



# NEWSLETTER

Edition 14: Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2025

## Dear Parents and Carers



### Thank you...



It was a pleasure to see many of you commit to the **Parent Consultation** meetings organised this week. This has enabled our staff to develop that strong partnership between home and school. Which we all know is important for the children to make good progress.

### Treehouse Club closed Friday 19th December



Just a reminder that there will be **no after school club** on our last day of term. We have enjoyed looking after the children this term. Thank you for your continued support.

### Girls' Football Club



**Tuesday after school from January**

We have a **Girl's Only Football Club** starting on **Tuesday 6th January** (the first day back) – this is aimed at **Y5 and Y6 girls** and there are spaces left. Contact school for more details.

### Carols on Playground Monday 15th December



This year we will have our **Carols on the Playground** with a twist. St Peter's School Choir [and parents] will join us to sing a carol. Our Infant and Junior Choirs will also sing 1 song each and there will be a chance for you to join in with a carol too!

Please come from **4.45pm for a 5.00pm start** on the front playground, bring LED candles/torches and money [refreshments are available for a small donation]. Carol sheets will be provided and all voices will be welcomed.

We will also welcome **Charlie Newcombe** to share a few words at the end of the event.

### Talent Dance Club



After the recent success and enthusiasm, we are pleased to share that **Cheerleading** [for Years 3, 4, 5 & 6], **Musical Theatre** [for Years 1, 2 & 3] and **Street Dance** [for Years 3, 4, 5 & 6] will continue in the Spring Term.

Please **see below for more information**. If your child is in receipt of **Pupil Premium** [FSM] there could be a **free space** for them! How exciting!

**Free BREAKFAST CLUB** HEALTHY BREAKFAST OPTIONS AVAILABLE

HOMEWORK CRAFT PE GAMES TOYS

8.15-8.45

SUPERVISED BY INFANT & JUNIOR STAFF

SOFT START TO THE SCHOOL DAY WITH FRIENDS

ALL CHILDREN FROM YR to Y6 ARE WELCOME

**FIND IT FRIDAY**

LOST PROPERTY & PRELOVED UNIFORM

from 3.00pm each Friday

on the rocks by the stage on the front playground

**STAY & PLAY**

SOFT PLAY FOR TODDLERS

from Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September 9.15am-10.15am

www.bartfordinfantandpreschool.org

## Attendance

Did you know that children should be in school **190 days** each year? We aim for children to be in school for **96+%** knowing that sometimes they are ill.

| Attendance during 1 year of school | Equals to days absent from school | Which is approximately weeks absent | Which means this number of lessons |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 95%                                | 9 days                            | 2 weeks                             | 45 lessons                         |
| 90%                                | 19 days                           | 4 weeks                             | 95 lessons                         |
| 85%                                | 29 days                           | 6 weeks                             | 145 lessons                        |
| 80%                                | 38 days                           | 8 weeks                             | 190 lessons                        |
| 75%                                | 48 days                           | 10 weeks                            | 240 lessons                        |
| 70%                                | 57 days                           | 11.5 weeks                          | 285 lessons                        |
| 65%                                | 67 days                           | 13.5 weeks                          | 335 lessons                        |

# Internet Safety

## Should I Use Screentime as a Reward?

It's such a difficult one for parents, we're living in a time where screen use starts at a very early age. But should we use screen time to support positive behaviours or even take away screens as a punishment? The answer is that there is no single answer, it very much depends on individual circumstances, but it was a question posed to some experts on [Internet Matters](#) which will hopefully give parents some food for thought.

## Discord Family Centre

**Discord**, the app, is still very popular particularly with gamers and like many apps it has safety features, including features for parents/guardians. The [Discord Family Centre](#) is, 'a tool built to help parents and guardians stay informed and involved in your teen's Discord experience while respecting their privacy and autonomy'. The safety features have recently been updated and now include:

- Ability to view the activity feed
- Get weekly email summaries
- Manage safety and privacy settings

There is a [parent hub](#) which has lots of information and resources for parents such as user controls, moderation, reporting and more.

## Resource - AI and Nude Images

[Childnet](#) have put together a free leaflet for older students and parents which explores how generative AI can be misused. The leaflet includes:

- Why young people might choose to use AI to create illegal images.
- Ways parents and carers can support their children.
- Where to go for further help.
- Conversation starters to use at home.

## Cyberbullying Advice

Children being bullied online, particularly in games and via messaging apps, remains one of the top concerns of many parents and their children. **Internet Matters** have a range of guides and articles to support parents and carers which I have listed below:

- [Talking to children and conversation tips for ages 6-10, 11-13, 14-17 and vulnerable children](#)
- [What is cyberbullying and what are the signs](#)
- [Helpful ways to prevent cyberbullying](#)
- [How to deal with cyberbullying](#)

## Protect Neurodivergent Children from Scams in Games

As we all know, **neurodivergent children** can be amongst those most vulnerable online, therefore more likely to become victims of things like scams. Those with **ADHD**, **autism** or other **divergent ways of thinking** might not recognise when someone intends to do harm.

**Internet Matters** have put together a [brand new free guide for parents](#) which explores how neurodivergent children's unique traits can leave them open to scams, particularly in games.

HARTFORD INFANT AND HARTFORD JUNIOR CHOIR  
WITH SINGERS FROM ST PETER'S SCHOOL PRESENT...

