



## Hartford Headlines 36

Hartford Infant and Preschool & Hartford Junior School Newsletter Friday 27th June 2025

### Headteacher Highlights...



- We loved meeting our **new families** this week at our '**New to Reception**' **Parents Meeting on Monday**. We are glad you chose **Hartford Infant and Preschool** as your starting place for your children.
- **Fans** - personal fans are not helping in school; they get broken, or lost and accidents and poor behaviours have occurred in class and outside. We have introduced huge fans in every classroom and other areas of the schools and reviewed safety

precautions to keep the doors and windows open. **Please keep personal fans at home.**

- **This week** we have been busy in the **Junior School** looking at children's outcome for the academic year. We are so proud of the children's efforts. We loved reading the children's recent narratives; their grammar and spelling is amazing! We are so very proud of the Y6 outcomes too and hope to surpass our targets for the year!
- **Today** we had the [Summer Reading Challenge](#) Assembly in both schools led by the [Huntingdon Library](#) staff. Last year both schools *combined* would have been at the top of the Leaders Board, we really want our schools to have the top 2 positions in this year's event at the library. We love a bit of a competition with the other local schools. We also love that this reading initiative is so much fun!



## Farewell...

- **This week** we said a fond farewell to **Mrs Becky Richards**, who has been teaching at **Hartford Infant and Preschool** for the past 30 years. It was an emotional goodbye for many. Our children have been under her care since 1995 and she has been a wonderfully supportive colleague. However, we wish her well in her new role as a grandmother and working more closely with her local church, The Bridge in St Ives. **Good Luck Mrs Richards and don't forget us!**
- We also said a fond farewell to **Miss Amber Butler** who is off on maternity leave. We wish her all the best and look forward to meeting her little baby girl soon.
- We wish **Miss Meghan Simms** [who I taught many years ago as a Y2 child] to her new role at Offord Primary School as an HLTA - a great career move!





## Attendance Matters...

Our Best Class for Attendance has got the 'Bee on Time' award [they earn 10 house points]:

Infant School: **Class 5** Junior School: **Beech**

Attendance between 02/09/2024 – 27/06/2025

Class	Attendance	Class	Attendance
1	91.56	ASH	95.69
2	91.43	BEECH	96.87
3	93.12	CHESTNUT	93.97
4	91.89	HOLLY	91.94
5	95.05	OAK	96.35
6	94.37	PINE	94.89
Pre School	91.49	SYCAMORE	96.75
Whole School	92.95	WILLOW	96.04
		Whole School	95.3

Number of late children this week

Class	Late before 9.15am	Late after 9.15am	Class	Late before 9.15am	Late after 9.15am
1	6	0	ASH	2	0
2	0	1	BEECH	0	0
3	10	0	CHESTNUT	2	3
4	2	1	HOLLY	8	1
5	1	0	OAK	0	0
6	2	0	PINE	2	0
Pre School	0	0	SYCAMORE	1	0
			WILLOW	0	0

## Golden Welly & Broom Awards...



*1 - This award is given to a child from both the Infant School and the Junior School for great behaviours that demonstrate our Golden Rules.*



*2 - This award is given to a child from both the Infant School and the Junior School [it is kept in school] for great tidying up skills.*

Our **winners** for this week are...[certificates and awards on Monday as no assembly today]

### **Golden Welly**

In the **Infant School** - **Musa** [Class 2]

In the **Junior School** - **Rosalie** [Ash Class] **Golden Broom**

In the **Infant School** - **Elliot** [Class 5]

In the **Junior School** - **Iza** [Ash Class]

**Well done to the children for showing us how to play and tidy so well.**

## **OPAL Opportunities...**



**This week**, we enjoyed all the usual OPAL items especially all the recent donations of bikes and scooters - **thank you everyone for their kind contributions, please keep them coming.**

A **HUGE** thank you to this week's **Y5 & Y6 Play Leaders: Theo, Rosalie, Florence, Abbie, Wadaq and Lorenzo**

## Classroom Curiosity...



## Preschool

**This week**, we looked at repeating patterns using buttons and reels on caterpillars, we began to be able to create our own patterns sometimes with three or four different colours - amazing work! We also looked carefully at the image of the caterpillar on the front of our book and created our own paintings or drawings. We also tasted watermelon at snack this week just like the very hungry caterpillar (thank you Blake!).

