

Welcome

Hello folks,

Welcome Back!

I hope that you and your family are well and had a peaceful holiday.

This week has been tricky in school with the different temperatures.

We need **all** children to bring in a coat and accessories to keep warm just in case it feels colder than it looks with the sunshine.

Please ensure everything is clearly named.

Best wishes

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OPAL


We are seeking the following:

wheels

If you have any unwanted **wheeled items [e.g. scooters, bikes, skates, trolleys, wheelchairs, buggies, prams]** we would love to have it for our launch of **OPAL** [Outdoor Play and Learning].

Please bring in any **wheeled items** to school and we will use them with the children .

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



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

Behaviour

Each week we talk to the children about our **Golden Rules** in assemblies, classroom and break times talk and PSHE sessions.

We talk about how we must make Hartford a 'happy and safe' place for **everyone**.

We remind the children about how we are all **different** and we celebrate our **uniqueness**.

However, sometimes a few children can be unkind to one another, this as we all know is a part of growing up and learning how to manage relationships with each other. We use our **Behaviour Policy** to support these incidents.

However, we **will not** tolerate any **prejudicial** comments made to **anyone**. We will always investigate and ensure support and a suitable consequence are put in place to support **everyone** involved as per our policies.

Please talk with your child about words that should **not** be used to anyone regardless. Please check their online accounts and ensure parental permissions are in place to ensure they are **not** exposed to these prejudicial terms.

Thank you for your support.

Learning Leaflets & Enquiry Organisers

We hope that you received a copy of the **Learning Leaflets** for your child, in the **Infant School** and **Lower Key Stage 2 [Year 3 & 4]** there are also **Enquiry Organisers** that have been sent home to support the partnership between home and school.

They can be found here on our **class and Key Stage Pages** with other supportive resources.

Year R

Year 1

Year 2

Year 3

Year 4

Year 5

Year 6

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 3 in the Infant School
and
Beech Class in the Junior School.

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

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.

Fortnite Updated Controls

Please note the following regarding the **Fortnite game**. There are quite a few features within **Fortnite** which may appear overwhelming, so **Internet Matters** have put together a fantastic web page to guide parents through all the controls and settings. You can find the web page [HERE](#).

<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Contacting School</i></p> <p>To contact staff please email or phone the school offices:</p> <p>Infant and Preschool: office@hartfordinfantschool.org 01480 398046 www.hartfordinfantschool.org</p> <p>Junior School: office@hartfordjuniorschool.org 01480 454695 www.hartfordjuniorschool.org</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Preschool</i></p> <p>This week, we have introduced our new core story of, 'Goldilocks and The Three Bears' which we have been reading together, we are already hearing the children repeat some of the refrains or retelling the story themselves which is wonderful!</p> <p>We also explored the 'sing it bag' and revisited our 'sound pots' by listening carefully to the sounds they make and thinking about 'loud' and 'quiet'.</p> <p>Next week we will think about the concept of 'big', 'medium' and 'small'.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Reception</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Class 1 & 2</p> <p>This week, we have read, 'The Enormous Turnip' and began retelling it. We have found out a little bit about what it was like to be a child a long time ago when World War 2 was happening.</p> <p>Next week, we will comparing foods people ate a long time ago to food we eat now and learning about how we need to eat a range of foods to keep our bodies healthy and strong.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Year 1</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Class 3 & 4</p> <p>This week, in history we jumped into a Time Machine and went back to World War 2. We thought about what questions we would like answered about children in World War 2. In English we listened and participated in discussion about our new text, 'Meerkat Mail', and we identified the features of a post card.</p> <p>Next week, in science we are learning parts of the human body.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Year 2</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Class 5 & 6</p> <p>This week, in English we read our new text, 'John Patrick Norman McHennessy, the Boy who was always late for School', by John Burningham. In maths, we explored equal and unequal groups. In history we heard audio clips from evacuees.</p> <p>Next week, in maths we are looking at arrays. Please see How to multiply using an array - BBC Bitesize. In English, we are looking at the features of a letter.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Year 3</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Beech & Chestnut Classes</p> <p>This week, in science we explored classifying different rocks, thinking about igneous, sedimentary and metamorphic rocks and in English we have begun looking at our new key text, 'The Iron Man'.</p> <p>Next week, in maths we will be thinking about addition, including portioning and redistribution.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Year 4</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Willow & Holly Classes</p> <p>This week, we started our new class novel, 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory'. In maths, we looked at our seven times tables and further developed our mathematical vocabulary by using the words multiplicand, factor and product.</p> <p>Next week, we will start our new history unit which is the Stone Age. For our sparky start, we have a very special interactive learning experience run by the British Museum.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Year 5</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Oak & Ash Classes</p> <p>This week, we started a new class novel, 'Kensuke's Kingdom' by Michael Morpurgo. We read out loud to develop our prosody and used our inference skills to answer a range of questions.</p> <p>Next week, the children will begin to learn about Area in mathematics and start gymnastics in PE.</p> <p>It has been wonderful to see the children after the Christmas break.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Year 6</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Pine & Sycamore Classes</p> <p>This week, we started to read our new book, 'Street Child' in English and have started to deepen our knowledge about decimal numbers in maths.</p> <p>Next week, we will learn about the city of Birmingham in geography and about electric circuits and voltage in science.</p>

