

Welcome Back to School

I hope that you are well and had a wonderful summer holiday.

Welcome to the new format of the newsletter. I hope that it helps with keeping up to date with the news in all three schools. Feedback is welcome!

Everything in **blue** is related to the **Infant and Preschool**, whilst everything in **green** is linked to the **Junior School**.

Have a great weekend.

Best wishes

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The **School Uniform Shop** in both schools is **ONLY** open on these days:

Infant and Preschool

Monday and Thursday

Email: office@hartfordinfantschool.org

Junior School

Tuesday and Thursday

Email: office@hartfordjuniorschool.org

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

Each week school will publish the attendance of each class, the class that has the best attendance will win the school bee for their class.

It is YOUR responsibility to get them here on time so that they have the best start to the day to be the best version of themselves.

Summer Reading Challenge

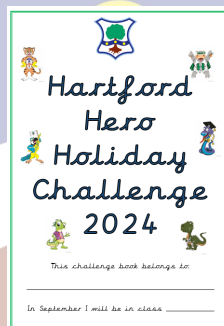
I hope that you took advantage of the **Huntingdon Summer Reading Challenge** to inspire your child to read. Any children who took part can bring in their medal and their certificate for a photograph, for the school boards in **October**. Well done everyone!



Summer Holiday Challenge

Please can all the children who engaged with the **Holiday Challenge booklets** please return **completed** them by **Friday 14th September**.

They will be entered into a **Prize Draw** for a super prize. How exciting!



Meet the Teacher

Please don't forget to book a **'Meet the Teacher'** appointment to see your child's new class teacher.

Please note this meeting will be in the **classroom** and is **quite short**.

Please complete the **'Meet the Teacher'** questionnaire in the classroom so that we know more about your child.

We look forward to meeting you all.



Healthy Selfie

We love to celebrate the children's **healthy habits** linked to their body and mind. If they have achieved a sports award or certificate, taken part in an activity with family or friends, or are growing vegetables on allotments etc. then we want to know! Anything linked to being healthy can go on our **Healthy Selfie boards** in both schools. Children love to see themselves. Please send photos to:

rlee@hartfordinfantschool.org



Congratulations

We hoped to see **Mrs Ellie Shaw** this week but her baby came a little earlier than planned. We are pleased to share with everyone that mum and baby Levi are well and we look forward to cuddles in school very soon.



Updates

Over the holidays some of our staff have had names changes, please know that **Ms Sarah Poirier** [formally Mrs Sarah Everett] teaches Holly Class in Year 4. Mrs Donna Johnson our Y5 TA is now known as **Mrs Donna Ross**.

We continue to send our best wishes to **Mrs Sue Orledge** and **Mrs Wendy McDonald** who miss the children terribly and look forward to their return in the near future.



<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 456387 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 been visiting our new children at their homes where we have seen them in their own environment. This is especially helpful for all staff to fully support the children.</p> <p>Next week, we look forward to welcoming the new starter children and seeing the children who are already familiar with the preschool.</p> <p>Our core book is: 'Dear Zoo' by Rod Campbell</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Reception</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Class 1 & 2</p> <p>This week, we have been setting up our environment in anticipation of the children and meeting them in their homes. It has been especially important to collect their 'All About Me' books.</p> <p>Next week, we look forward to meeting all the children in their small groups.</p> <p>A: Monday from 8.45am -12.45pm B: Tuesday from 8.45am -12.45pm C: Wednesday from 8.45am -12.45pm</p> <p>Book your child's lunch on Parent Pay.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Year 1</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Class 3 & 4</p> <p>This week, we have been exploring the inside and outside environment in Year 1. The children loved being outside.</p> <p>Next week, we will be learning the alphabet and practising upper and lower case letters.</p> <p>Our core book is: 'The Smartest Giant in Town' by Julia Donaldson</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Year 2</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Class 5 & 6</p> <p>This week, we have played various attention and listening games and written sentences about ourselves.</p> <p>Next week, we will write about which Hartford Hero we aim to be like.</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>Our core book is: 'Journey' by Aron Becker</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Year 3</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Beech & Chestnut Classes</p> <p>This week, we settled into new routines and familiarised ourselves with the school environment. We are proud of them!</p> <p>Next week, our PE lessons begin on Thursday and Friday. Please ensure that PE kit is worn on these days and earrings are removed before these lessons. Thank you.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Click here for uniform policy</p> <p>Our core book is: 'Lost and Found' by Oliver Jeffers.</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Year 4</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Willow & Holly Classes</p> <p>This week, in geography, we explored the countries that make up the UK.</p> <p>Next week, we look forward to investigating our local history with a focus on the River Ouse.</p> <p>Our class reader is, 'Krindlekrax' by Philip Ridley</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Year 5</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Oak & Ash Classes</p> <p>This week, we worked on our Teamwork skills.</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>Next week, we will look at angles in maths.</p> <p>Our class reader is, 'The Nowhere Emporium' by Ross Mackenzie</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Year 6</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Pine & Sycamore Classes</p> <p>This week, we shared our routines and what life is like in Year 6. The children were incredibly grown up and sat on the benches in assembly.</p> <p>Next week, we will begin our history unit learning about the Maya Civilization.</p> <p>Our class reader is, 'The Secret Garden' by Frances Hodgson Burnett</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>

