

Welcome

Hello folks,

What a wonderful week we have had beginning with the **School Choirs** supporting the **Hartford Village Hall** on Saturday, how sweet their singing was.

We have also had our annual **Christmas Dance** visit from **Miss Charlotte** for all **Infant children**, a **Year 6** Trip to St Peters School for their **performance** of 'Cinderella', **all schools** visiting **All Saints Church**, and our **Year 1 Nativity Performance** - how wonderful they were! We also had our annual **Christmas Fete** led by our new **PATHs Team**.

A **massive** thank you to **everyone** for supporting the charity 'Save the Children'. We raised £212.00 for **Christmas Jumper Day**.

Phew! It has been fun!

Best wishes

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We are seeking 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 &/ or coloured)**
- 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 **Amelia**.

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



Autumn Parent Consultation

We hope that you were able to attend your appointment for an **Autumn Parent Consultation**.

These meetings are useful opportunities to share progress and next steps.

Staff will try to reschedule any missed appointments but this can be a challenge to do so *before* Christmas.

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

Hartford All Saints Church

A **huge** thank you to **Mrs Heather Wiltshire** and **Mrs Jo Smith** [our RE Leads] who organised the trip to **All Saints Church, Hartford**.

I received a card from a former colleague who volunteers at the church who praised the children for their exemplary behaviours across the week. How lovely!

We thank **Rev. Geoff Boucher** for inviting us to value other's faiths.

Parent Evening

Last week we sent the **Autumn Parent Consultation Targets**.

These are on our **school websites**.

**Infant: [Year R & Year 1](#) & [Year 2](#)**

**Junior: [LKS2](#) & [UKS2](#)**

Along with a **wealth of resources** and **links** to support learning at home.

Research shows the stronger the links between home and school the better progress and outcomes for children.

Regular **reading**, *both* to and from an adult will impact massively on children's achievements.

**Never hesitate ask us for help, we always want to support your child.**

Mrs Kayleigh Sabey

We are excited to share that **Miss Kayleigh Reid** has married. She chose the windiest day this year but judging from the gorgeous photos, had a beautiful experience. Her new name is **Mrs Kayleigh Sabey**. How exciting!

Miss Gill Vierstraete

Unfortunately we will be saying **goodbye** to 'Miss V' this term. We wish her all the best on her next appointment.

We have appointed a new teacher but unfortunately they are unable to begin their journey with us until February 2025.

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'.



<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>  <b>01480 398046</b>  <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>  <b>01480 454695</b>  <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 made our own cards and painted and decorated our salt dough decorations. We especially enjoyed decorating the tree.</p> <p><b>Next week</b>, we will peeling Brussel sprouts to develop our fine motor skills. We also have our Christmas party activities on Friday. How exciting!</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 busy singing festive songs and using a range of percussion instruments to tap out a rhythm. We have been thinking about playing fast and slow and have learned the word 'tempo'</p> <p><b>Next week</b>, in R.E we will be thinking about religious festivals and learning all about the Christmas story and how Christians celebrate this special time.</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>, we thoroughly enjoyed ourselves when practising and performing our Nativity play 'Whoops A Daisy Angel'. Thank you for being such a kind audience! We were commended for our behaviours at the church.</p> <p><b>Next week</b>, we will be finishing our Christmas arts and crafts and in R.E we will be thinking about how different religions celebrate key moments e.g Diwali and Christmas.</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 enjoyed music lessons and learnt about Presto and Largo tempos. In maths we were reading time in five minute intervals. We found time a bit tricky. Please encourage your child to have a look at this website <a href="#">Telling the time to 5 minutes - Maths - Learning with BBC Bitesize</a></p> <p><b>Next week</b>, we will make Christmas hats ready for the Christmas lunch and class party.</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 using known facts and our problem solving skills to solve 3 digit number problems. We are very proud of our Egyptian collars that we have made in DT using our sewing skills.</p> <p><b>Next week</b>, we will be exploring how Christmas is celebrated around the world in RE.</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 were busy visiting All Saints Church to view the nativity sets, participating in the opera house event called, 'The Magic Flute' and making Christmas cards and ornaments.</p> <p><b>Next week</b>, we look forward to going to Burwell! Please make sure to <b>pack and label everything</b> from the packing list and <b>bring money for the shop</b>, which you will give to the class teacher as you sign in Monday morning in the hall.</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 went on a school trip to All Saints Church Hartford. Here, we learned about the nativity and saw many representations of the story from different cultures. We had a good time and then engaged with some crafting activities.</p> <p><b>Next week</b>, we will be finishing our class novel, 'The Nowhere Emporium'.</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>, in maths sessions we have continued to develop our fraction skills and in English lessons learnt what apostrophes show and where they go.</p> <p><b>Next week</b>, we will be flexing our letter writing skills and performing our choreographed dance.</p>

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

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.

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These are **pictures** from a local school where children are having a great time every lunchtime ...how much fun our children will have in the Spring Term...



Please send in **cardboard boxes**, **tyres**, anything with **wheels** [bikes, trikes, suitcases, trolleys, wheelchairs, prams etc...]. Needed for our launch in January.

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.**