**Next week**, we will be singing songs and also recapping all of the sounds that we have learnt this year – /s/, /a/, /t/, /p/, /i/, /n/ with activities such as our 'silly soup' game.









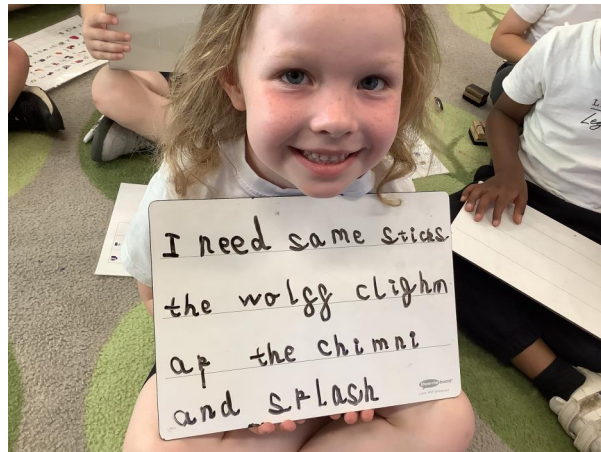


## Year R

**This week**, we have been learning about the British sculptor Antony Gormley, looking at examples of his work and thinking about what he uses to create his pieces. The children have loved exploring clay and having a go at the coiling technique. In literacy we have been writing speech bubbles for the big bad wolf and the three little pigs, and the children have

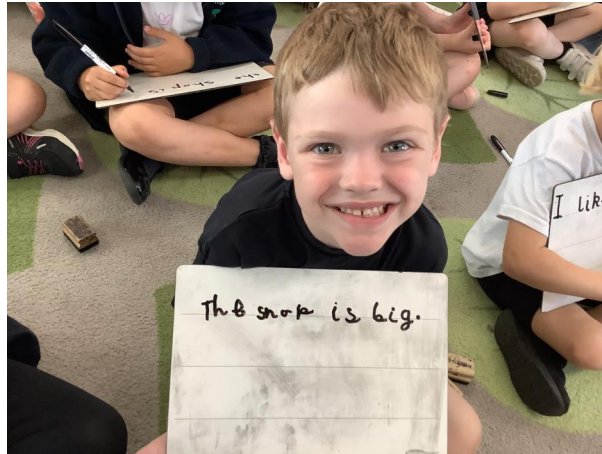
come up with some brilliant sentences! Maths learning has focused on quick recall of pairs of numbers that 5 a total of 5 or ten.

**Next week**, the Reception gardens will have a shock visit from the big bad wolf! (Shhh!) The children will be challenged to investigate the scene and will be 'reporting officers', composing and writing a police report! In our Enquiry sessions, we will be thinking about the best material to use to make an aeroplane and having a go at making and flying some aeroplanes of our own!









## Year 1

**This week**, we were counting in 2s, 5s and 10s in maths. Look out for homework this week and help your children to practice. In art we practiced coiling and pinching with clay.

**Next week**, we will be carrying out our science investigation and making our clay sculpture.







## Year 2

**This week**, we had great fun making up our own nonsense words when writing a poem in English. In maths, we learnt how to compare and order mass using grams and kilograms. We learnt how framing is important when taking a photograph in our computing lesson.

**Next week**, we are writing our own version of 'The Giant's Rucksack' poem, using the vocabulary we created this week. We will investigate capacity in maths and learn that it can be measured using l and ml. In art we will use clay material to practise the technique of slabbing.

## Year 3

**This week**, in maths we have been working hard to explore non-unit fractions of quantities and we have identified when the numerator and denominator match it shows the whole. In science we conducted an experiment, thinking carefully about how different liquids can affect teeth and the importance of teeth hygiene.

