

Welcome

Hello folks,

The week has flown by with staff meeting for our **Termly Data Days**. These days involve teachers and members of the Senior Leadership Team to discuss all children's work in reading, writing and maths. This information will be shared with you at next week's Parent Consultations.

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

Best wishes

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OPAL

We are excited about our pending new lunchtime initiative coming in Spring 2025.

Please see to the right for the **items we are currently seeking**.



Please watch this **2 minute video** for more information:

<https://youtu.be/XZfrmY9tuCM>

**Amazing play, every day,  
for every child**

Loose Parts

As per our letter regarding 'Loose Parts' for our forthcoming **OPAL** initiative please know we are now accepting any of the following:

- Suitcases of any size & type**
- Anything on wheels/castors**
- milk crates/supermarket delivery crates/ bread trays**
- Briefcases, especially hard cased ones**
- Road signs and cones**
- Kitchen pots, pans, baking trays, work tables, wooden spoons, chopping boards**
- Tools like small spades/shovels, trowels & brooms**
- Tubes of various sizes & materials**
- Buckets**
- Nets & thick ropes**
- Broken keyboards/torches/laptops/ calculators/mobile phones/desk phones/webcams/cameras**
- Fabric (large sheets/coloured fabric)**
- Foam sheets/bodyboards/camping roll mats/yoga mats**
- Wooden pallets**
- Metal frames**
- Cable drums**
- Guttering**
- Noodles (swimming pool ones)**
- Hats/ scarves/ jazzy shirts/ elasticated skirts/ waistcoats/ wedding dresses/ character costumes**
- Pegs (to help to set up dens)**

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 **Alexia**.

**Congratulations!**

Contacts

Our **office staff** are updating the children's contact records on our ScholarPack system.

Please will you email any changes to **contact details** and **who has permission to take your child home**:

[office@hartfordinfantschool.org](mailto:office@hartfordinfantschool.org)

or

[office@hartfordjuniorschool.org](mailto:office@hartfordjuniorschool.org)

**Thank you for your support.**



Parent Evening

Today we sent the **Autumn Parent Consultation Targets**. The covering letter hopefully explains how we use them to support the children in a strong home school partnership.

Our meetings will take place online via [SchoolCloud](#) on **Tuesday 10th** and **Thursday 12th December** [Mrs Turner has appointments on Monday instead of the Thursday for Class 4].

Please see our **Learning pages** on our school websites for further support:

[Welcome to Hartford Infant and Pre-school - Hartford Infant School](#)

[Welcome to Hartford Junior School - Hartford Junior School](#)

Christmas Dance Workshop

Mrs Claire Booth in the **Infant and Preschool** would like to share the following with parents:

On **Thursday 12th of December**, Miss Charlotte from the **Talent Dance Academy** is going to visit our school.

Each class, including preschool children will have the opportunity to participate in a **Christmas Dance workshop**.

Please ensure that your children come to school in **suitable PE clothing** on this day.



Assemblies

This week, we welcomed **Mr Charlie Newcombe** and **Ms Beth Lindon** into **both schools**.

This was the first of a few assemblies we have organised to celebrate Christmas.

We also had an exiting opportunity shared in the **Junior School** from our dedicated Art Lead **Ms Sarah Poirier**. She promoted an exciting **art exhibition run by ASHYAC**. The children are very interested. Please see the email sent on Wednesday 4th December.

**ASHYAC**

Huntingdonshire Area Young Artists Competition

<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 have begun to sing our Christmas core songs, please look on Tapestry to see these and sing at home! We also enjoyed mark making in Christmas cards.</p> <p><b>Next week</b>, we will make our own cards and paint and decorate our salt dough decorations.</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 getting festive and have designed and made our very own Christmassy bunting to decorate the Reception classrooms, along with our homemade paper chains! In maths we have been thinking about parts and wholes as we begin explore the composition of numbers.</p> <p><b>Next week</b>, we are looking forward to learning some Christmas songs and investigating how to compose and decompose 5.</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 maths we have been naming some 3D shapes and sorting them in groups. In DT we have evaluated our bunting on Seesaw.</p> <p><b>Next week</b>, we are looking forward to our performance of our Christmas production. We will also have the opportunity to walk to All Saints Church to see the Nativity exhibitions.</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>, we wrote a recount from the story 'The Way Back Home'. We were proud that the children remembered to use adjectives. We completed our Christmas bunting sewing. <b>A heartfelt thanks to our volunteers who helped the children sew, untie and knot.</b></p> <p><b>Next week</b>, we will write a recount following the Church visit on Monday. We will learn to group in 2s, 5s and 10s in maths.</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>, in maths we have been exploring 3-digit numbers and looking at addition within 3-digit numbers. In science we conducted a fair test in relation to the water cycle – we will be keeping a log of our results over the next week!</p> <p><b>Next week</b>, in English we are writing narratives in the third person and in DT we will finalise our Egyptian collars. We are looking forward to walking to All Saints Church to see the Nativity settings.</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 have been conducting an experiment to investigate how condensation and evaporation create the water cycle and are very excited about the results. In history, we learnt about the significance of Egyptian cartouches and used hieroglyphics to create our own.</p> <p><b>Next week</b>, we will be writing our own newspaper reports and finishing our cushions in DT. We are excited about seeing the Nativity settings at All Saints Church, Hartford.</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 starting to learn how to write biographies.</p> <p><b>Next week</b>, we will continue with our biographies and continue our learning in geography on oceans. We are looking forward to walking to the All Saints Church in Hartford to see the Nativity settings.</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 have been looking at further uses of the subjunctive form in English, writing using pathetic fallacy to convey mood in our writing and enjoying our class novel. In maths, we have been adding, subtracting and multiplying fractions and in science we had fun trying to test different 'beaks' for their efficacy in picking up worms, buds and insects (spaghetti, marshmallows and seeds).</p> <p><b>Next week</b>, we are looking forward to seeing a St Peter's performance of 'Cinderella' as well as our trip to the Nativity exhibition.</p>