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Meet the Teacher	All Schools	Wednesday 11th September 3.30pm - 6.30pm	Pop into class during the allocated time and see the classroom, engage with some activities and speak to the class teacher.
Learning Leaflets	All Schools	Friday 13th September	Look out for an email with our Learning Leaflets for each year group and Enquiry Organisers for some classes. These will help with supporting learning at home.
Cricket Club	Year 5 & 6	From Friday 13th September	Please look out for sign up letters to ensure your child gets a place. Please note there are only 20 places available .
Football Club	Year 3 & 4	From Friday 13th September	Please look out for sign up letters to ensure your child gets a place. Please note there are only 16 places available .
Norris Museum Trip	Year 3 & 4	17th September & 4th October	Y4 [17th] & Y3 [4th] coach trip to the Norris Museum in St Ives. More details to follow soon.
Kingswood Parent Meeting	Year 6	Thursday 19th September	A chance to find out more about this amazing residential trip scheduled for 14th - 18th October in the Junior School Hall at 6.00pm with the staff who will be supporting.
Park Life Walk	Year 1 & 2	Wk beg 23rd September	Our annual morning walk in the community to a local park. Parents are welcome to accompany us, as we get involved with Forest School, art and team building exercises. More details to follow.
Coffee Morning	All Schools	Tuesday 24th September	The Mental Health Support Team will be attending our Coffee Morning for families with children in our schools. Mrs McGregor and Miss Deaves will be present. Refreshments available and more details to follow.
Bikeability	Year 5	From 30th September	A week of fun activities for children on their bikes to gain cycling proficiency.
Reading Recharged Workshop	Junior School	Thursday 3rd October	Reading Fluency in class with a recap of Spelling across the school – a workshop with Mr Christopher Squires followed by time in your child's classroom. More details to follow.
Photograph Day	All Schools	Monday 7th October	Individual and sibling group photographs across all 3 schools. More details to follow.
PATHS AGM	All Schools	Tuesday 8th October	Do come along to vote for a new committee to organise fundraising events for both schools. From 3.30pm in the Infant School.
Kingswood Residential	Year 6	From Monday 14th October	Our Year 6 children will enjoy a fun packed week of team building activities in and out of school.
Phonics Workshop	Year R [Class 1 & 2]	Tuesday 15th October	Come and find out about how to help your child with reading and writing through our Phonics Workshop with Mrs Eagle in the Infant School Hall at 9.00am with a chance to go in class with your child.
Phonics Workshop	Year 1 & 2 [KS1]	Wednesday 16th October	Come and find out about how to help your child with reading and writing through our Phonics Workshop with Mrs Hyem in the Infant School Hall at 9.00am with a chance to go in class with your child.
PATHS School Disco	All Schools	Thursday 24th October	Preschool and Infant from 4.00pm - 5.00pm Junior from 5.15pm - 6.15pm. More details to follow [ticket event].
Half Term	All Schools	Monday 28th October	Monday 28th October until Friday 1st November.
Art Exhibitions	YR - Y2 & Y3 & Y4	Week beg 21st October	The children will be exhibiting their art work from 2.30pm, you are welcome to come and purchase their art work and view the gallery. More details to follow.
Treehouse Club	All Schools	Friday 20th December	Our After School Club will not be open due to staff training.
End of Term	All Schools	Friday 20th December	All school will close for the Christmas Break.
Spring Term	All Schools	Tuesday 7th January 2025	School reopens to the children from 8.40am [HJS] & 8.45am [HIPS].