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Hartford Infant and Preschool & Hartford Junior School Newsletter Friday 20th June 2025

Headteacher Highlights...



- Welcome to our **School Newsletter**, we hope that you are well.
- We have been following this **sun safety** advice: [Slip, slap, slop, slide and shade - 5 Safety's for sun.](#)
- We **supported**: [Drowning Prevention Week.](#)
- **Jewellery** - please can all rings, necklaces, bracelets, hooped and large earrings etc be **removed** for school.

- **Smart Watches** - are not welcome in school, please keep them at home.

- slip on a t-shirt
- slop on sun cream with a protection factor of 30 or more
- slap on a wide brimmed hat
- slide on some quality sunglasses
- shade from the sun wherever possible



Attendance Matters...

Attendance between 02/09/2024 – 20/06/2025

Class	Attendance	Class	Attendance
ASH	95.78	1	91.44
BEECH	96.92	2	91.23
CHESTNUT	94.1	3	93.04
HOLLY	91.88	4	91.78
OAK	96.29	5	94.96
PINE	94.84	6	94.29
SYCAMORE	96.79	Pre School	91.34
WILLOW	96.04	Whole School	92.84
Whole School	95.32		

Number of late children this week

Class	Late before 9.15am	Late after 9.15am	Class	Late before 9.15am	Late after 9.15am
1	8	0	BEECH	3	3
2	2	0	CHESTNUT	5	1
3	7	1	HOLLY	5	1
4	4	1	WILLOW	0	0
5	4	0	ASH	3	0
6	4	0	OAK	1	0
Pre School	0	4	PINE	3	1
			SYCAMORE	1	1

Our Best Class for Attendance has got the 'Bee on Time' award [they earn 10 house points]:

Infant School: **Class 2** Junior School: **Willow Class**

Golden Welly & Broom Awards...



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** - **Lucy** [Class 5]

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

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

In the **Junior School** - *Jason* [Ash]

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

OPAL Opportunities...



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WANTED

★ ITEMS FOR OPAL ★



★★★
DESCRIPTIVE INFORMATION
SECOND HAND ITEMS

- spades
- wheelbarrows
- plastic buckets
- small world people
- dolls
- umbrellas
- buggies

WANTED FOR:
great lunchtime play

★ PLEASE BRING IN BY FRIDAY 20TH JUNE 2025 ★

★ **£10 AMAZON VOUCHER** ★
all donators will be entered into a prize draw

3 - **Congratulations to Aronas** in the Infant school and **Ellie Kay** in the Junior School the winners of our £10 Amazon voucher for our OPAL donation raffle.

This week, we tried to enhance our **shady areas** and introduce **more water play**. A **HUGE** thank you to this week's **Y5 & Y6 Play Leaders: Jasmine , Jason , Freya W , Kayla, Xavier and Reggie**

Classroom Curiosity...



Preschool

This week, we have been using dice, we are becoming very skilled at subitising (saying how many without counting) and recognising the patterns on the dice, we rolled large dice outside and also played small games using dice. We also represented number on our fingers or by making marks on the ground with chalks.

We continued our 'transition to Reception' activities by visiting the teachers in Class 1 and 2 for story times.

Next week, we will be using our core story of 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' to look at and begin to recognise pattern as well as continuing our small games with dice.

Year R

This week we have enjoyed using the programmable Bee-Bots, experimenting with building simple commands to move them around on a grid. In mini-me time we have been writing about some of our favourite fairy tales using our phonic knowledge to write captions and sentences. In maths we have been getting so good at using the Rekenreks to subitise 1-5, remembering 'one finger, one push' and we have been using the comparative language of 'more', 'greater', 'fewer', 'less' and 'equal' when talking about quantities.

Next week, we will be learning about the British sculptor Antony Gormley, looking at examples of his work and thinking about what he uses to create his pieces. The children will have the opportunity to explore clay and have a go at the coiling technique, using this technique to create their own sculpture!

Year 1

This week, we have been like Reflective Rex, editing and improving our writing. In maths, we used our knowledge of number facts within 10, to help us solve problems involving teens numbers. **Next week**, we will be beginning our science investigation into which material will be the best for our paper aeroplanes. In art we will be designing our own sculptures.

Year 2

This week, we completed a story in English and remembered to use conjunctions. In maths, we made a pictogram and answered questions such as, what is the most popular and how many more. We made posters in Enquiry lessons about the historic airfield Portholme, Godmanchester.