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

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Hartford Village Lights	All Schools	Saturday 7th December	Our choirs in <b>both</b> the <b>Infant and Junior School</b> will be singing at <b>Hartford Village Hall</b> to celebrate the lights being switched on by the Mayor. Do come along and support from 3.30pm.
Parent Evening	All Schools	10th & 12th December	These meetings will be <b>held on School Cloud</b> , from <b>4.00pm - 6.50pm</b> .
St Peter's Pantomime	Year 6	9th December	<b>Year 6</b> children are walking to St Peters to the Drama Unit to see their production of 'Cinderella'
Nativity Scenes Trip	Infant School	9th December	The <b>KS1 children</b> are invited to walk to <b>All Saints Church Hartford</b> to view the nativity scenes. <b>Y1:</b> 9.30 -10.30am and <b>Y2:</b> 10.45am -11.45am
Nativity Scenes Trip	Junior School	10th & 11th December	The <b>LKS2 children</b> are invited to walk to <b>All Saints Church Hartford</b> to view the nativity scenes. <b>Y3:</b> 9.30 -10.30am and <b>Y4:</b> 10.45am-11.45am on <b>Tuesday</b> and <b>Y5:</b> 9.30 -10.30am and <b>Y6:</b> 10.45am -11.45am on <b>Wednesday</b> .
Royal Opera House	Junior School	11th December	The Royal Opera House have invited the <b>Junior children</b> to participate in a virtual workshop across the school day linked to 'The Magic Flute'.
Y1 Dress Rehearsal	Year 1	10th December	Children will need to be in school with their costumes for the dress rehearsal to the rest of the school.
Y1 Nativity	Year 1	11th December	Parents and carers are invited to the performance from <b>9.15am</b> in the school hall. Please note, <b>no</b> buggies can be brought into the hall.
Christmas Dance Day	Infant School	12th December	<b>Christmas Dance Day</b> for all children with Miss Charlotte - all children need to wear the <b>festive PE kits</b> .
Christmas Fete	All Schools	Friday 13th December	<b>PATHS</b> will organise a wealth of activities in the School Halls for all children to engage with. More details to follow.
Christmas Jumper Day	All Schools	Friday 13th December	We will celebrate Christmas Jumper Day, <b>everyone</b> is invited to wear a <b>festive jumper</b> and bring in a donation to <b>Save the Children Society</b> .
Christingle Service	All schools	Monday 16th December	A Christian Service at All Saints Church Hartford, led by Father Geoff along with the <b>choirs</b> from <b>both schools</b> . <b>Spaces are limited</b> . 5.30pm for a <b>6.00pm start</b> . <b>Don't forget to bring a Christingle</b> .
Burwell Residential	Year 4	16th - 18th December	<b>Year 4</b> pupils residential visit.
Christmas Dinner Day	All schools	Wednesday 18th December	Look out on Parent Pay to book your child's festive lunch.
Christmas Parties	Infant School	Wk beg 16th December	<b>Y2:</b> Wed 18th, <b>Y1:</b> Thurs 19th , <b>YR &amp; Preschool:</b> Fri 20th - all children to come in their <b>party clothes</b> to school on the designated day.
Christmas Quiz	Junior School	Friday 20th December	<b>KS2</b> children can come in <b>Christmas Jumpers</b> and participate in a <b>Christmas Quiz</b> and Games in the afternoon
Treehouse Club	All Schools	Friday 20th December	Our <b>After School Club</b> will <b>not</b> be open due to staff training.
End of Term	All Schools	Friday 20th December	<b>All schools</b> will close for the Christmas Break.
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.
Heights & Weights	Year R	14th January	All children are expected to be weighed and measured in school by the Local Authority Health Team.