



# NEWSLETTER

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## Dear Parents and Carers

Despite the gloomy weather this week, the children have continued to keep spirits raised. **Year 6** completed mock SATs practice papers this week and all persevered and aimed high. These characteristics are part of our **Hartford Habits**.

## Characteristics of Learning

If you had a tour of the **Infant and Preschool** you would have met our **Hartford Heroes**. These 6 characters are designed to inspire our children to be the best learners.

We believe that they are fundamental in supporting the children's learning not only in the **Infant School** but throughout their life. When the children move into the **Junior School**, the heroes become habits, as these qualities should now be part of everything they do:

**Our six fundamental areas are:**

- aiming high
- involvement
- perseverance
- problem solving
- reflection
- team work

Throughout the day, children are encouraged to be like the **Hartford Heroes/Habits** in general or more specifically, depending on the learning activity involved.

Each week, children who are 'caught' following a Hartford Hero/habit are rewarded with a certificate and this is celebrated in a special assembly. This assembly runs throughout the academic year to ensure **all** children can receive the reward. We believe that these children then become **good role models** for the other children, especially as we are specific to how they have impersonated the hero/habit.





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## Events



### NSPCC Number Day

**All Schools**

**Maths workshops**

**Friday 6th February**

**9.00am -10.00am** approximately

Mrs Michelle Smith and Ms Sarah Poirier are organising a short event to celebrate maths across both schools. SEE BELOW for more details.



### Safer Internet Day

**All Schools**

**Tuesday 10th February**

Mrs Natalie Beecher and Mr Liam Cook are organising activities to support our **Safer Internet Day 2026** children with being safe online. More details to follow soon.



### PATHS Disco

**All schools**

**Thursday 12th February**

**Infant and Preschool 3.00pm - 4.00pm**

**Junior School 4.00pm - 5.00pm**

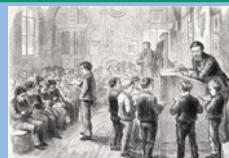
The Infant and Preschool children can change into their disco clothes at the end of the school day and boogie with their friends. Light refreshments [juice, sweets and crisps] will be available as part of the ticket. Junior children can return at 4.00pm to end the half term with a Valentine's themed event. Tickets on Parent Pay [£3/child]



### Sparky Start Day

**Infant School**

**Friday 13th February**



To complete our work on **Victorians** we are inviting all the children in Class 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6 to **come to school dressed as a Victorian child**. Throughout the day the children will immerse themselves in a wide range of activities from a Victorian School Room to a Victorian Tea Party.

# NSPCC Number Day

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Please send your child in with a small donation (£1) or bring along to the parent workshop.



Come along to the Infant School Hall once you've dropped off your child at 9:00am.

Mrs Smith and Miss Poirier will give a short introduction to Maths. Then you can join your child in their class for a fun maths activity.

If you have a child in Year 3 or 4 then please split your time.



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### Sparky Start Day

#### Junior School

#### Wednesday 25th February

We are inviting a visiting performance company to put on a show about the Romans for all children. This is our **Sparky Start** for our **history** work on Roman Britain in Beech, Chestnut, Willow and Holly. We would appreciate a voluntary contribution of £3.00 towards the cost of this event on this occasion.

### Sparky Start Day

#### Junior School

#### Tuesday 24th [Year 5] / Wednesday 25th February [Year 5]



Our **Year 5** and **Year 6** children will be visiting Burghley House, as part of our UKS2 curriculum, linking to the children's **history** learning on the Tudors. We would appreciate a voluntary contribution of £10.00 towards the cost of the coach on this occasion.

### Sparky Start Science Day

#### All Schools

#### Mid March



We will be celebrating **British Science Week** with a visit from Sublime Science. We will send more details soon.

### Big Garden Birdwatch

#### All schools

#### Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> - Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January



Big Garden Birdwatch is the UK's biggest citizen science wildlife survey. By taking part, you can help the RSPB understand how our garden birds are doing right now. For further information: <https://youtu.be/vwLfze0EVYs>

The children in the **Infant School** have already getting interested e.g. Year 1 have made pine cone bird feeders and Year R are making these soon too, but with apples in Forest School.

Packs are available in **both School** foyers.

# All Stars Cricket



## What Is All Stars Cricket?

All Stars Cricket provides a fantastic first experience for all children aged 5-8 years old where they're guaranteed 8 weeks of jam-packed fun, activity and skills development. The programme is designed to introduce children to the sport, teaching them new skills, helping them make new friends and have a great time doing so. Every child that registers will receive a personalised t-shirt with their name on it.

## The Programme

There are over 2,200 clubs and centres registered to run All Stars courses so you'll be guaranteed to find a session close to you when signing up.

## Key course features include:

A perfect first experience of cricket for all children aged 5-8 years-old

Eight 60-minute sessions, usually held over eight weeks

A personalised t-shirt, bat, ball and backpack.

Valuable time with your kids – mums and dads are encouraged to take part too.

All Stars Cricket is fully inclusive and designed to support a wide range of abilities, disabilities and different learning needs.

Safe and fully accredited.

**England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) - The Official Website of the ECB**

# **DYNAMOS CRICKET**



## **What is Dynamos Cricket?**

Dynamos Cricket provides a fantastic next step for all those graduating from All Stars Cricket and the perfect introduction for all 8-11 year-olds new to the sport!

Dynamos is all about fun and provides children with a more social offer, focusing on developing the fundamental skills required to play cricket.

We know how important it is to look like the heroes of the game, so every child who registers will receive their very own Dynamos Cricket New Balance t-shirt, personalised with their name and number.

### **The programme**

Children will use soft balls and light wooden bats

Minimum of six 60-90 minute sessions, or minimum eight hours of course delivery

Introduction to game play through a countdown cricket match

New Balance personalised t-shirt with name and number

Valuable time with your kids – parents/guardians are encouraged to take part too

Complementary digital app experience

Exclusive access to The Hundred Topps Wild Cards

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