Next week, in English we will be participating in a performance to recite a poem by heart and will generate new vocabulary for our own poem. In maths, we will compare and order mass in grams and kilograms. We are looking forward to learning about the work of British sculptor Antony Gormley.

Year 3

This week, we have shown amazing determination and perseverance during our **assessment week**, we are so proud of them all! In English, we wrote fantastic newspaper reports based on an exciting event from our class text, 'The Nothing to See Here Hotel', where we included a range of Year 3 writing skills, including exciting vocabulary, direct speech, and paragraphs. In PE we have shown great teamwork when exploring hockey skills. **Next week**, we will be continuing our fraction work in maths, thinking carefully about adding fractions where the denominator stays the same and in DT we will be continuing our work building and evaluating our 3D castles

Year 4

This week, was **assessment week** and we are incredibly proud of the children for all of their efforts during the tests. In history, we learned about the Battle of Edington and in geography we talked about the Northern lights. **Next week**, we will begin our division unit in maths and explore features of a newspaper article in English.

Year 5

This week, we had **assessment week**. Even though it was super hot outside, we tried our best in our assessments. We continued to improve our cricket skills and have planned a diary entry based on our class novel.

Next week, we will continue to read our class novel, deepen our knowledge of fractions and continue our fact files on Oliver Cromwell.

Year 6

This week we have been planning the final piece of writing which will include lots of dialogue to make our narratives action-packed. We are delighted to see how far the children have come with their writing and are looking forward to reading their final pieces next week. We have continued to practise for the Y6 Leaver's Performance too - lots of lovely singing can now be heard echoing throughout the school. Swimming continued this week for some of our students and Sycamore enjoyed meeting Mrs Hill from St Peter's for a French lesson. **Next week** it will be Pine's turn for a French lesson with Mrs Hill from St Peter's School. We will continue to practice for the Y6 Leaver's Performance.

Diary Dates 20.6.2025

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New to YR Parent Meeting	Preschool	Monday 23 rd June	A workshop for parents to introduce staff and classrooms to parents of children starting School in September 2025. From 6.00pm in the Infant Hall- ADULT event only .
New to Y1 Workshop	Year R	Wednesday 25 th June	All our children in Year R [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.
Y6 Performance	Year 6	Tuesday 8 th July	We look forward to seeing all parent/carers of our Y6 pupils at either our 1.45pm or 5.30pm production of 'School of Pop'
Changeover Day	All schools	Wednesday 9 th 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 th July	All our children in Year 2 [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 th July	Our annual end of Primary School treat for good behaviours. School will not invite children on this trip with behaviours that put others and themselves at risk.
Healthy Week	All schools	Wk beg Monday 14 th 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 th July	Parents are welcome to watch the children participate in our multi skills event from 9.15am on the back playground for Infant children
	Junior School		Parents are welcome to watch the children participate in our multi skills event from 1.00pm on the field for Junior children.
St Peter's School visit	Year 6	Thursday 17 th & Friday 18 th July	Our Year 6 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 st July	From 9.15am, a chance to reflect on the children's time at Hartford Infant School.
Summer Fete	All schools	Monday 21 st July	From 1.00pm , 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 nd 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 nd July	School will close for the Summer Break. No Treehouse Club for this evening.
Autumn Term	All schools [except YR]	Wednesday 3 rd September	School opens for all children in Y1 through to Y6 from 8.40am for HJS and 8.45am for HIPS . Our Free Breakfast Club will be open from 8.15am Treehouse Breakfast Club will be open form 7.45am

Don't forget...

FIND IT FRIDAY



L O S T P R O P E R T Y
&

P R E L O V E D
U N I F O R M

from 3.00pm each
Friday

on the racks by the stage on the front playground

Coming up...



PATHS PRESENT

SUMMER FAIR

HARTFORD SCHOOLS

MONDAY 21 JULY 1:00PM TILL 4:00PM

FREE ENTRY

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

£3 TICKET = TOMBOLA JAR * ICE POP * 1 GAME

BRING MONEY FOR:
STOCKS * RAFFLE
FACE PAINTS * TATTOOS * SOFT TOYS*
and more...

ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TOWARDS TRIPS/EVENTS AND SPARKY STARTS ACROSS BOTH SCHOOLS

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 01480- 454655

PATHS



WANTED

SECOND HAND GOOD QUALITY SOFT TOYS AND BOOKS. TOMBOLA JARS FULL OF SWEETS, CRAFTING, SMALL TOYS ETC

Thank you!

