

Dear Parents and Carers,

Hello/नमस्ते

The Spring Term is over! **A huge thank you to everyone for their valuable support over the past 12 weeks.** We have been busy as you can see from some of the events organised this term across all 3 schools:

Easter Fete PARENTS CONSULTATIONS MHST Coffee Morning swimming EASTER EGGS FROM THE LORD PROTECTOR

World Book Day Victorian Dress Up Day Easter Bonnet Parade The Nest HAMERTON ZOO TRIP DISCO

SENSORY CIRCUITS Cake Sale Ready Steady Cook Sparky Start SPACE CENTRE TRIP\*\*\*\*\*

UK FACT PARENT ASSEMBLIES EASTER CONCERT

Pentathlon MEDLEY OF MUSICALS ArtScapers young carers Tennis

The Staff have thoroughly enjoyed themselves with your lovely children and although everyone is tired, I know that after a break we will all be back for a super Summer Term. Have a wonderful Easter Break and do stay in touch if you need any support [[rlee@hartfordinfantschool.org](mailto:rlee@hartfordinfantschool.org)].

Best wishes/शुभकामनाएं/  
Rae Lee [Headteacher]

The **Infant children** have Australia Day on **Tuesday 18th April**. Look out for an activity to support on **Tapestry**.

In the summer term the **Year 2 children** will require a sturdy box, such as a **shoe box**, as they are making a winding mechanism. Cereal boxes are sadly not strong enough.



*Dates for the Diary/ डायरी के लिए दिनांक*

Summer Term	All schools	Tuesday 18th April	School reopens at 8.45am for all KS1 and KS2 children. Preschool opens at 9.00am
Australia Day	Infant School	Tuesday 18th April	The Infant School <b>Sparky Start Day</b> will be a celebration of <b>Australia</b> , look out for the poster that children can engage with over the Easter holidays if they wish to. On our Sparky Start Day the children can share their posters and there is a prize for the most interesting facts collected. Children can collect pictures, draw or write facts about this fascinating country. On the day we will offer the children a range of Australian delights! If you have any resources or can support with our work do let us know
Swimming	Year 4	Tuesday 18th April	Children in Sycamore and Pine classes begin their swimming sessions
Skipping Days	Infant School	Monday 24th April	Both schools welcome <b>Dan the Skipping Man</b> to 2 days of skipping fun. They provide tailored skipping days and high-quality ropes for schools of all shapes and sizes. See the link for more information. <a href="https://dantheskippingman.com/">https://dantheskippingman.com/</a>
	Junior School	Tuesday 25th April	
May Day	All schools	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	All schools closed for this Bank Holiday
King's Coronation Celebrations	All schools	Friday 5th May	The children will participate in a range of celebrations
King's Coronation	All schools	Monday 8th May	King's Coronation Bank Holiday—all schools are closed
KS2 SATS week	Junior School	Wk beg Tuesday 9th May	Year 6 Statutory Assessment Week
KS1 SATS week	Infant School	Wk beg Tuesday 9th May	Year 2 Statutory Assessment Week
Half Term	All schools	Monday 29th May	Schools will be closed for the week
Stay and Play	Infant School	Friday 9th June	Every Friday after half term, a 60 minute session on the front playground for children starting in Reception in September 2023
New Reception Parents Meeting	Infant School	Monday 19th June	A chance to meet the staff and visit the classrooms and find out more about life in Reception
Healthy Week	All Schools	Wk beg 10th June	A festival of activities to support our children's minds and bodies
Leavers Assembly	Infant School	Tuesday 18th July	Y2 Leavers Assembly
Summer Fete	All Schools	Friday 30th June	Fete from 2.00pm more details to follow
Leavers Assembly	Junior School	Wednesday 19th July	Y6 Leavers Assembly
End of Term	All schools	Wednesday 19th July	End of the Summer Term

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### Preschool

This week, **preschool children** have enjoyed exploring the theme of Easter in many different ways! They have expanded their fine motor skills with threading pasta shaped pasta onto spaghetti, the pasta shapes also let them explore lots of maths concepts such as size, shape and matching the same including subitising how many we could see, '2 eggs here and 1 egg there'. We have also played a matching pairs game looking at adult and young animals and naming them, looking at differences. **After the break**, we will continue this theme of old and young by reading the story 'Monkey Puzzle'. We hope all of our families have a good Easter break.