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

Art Competition deadline	Junior School	Monday 13th January	Deadline for art entries for the Art competition in KS2
Heights & Weights	Year R	Tuesday 14th January	All children are expected to be weighed and measured in school by the Local Authority Health Team.
British Museum	Year 3 & 4	Monday 13th January	Our Sparky Start - a virtual interactive experience about the Stone Age for our budding Historians in LKS2.
NSPCC Number Day	All schools	Friday 7th February	Our maths Leads [Mrs Cheryl Esaw and Mrs Michelle Smith] are organising a fun morning of activities for the children.
Disco	All schools	Thursday 13th February	PATHS will be organising a Disco for both schools. Look out for more details soon.
Half Term	All schools	Monday 17th – Friday 21st February	School will be closed for all pupils
NSPCC Assemblies	All schools	Wk beg Monday 24th February	We will be investigating how to 'Speak out. Stay safe.'
NSPCC Workshops	Year 2 Year 5 & 6	Tuesday 4th March	We will be further investigating how to 'Speak out. Stay safe.'
World Book Day	All schools	Thursday 6th March	All children and staff are invited to come to school 'wearing' a word. It could be the word 'sparkly'
Red Nose Day	All schools	Friday 21st March	We will support this worthwhile charity. More details to follow.
Easter Concert	Year R	Tuesday 1st April	Our children in Year R [classes 1 & 2] will perform a few Easter themed songs for families to enjoy.
Easter Fete	All schools	Wednesday 2nd April	Our PATHS team will be organising our annual festive fair for the children.
Easter Bonnet Parade	Infant and Preschool	Thursday 3rd April	All Preschool and Infant children are invited to make an Easter bonnet at home to bring to school for the annual parade.
Last day of term	All schools	Friday 4th April	School will shut for the Easter Break.
Treehouse Club closed	All schools	Friday 4th April	No Treehouse Club for this evening.
Summer Term begins	All schools	Wednesday 23rd April	School reopens for all children. 8.40am for KS2, 8.45am for Year R and KS1 and 9.00am for Preschool.

Themed Lunches

Thursday 16 th January	Circus Census Day
Wed 29 th January	Chinese New Year Menu
Wed 12 th February	Valentine's Menu
Thursday 6 th March	World Book Day Menu
Wednesday 2 nd April	Easter Roast Menu
Friday 4 th April	Easter fun Menu
See Caterlink and ParentPay for further information on how to book these meals for your child.	