healthy teeth in science. We will be conducting an experiment, so we are asking children to bring in their toothbrushes (electric or manual). We will be using disclosing tablets. **If you have any questions or concerns, please speak to a member of the year 4 team.**





## Year 5

**This week**, have been completing our narrative in our English lessons. We have been continuing to build on our fractions knowledge by looking at how to work out fractions of quantities. It would be really beneficial for all children to continue to practise their timetables facts at home. **We really enjoyed Empathy Day on Thursday – especially the pebble painting.**

**Next week**, we have assessment week. This is a chance to show off all of our learning from this year. We will continue with PE; Athletics and Cricket.

## Year 6

**This week** has been busy, we have been making boxes in maths using our shape net knowledge and working out the measurements ourselves. In English we have started to look at some characters in 'Broken', they will go towards creating a narrative with dialogue to advance the action. We were split in PE, some of us went swimming and the rest of us played rounders – we were great! We have also been rehearsing the play and creating props – we have some lovely singing for you to hear! **Empathy Day was a day for understanding how other people feel and how we can positively impact other people's feelings.**

**Next week**, we will continue our writing in English and our play rehearsals.

- **Year 6** have been swimming - how exciting! Please note that **swimming is a statutory element of the national curriculum for PE**, children should leave Year 6 with the following skills:
  - • swim competently, confidently and proficiently over a distance of at least 25 metres
  - • use a range of strokes effectively [for example, front crawl, backstroke and breaststroke]
  - • perform safe self-rescue in different water-based situations

## Diary Dates 13.6.2025

Diary Dates			
New to YR Parent Meeting	Preschool	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	A workshop for parents to introduce staff and classrooms to parents of children starting School in September 2025. From <b>6.00pm</b> in the Infant Hall- <b>ADULT event only</b> .
New to Y1 Workshop	Year R	Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	All our children in <b>Year R</b> [classes 1 & 2] will visit their new Year 1 classrooms for a short time, we are inviting all parents/carers to pop in at 8.45am for refreshments and find out more about life in Year 1 and then see the classrooms with their children.
Changeover Day	All schools	Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	We invite our new YR children to explore the Reception classrooms whilst the rest of the school 'jump up' to their new classes across both schools.
New to Y3 Workshop	Year 2	Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	All our children in <b>Year 2</b> [classes 5 & 6] will re visit their new Year 3 classrooms for a short time, we are inviting all parents/carers to pop in at 8.45am for refreshments and find out more about life in Year 3 and then see the classrooms with their children.
Gulliver's Trip	Year 6	Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Our annual end of Primary School treat <b>for</b> good behaviours. School will <b>not</b> invite children on this trip with behaviours that put others and themselves at risk.
Healthy Week	All schools	Wk beg Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	A fun packed week of activities including Olympic Gym visits and a focus on water and sun safety.
Sports Day	Infant school	Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Parents are welcome to watch the children participate in our multi skills event from <b>9.15am</b> on the back playground for Infant children
	Junior School		Parents are welcome to watch the children participate in our multi skills event from <b>1.00pm</b> on the field for Junior children.
St Peter's School visit	Year 6	Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> & Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Our <b>Year 6</b> children who will be transferring to St Peter's School will be spending both days exploring their new school.
Y2 Leavers Assembly	Year 2	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	From 9.15am, a chance to reflect on the children's time at Hartford Infant School.
Summer Fete	All schools	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	From <b>1.00pm</b> , pay for your child's ticket on Parent Pay [£3.00 per child], bring a picnic blanket and hang around using the field until 5.00pm. [T & C apply- which will be shared later ]
Y6 Leavers Assembly	Year 6	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	From 9.15am, a chance to reflect on the children's time at Hartford Junior School.
Last day of term	All schools	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	<b>School will close</b> for the Summer Break. <b>No</b> Treehouse Club for this evening.
Autumn Term	All schools [except YR]	Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	<b>School opens</b> for all children in Y1 through to Y6 from <b>8.40am for HJS</b> and <b>8.45am for HIPS</b> . Our <b>Free Breakfast Club</b> will be open from 8.15am <b>Treehouse Breakfast Club</b> will be open from 7.45am



## Coming up...

Don't forget on Saturday, the [Huntingdon Riverside Gala](#) is on **Saturday 14th June** from **11.00am**. A great community event with lots for the kids to do, fair rides, stalls (including Mrs Germaine's home made jewellery) and shows. **How exciting!**