**Next week**, we will be continuing to practise our athletic skills in preparation for Sports Day.

## Year 4

**This week**, we have started a newspaper article in English looking at headlines and the 5ws [where, what, when, why and X]. In science, the children brushed their teeth and decided if an electric toothbrush or manual toothbrush was better at removing plaque.

**Next week**, we will be starting division with remainders in maths.



## Year 5

**This week**, we have been applying our knowledge of Oliver Cromwell to create non chronological reports. We have also improved our relay techniques.

**Next week**, we will read more of our class novel – we love it! We will also continue to learn more about spaghetti bolognese in D.T.

## Year 6



**This week**, we are busy continuing to rehearse the play, we are making sure we have learnt all our lines and actions. We are also making props and scenery ready for our performances. We have read the next chapter of 'Norah' (our class book) and refreshed our maths skills.

**Next week**, we will polish our performances and some of us are going to do transition days at Hinchbrook – we are looking forward to finding out about the new school!

Don't forget to [click here](#) to get your tickets for the **Y6 Performance**.

## Diary Dates 27.6.2025

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Summer Reading Challenge Assembly	All schools	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	The <sup>[1]</sup> Huntingdon Library <sup>[2]</sup> staff will talk to all children about the <sup>[3]</sup> Summer <sup>[4]</sup> <sup>[5]</sup> Reading Challenge <sup>[6]</sup> . <sup>[7]</sup>
Y6 Performance	Year 6	Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	We look forward to seeing all parent/carers of our Y6 pupils at either our <b>1.45pm</b> or <b>5.30pm</b> production of 'School of Pop' Please <sup>[8]</sup> <a href="#">click here</a> <sup>[9]</sup> to order your <b>2 tickets</b> for one of the performances. <sup>[10]</sup>
Changeover Day	All schools	Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	We invite our new YR children to explore the Reception classrooms whilst the rest of the school 'jump up' to their new classes across both schools. This is a morning event.
New to Y3 Workshop	Year 2	Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	All our children in <b>Year 2</b> [classes 5 & 6] will re visit their new Year 3 classrooms for a short time, we are inviting all parents/carers to pop in at <b>8.45am</b> for refreshments and find out more about life in Year 3 and then see the classrooms with their children.
Gulliver's Trip	Year 6	Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Our annual end of Primary School treat for good behaviours. School will <b>not</b> invite children on this trip with behaviours that put others and themselves at risk.
Healthy Week	All schools	Wk beg Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	A fun packed week of activities including Olympic Gym visits and a focus on water and sun safety.
Sports Day	Infant school	Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Parents are welcome to watch the children participate in our multi skills event from <b>9.15am</b> on the back playground for Infant children
	Junior School		Parents are welcome to watch the children participate in our multi skills event from <b>1.00pm</b> on the field for Junior children.
St Peter's School visit	Year 6	Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> & Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Our <b>Year 6</b> children who will be transferring to St Peter's School will be spending both days exploring their new school.
Y2 Leavers Assembly	Year 2	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	From <b>9.15am</b> , a chance to reflect on the children's time at Hartford Infant School.
Summer Fete	All schools	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	From <b>1.00pm</b> , pay for your child's ticket on Parent Pay [£3.00 per child], bring a picnic blanket and hang around using the field until 5.00pm. [T & C apply- which will be shared later ]
Y6 Leavers Assembly	Year 6	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	From <b>9.15am</b> , a chance to reflect on the children's time at Hartford Junior School.
Last day of term	All schools	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	<b>School will close</b> for the Summer Break. <b>No Treehouse Club</b> for this evening.
Autumn Term	All schools [except YR]	Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	<b>School opens</b> for all children in Y1 through to Y6 from <b>8.40am</b> for HJS and <b>8.45am</b> for HIPS. Our <b>Free Breakfast Club</b> will be open from <b>8.15am</b> <b>Treehouse Breakfast Club</b> will be open form <b>7.45am</b>

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## Don't forget...