### Reception

This week **Class 1 and 2**, children have enjoyed performing their Easter Concert to the rest of the school and to parents and friends. We are proud of their efforts and we are sure you are too! In our RE sessions we have been thinking about our favourite books and why some books are special for certain people. We have shared stories from The Bible and The Quran and talked about their special meanings. **After the Easter break**, we will begin our new enquiry learning and find out more about Australia. We will find out about what it might be like to live there and how it is different from the U.K. In literacy we will share and retell 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' by Michael Rosen as our new focus book.

### Year 1

This week, in **Class 3 and 4**, we have been showing off just how much we have learned in our writing about 'Gerald the Giraffe'. We really have been like Aim High Hippo and Reflective Rex. In maths we have been using centimetres to measure length and height. We have enjoyed our RE days where we have been learning about miracles and had fun making Easter cards. **Next week**, maybe you could spend some time exploring signs of spring or visiting the library.

### Year 2

This week in **Class 5 and 6**, we have completed writing the sequel to 'The Pea and the Princess'. The children had lots of ideas about what happened next to the pea, such as being chased by dinosaurs or nearly eaten in the museum café. In maths we learnt how to do jottings to show how we worked out the answers to maths problems. This included number lines, column addition and arrays. In RE we learnt about good role models in Islam and Christianity. **Next term**, we will begin a new text in English called 'The Story Machine' by Tom McLaughlin. We will apply our knowledge of addition, subtraction, division, and multiplication in maths, so we can solve problems.

### Year 3

This week in **Beech and Chestnut Class**, it was fantastic! The children did an incredible job with their production and we were so happy to see all the supporters who came out to watch them. The children got to participate in the Easter fete, which they thoroughly enjoyed. In English, they wrote their non-chronological reports which were fantastic. We finished all our humanity units. **After the Easter holiday**, we will be studying agriculture, the history of Persia and Greece and the Hebrew bible. We hope everyone has a lovely Easter holiday.

### Year 4

This week in **Pine and Sycamore Classes**, we have been writing our final diary pieces inspired by Charlie Bucket's life before he won the Golden Ticket. In maths, we have been enjoying finding the perimeter of shapes. We have been finalising our learning about Tourism and learnt a lot about Spain. On Friday, we will be finishing 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' and having our reward time for filling our marble pots.

### Year 5

This week in **Oak and Ash Class**, the children have been busy before the Easter holidays. In maths we have been looking at short division with remainders, seeing how it links to multiplication and using both operations to solve real life scenarios. In science we were looking at properties of materials and testing them for translucency, magnetism and electrical conductivity. In Geography we have enjoyed learning how tourism has changed over the years and in the next lesson we will focus on holidays in sunny climates! We thoroughly enjoyed the Easter fete and our last swimming session of the term too. **After the Easter break**, we will focus our attention on how changes can occur in materials.

### Year 6

This week in **Willow and Holly Classes**, we have been looking at explanation texts which the children are writing about the circulatory system. Holly class took part in a heart dissection session this week (following Willow last week) so they had lots to write about! Many children who were unsure pushed themselves to take part and really enjoyed the session. Both classes also worked with a visiting artist to experience some Artscaping in nature and experimented with different materials.

### Red Nose Day Winners n Junior School

Well done to the children for the fabulous designs for a Red nose. **Winner:** Suzanna T in Beech and runners up are Livija S in Sycamore, and Summer E in Chestnut. **Winner:** Oliver K in Oak and runners up are Ainara in Oak and Ellie-May in Willow.

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