# Christmas

## CAROLS ON THE PLAYGROUND

EVERYONE WELCOME



**MONDAY 15<sup>TH</sup>**  
**DECEMBER**

**REFRESHMENTS FOR A**  
**DONATION**

**4.45PM FOR 5.00PM**  
**START**

*Hartford Infant and Preschool and Hartford Junior School front playground*


**CLOSING WORDS WITH REV. CHARLIE NEWCOMBE**


You are welcome to join  
us at

## All Saints Hartford for our Christmas Services


Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December - Advent Service @ 11am 

 Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December - Blue Christmas Service @ 4pm  
A quieter Christmas service, focusing on the loved ones we have lost

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December - Carol Service @ 4pm 

 Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December - All Age Christingle Service @ 6pm

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December - Midnight Mass @ 11:30pm 

 Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> December - Holy Communion @ 11am

Alpha course landing in January -  
for more information or to register  
please contact:  
[revstephpedlar@gmail.com](mailto:revstephpedlar@gmail.com)

Celebrating

# Christmas

at **CHRIST CHURCH HUNTINGDON**

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December Carols by Candlelight**

**7:30pm** Stukeley Meadows Primary School (followed by refreshments)

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December Pop-up Nativity Service**

**10:30am** Stukeley Meadows Primary School (kids welcome to dress up as angels, shepherds and wise men)

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Day Service**

**10:30am** St Mary's Centre, Houghton (park at the sports club PE28 2BJ and walk down)

**CHRIST CHURCH  
HUNTINGDON**



[christchurchhuntingdon.co.uk](http://christchurchhuntingdon.co.uk)

Christ Church Huntingdon is a friendly local church that meets on Sundays at Stukeley Meadows Primary School. All events are free, and everyone is welcome, even if you wouldn't normally go to church. Registered Charity 1179744

# CHRISTMAS

## Events

|   |  |   |  |   |
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| <b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup></b><br><br><b>Elfridges</b><br>the shop will open daily, and all children can purchase a gift for a loved one [sign up on ParentPay]<br><br><b>Advent Calendar - big coin</b>  | <b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup></b><br><br><b>Crafting</b> - all children make paper chains and/or cards for <b>Hunters Town Residential Care Home</b>                         | <b>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup></b><br><br><b>Trip to Hunters Down Residential - name to be discussed with school</b> - one that for 14 children to visit the care home and deliver our festive treats. | <b>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup></b><br><br><b>Cookie &amp; Christmas story/decoration making</b><br><b>HIPS</b> get cosy in a twinkly light story around the tree<br><br>make tree decorations with cookies | <b>Friday 5<sup>th</sup></b><br><br><b>Sparkly Friday</b> - all children wear sparkles and twinkles – e.g. tights or tops or headbands<br><br><b>HIPS</b> Christmas Book Club |
| <b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup></b><br><br><b>Advent Calendar - big coin</b><br><br><b>Extra OP</b> - extra time to play   | <b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup></b><br><br><b>Christmas Jolly</b> - all children march on popcorn and watch some fun, festive cartoons<br><br><b>Y6 to St Peters Pantomime</b> | <b>Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup></b><br><br><b>Santa's Day</b> - all children can wear Santa hats - relay races with a fun festive feel   | <b>Thursday 11<sup>th</sup></b><br><br><b>Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day &amp; Christmas Lunch</b>   | <b>Friday 12<sup>th</sup></b><br><br><b>HJS</b> Christmas Dance Day with Talent Dance Co. [wear PE kits]<br><br><b>HIPS</b> - Fat Christmas                                   |
| <b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup></b><br><br><b>Christmas Fete Day</b> - all children will have a slot for the fete*<br><br><b>Advent Calendar - big coin</b><br><br><b>HIPS: ASHYAC</b> art competition<br><br><b>Carols on the Playground</b> [refreshments from 4.45pm and singing by candlelight at 5.00pm] | <b>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup></b><br><br><b>HIPS</b> Christmas Dance Day with Talent Dance Co. [wear PE kits]<br><br><b>HJS</b> Big Fat Christmas Quiz                      | <b>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup></b><br><br><b>Y2</b> Xmas Party [bring party clothes] &<br><b>Y3 &amp; Y4</b> disco with Xmas jumpers  | <b>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup></b><br><br><b>Y1</b> Xmas Party [bring party clothes] &<br><b>Y5 &amp; Y6</b> disco with Xmas jumpers  | <b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup></b><br><br><b>YR</b> Xmas Party [bring party clothes] &<br><b>PATHS</b> books given out to all children   |

Please ensure your child is in school everyday so they don't miss out.

# Cheerleading After School Club



*BERCHTESGADENER CHEERLEADER-MANNSCHAFT*



**WHO: YEARS 3 TO 6**

**WHEN: THURSDAYS**

**TIME: 4.15 - 5.15**

**WHERE: JUNIOR SCHOOL HALL**

**PRICE: £33.00 FOR 6 WEEKS**

**DATES: 08/01/26- 12/02/26**

**TO BOOK**

**[WWW.TALENTDANCEACADEMY.CO.UK](http://WWW.TALENTDANCEACADEMY.CO.UK)**





**Who:** Years 1 to 3

**When:** Thursdays

**Time:** 3.15- 4.15

**Where:** Junior School Hall

**Price:** £33.00 for 6 weeks

**Dates:** 08/01/26- 12/02/26

To book

[www.talentedanceacademy.co.uk](http://www.talentedanceacademy.co.uk)



**Musical Theatre**  
**AfterSchoolClub**



# ***STREET DANCE BREAKFAST CLUB***



**TALENT**  
DANCE ACADEMY

**Who: Years 3 to 6**

**When: Mondays**

**Time: 8.00am- 8.40am**

**Where: Junior School Hall**

**Price: £15.00 for 5 weeks**

**Dates: 12/01/26 to 9/02/26**



**To Book**

**[www.talentedanceacademy.co.uk](http://www.talentedanceacademy.co.uk)**