This weekend on **Saturday**, it is **Armed Forces Day** and on the **Sapley Playing Field** from **11.00am until 5.00pm** children who are Cadets will be marching and there are lots of activities and fun to be had.

**Wild about Huntingdon** is on **Sunday** from **11.00am until 5.00pm** at the Riverside Park - there will be dinosaurs, make your own bird feeders, shows, dance and much more.



Mrs Gemma Jarmaine will of course be at both events...



**HUNTINGDON ARMED FORCES DAY**  
SATURDAY JUNE 28TH 2025 - 11am to 5pm  
SAPLEY PLAYING FIELDS - HUNTINGDON - PE29 1ER

**IN ATTENDANCE WILL BE**  
RAF - ARMY - NAVY - MARINES - CADETS  
VETERANS - RESERVISTS - CAREERS ADVISORS  
POLICE - FIRE BRIGADE - AMBULANCE

**VEHICLES ON DISPLAY**  
Forces Vehicles, Buffalod Logistics Armed Forces Day truck

**STAGE ENTERTAINMENT**  
5 Bands

**VENDORS**  
Hot and Cold Food

**STALLS**  
Numerous Craft and Charity Stalls

**CHILDREN'S SECTION**  
Face Painting, Pony Rides, Petting Zoo, Giant Tortoise

**ARENA**  
Displays by the Armed and Emergency Services

**FREE ENTRY AND CAR PARK**

All donations and profits to the Armed Forces Benevolent Fund

With thanks to our sponsors:

**ARMED FORCES DAY SHOW YOUR SUPPORT**

Sponsors: ProActive, Rotary, Community Fund, Huntingdon Freeman's Trust, Borneo, and others.



**WILD ABOUT HUNTINGDONSHIRE FESTIVAL**  
A CELEBRATION OF OUR NATURAL WORLD

**Free Entry**

- Meet the T-REX
- Mobile Zoo
- Forest School
- Learn to Fish
- Storytelling
- Inflatables and Kids Activities
- Exercise Demos
- Craft and Trade Stalls
- Wildlife and Conservation Stands
- Live Entertainment
- Interactive Activities
- Food and Drink Stands

**Date and time : 29th June 10 till 4**

**Location: Huntingdon Riverside PE29 3RP**

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Sponsors: nexus, Huntingdonshire District Council, Huntingdonshire Council, and others.

Coming up...



A vibrant poster for a Summer Fair. At the top, it says 'PATHS PRESENT' in green. Below that, 'SUMMER FAIR' is written in large, bold, pink letters. A pink banner in the center reads 'HARTFORD SCHOOLS'. To the left, it says 'MONDAY 21 JULY' in bold. To the right, it says '1:00PM TILL 4:00PM'. A sun icon with 'FREE ENTRY' is on the right. Below this, 'EVENT HIGHLIGHTS' is written in green. Underneath, it says '£3 TICKET = TOMBOLA JAR \* ICE POP \* 1 GAME'. Then, 'BRING MONEY FOR: STOCKS \* RAFFLE FACE PAINTS \* TATTOOS \* SOFT TOYS\* and more...' is listed. At the bottom, it says 'ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TOWARDS TRIPS/EVENTS AND SPARKY STARTS ACROSS BOTH SCHOOLS'. A small 'PATHS' logo is in the center. At the very bottom, it says 'FOR MORE INFORMATION' on the left and 'CALL 01480- 454655' on the right.

PATHS PRESENT

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A colorful poster with a pink and yellow background. At the top left, there are two stacks of books. At the top right, there is a blue jar filled with various candies. In the center, the word 'WANTED' is written in large, bold, pink letters. Below it, it says 'SECOND HAND GOOD QUALITY SOFT TOYS AND BOOKS. TOMBOLA JARS FULL OF SWEETS, CRAFTING, SMALL TOYS ETC'. At the bottom, it says 'Thank you!' in a pink cursive font. At the very bottom, there are several stuffed animals, including a giraffe, a hippo, a bear, and a pig.

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*Thank you!*