

*Welcome*

Hello folks,

This is our **15th** newsletter! I hope they have been useful for sharing news about school life.

We have had a super time with your children, they have demonstrated our **Hartford Characteristics of Learning** everyday in school. For more information about these and our ethos [click here for HIPS](#) and/or [here for HJS](#).

We hope that you will be able to give us feedback through [this survey](#).

Have a wonderful Christmas holiday.

**Please know I will check emails so don't hesitate to contact us for any support.**

Best wishes

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*Tell us what you think...*

We hope that you are satisfied with the learning experiences and outcomes for your child.

Please would you be give us feedback through [this survey](#).

**Thank you for your time.**



*OPAL*

**We are seeking the following:**

*Cardboard*

If you have any unwanted **cardboard packaging** left over from Christmas we would love to have it for our launch of **OPAL** [Outdoor Play and Learning].

Please bring in any **cardboard boxes** to school and we will use them with the children in January.

Thank you to **EVERYONE** who has brought in loose parts already. My office is looking like an airport departure lounge!

**Please [click here for a reminder of what we are seeking.](#)**



Thinking of an extra Christmas present?

**– wellies and wet suits –**

children can then access **all** areas of our field and tree areas without getting mucky at lunchtimes.

*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 Class in the Junior School.**

Our **Bee** on time winner is **Myah**.

We reward the child with the **best punctuality** each week in the class with the best attendance. A Tesco voucher for home and a lil' prize for the child is given.

*The Nativity*

We were astounded to be on the front cover of the local **Hunts Post newspaper** for our Nativity Production **'Whoops a Daisy Angel'**.

For those of you who saw it we hope that you agree that the children were amazing.

[Click here for full coverage.](#)

*Attendance Policy*

From **January 2025** in accordance with updated DfE recommendations we will no longer authorise holidays unless there are exceptional circumstances.

We understand that there are times your child can't be in school for illness and appreciate the 48 hour rule can be somewhat vexing. However, we have a duty of care to **all children and staff** to ensure everyone is safe and happy in school.

We need **everyone** in school **every day** if they are fit and well so that we can 'bring out the best in them'.

Please ensure you call in any absences **before 8.15am**, and daily if your child is ill over several days. **Thank you.**

Please let us know as early as possible if someone different is collecting your child so messages can be shared in good time.

*Evacuee Day*

When we return the **Infant School** children will begin their new **history** enquiry on our new whole school theme **Heroes and Heroines**.

We would like **all** the children to come to school dressed as an **evacuee** for our Sparky Start on **Friday 10th January**.

Over the holidays you might like to make a box for the children's gas mask [click here](#), to bring in as part of their outfit.



*Burwell. Festivities & Christingle*

We have had another jammed packed week. **The Year 4 children** went to Burwell their first residential and by all accounts were one of the best year groups to attend [sorry Y5 and Y6]. Their enthusiasm for the style of learning suited them well.

Well done to everyone involved, and especially to **Mr Ben Wilcox** who has been on both KS2 residential this term.

We had our annual **Christmas Lunch** on Wednesday and **all the children** enjoyed wearing their party hats and Christmas knitwear.

We have had parties across all classes in the **Infant School** and Quizzes in KS2.

A **huge thank** you to everyone who participated in our **Christingle Service**. Our **Y6 readers** were superb and both **School Choirs** were wonderful.

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<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Contacting School</i></p> <p>To contact staff please <b>email</b> or <b>phone</b> the <b>school offices</b>:</p> <p><b>Infant and Preschool:</b>  <a href="mailto:office@hartfordinfantschool.org">office@hartfordinfantschool.org</a>            01480 398046  <a href="http://www.hartfordinfantschool.org">www.hartfordinfantschool.org</a></p> <p><b>Junior School:</b>  <a href="mailto:office@hartfordjuniorschool.org">office@hartfordjuniorschool.org</a>            01480 454695  <a href="http://www.hartfordjuniorschool.org">www.hartfordjuniorschool.org</a></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Preschool</i></p> <p><b>This week</b>, we enjoyed some Christmas dancing this week in PE, listening to instructions such as 'dance like Santa' and then 'freeze' and moving like reindeers or elves!</p> <p>We also made some Christmas tree hats that we then wore for our first experience of lunchtime in the hall.</p> <p><b>After the Christmas break</b>, we will begin to read our new core story 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears.' We will revisit size language and the concept of '3'.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Reception</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Class 1 &amp; 2</b></p> <p><b>This week</b>, we have been making percussion instruments with recycled materials and recapping our learning in phonics since we started in September.</p> <p><b>After the Christmas break</b>, we will be sharing our new focus story 'The Enormous Turnip' and learning about children who were evacuees in World War 2 linked to our new whole school theme <b>Heroes and Heroines</b>.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Year 1</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Class 3 &amp; 4</b></p> <p><b>This week</b>, in music we have been playing untuned instruments in different ways, exploring different sounds and learning about tempo. In maths we explored repeated patterns.</p> <p><b>After the Christmas break</b>, in English we will begin with our new text Meerkat Mail by 'Emily Gravett'.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Year 2</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Class 5 &amp; 6</b></p> <p><b>This week</b>, in RE, we learnt about how Christmas, Diwali and Eid are celebrated by Christians, Hindus and Muslims.</p> <p>We enjoyed making party hats and Christmas cards.</p> <p><b>After the Christmas break</b>, we will start new book, 'John Patrick Norman McHennessy: The Boy Who Was Always Late'</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Year 3</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Beech &amp; Chestnut Classes</b></p> <p><b>This week</b>, we enjoyed exploring Christmas around the world and in our own lives.</p> <p><b>After the Christmas break</b>, we will explore a new class text, 'The Iron Man' and use this book to support our writing skills.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Year 4</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Willow &amp; Holly Classes</b></p> <p><b>This week</b>, we enjoyed our stay at Burwell and were impressed by the way the children represented our school. It was lovely to see them work together and thrive in the outdoor teambuilding setting.</p> <p>Those who stayed at school got creative and had great fun with a range of activities including cooking and using apparatus in the hall.</p> <p><b>After the Christmas break</b>, we will be starting our new class novel 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' and find out about the artist Georgia O'Keeffe.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Year 5</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Oak &amp; Ash Classes</b></p> <p><b>This week</b>, we have been deepening our knowledge of Buddhism in RE. We have created some wonderful art pieces of the Buddha under the Bodhi tree.</p> <p><b>Please can children read to an adult daily and continue their times tables practice over the holidays?</b></p> <p><b>After the Christmas break</b>, we will start learning about the Vikings.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Year 6</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Pine &amp; Sycamore Classes</b></p> <p><b>This week</b>, we were working out how to find fractions of amounts and how to find 'the whole' given a fraction of an amount.</p> <p>In English, we were practising our persuasive writing techniques and we finally finished our class novel 'The Secret Garden'. We have also enjoyed learning about what it is like to be a Christian in RE.</p> <p><b>After the Christmas break</b>, we will start a new book called, 'Street Child'.</p>

[Click here for Term Dates for 2024-2025](#)

Spring Term	All Schools	Tuesday 7th January 2025	School reopens to the children from 8.40am [HJS] & 8.45am [HIPS].
Treehouse Club	All Schools	Thursday 9th January	Our <b>After School Club</b> will <b>not</b> be open due to staff training.
Art Competition deadline	Junior School	Monday 13th January	Deadline for art entries for the Art competition in KS2
Heights & Weights	Year R	14th January	All children are expected to be weighed and measured in school by the Local Authority Health Team.