

Hello/ Hola

Dear Parents and Carers

What a lovely Spring time week we have had. It was splendid to see so many parents pop in to the Junior School Hall to view the children's art work from the ArtScapers Work across the last few months. It was lovely to see how creatively inspired the children have been from the nature in the school grounds.

Next week is an important week for the **Year 6 children** with their Key Stage 2 SATs. **Please support us and share the message below with the children.**

The **Year 2 children** will also be sitting their Key Stage 1 SATs papers in school across the next few weeks. Please help the children by ensuring they have a good breakfast and early nights to help them with their concentration. For further information about the tests please watch this video: <https://youtu.be/piU7JS3QNKE> on the Infant School YouTube Channel.

Have a wonderful long weekend in all that you do including any Coronation celebrations you and your children may be involved in.

Best wishes/Mis mejores deseos

Rae Lee [Headteacher]

Preschool Parents/Padres en edad preescolar

Please could parents of children in Preschool send via **Tapestry** a photo of their front door/door number we would love that, we are looking at where we live and also numerals next week.

Language of the Month/ Idioma del mes

This month the children in the Infant School are learning some simple phrases in Spanish – how exciting! Thank you to Bryce for the fabulous books on our display.

Important Message for Year 6 children/Mensaje importante para los niños de Year 6

On **Tuesday 9th May**, SATs week will begin and you will sit a range of tests. The hard work that you have put in over the past year is incredible and there is something we would like to say: The end of year assessments do not tell us who you are! Throughout your time here at Hartford Junior School, it has become clear that we have incredibly talented, kind and resilient pupils that we are all extremely proud of. We truly hope that you continue to keep the Characteristics of Learning in all that you do. Looking back over the unprecedented events that you have all overcome in the past few years just shows that you are truly perseverant. You have matured into unique individuals who we are extremely proud of.

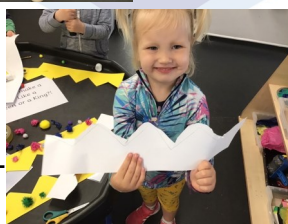
Parents of children in Holly and Willow classes please ensure that the children have early nights and a good breakfasts next week, we will top them up when they arrive in school at 8.20am with juice and toast. Please reassure them that although these papers are challenging they will be fine, so that together we bring out the best in them.

Kings Coronation Celebrations/Celebraciones de la Coronación de Reyes

This week, the children have been preparing for our Friday **Coronation Celebrations**. This has included making flags and crowns and participating in a tea party. The children have learnt how to say, 'God Save the King' in Makaton and learnt about the order of events on Saturday and the symbolism of the relics King Charles will hold and wear. We found out that the King David's Crown weighs over 2kg, which is very heavy for your head and neck to hold! The School Councils chose a design for each class to have made into a badge to commemorate the special event. Thank you for their decisions and to the children across the schools for entering the competition.

Dates for the Diary/ Fechas para el Diario

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
INSET Day	All schools	Monday 5th June	All school will be closed for the 5th INSET Day
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
New to Year 1 Parents Session	Infant School	Tuesday 20th June	A chance for YR children to visit the Year 1 classrooms with their parents and explore the resources before parents pop into the hall for refreshments and a session on how to support t children in their next year of education in Key Stage 1
Summer Fete	All Schools	Friday 30th June	Fete from 2.00pm more details to follow
Healthy Week	All Schools	Wk beg 10th July	A festival of activities to support our children's minds and bodies, including Sports Day
Leavers Assembly	Infant School	Tuesday 18th July	Y2 Leavers Assembly
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 Coronation. They learnt what it is and used their fine motor and mark making skills to create some flags, crowns and ribbon sticks. They enjoyed role playing whilst wearing the crowns and using materials to create their own capes! We have continued singing our own Coronation song (which is on tapestry for the Preschool families to learn at home) and marched to the beat with our ribbon sticks! We linked the sound 'c k' for King and Coronation to our phonics learning exploring words starting with the sound. **Next week** we will plant some beans to observe how they will grow.

Reception

This week in **Class 1 and 2**, the children loved building dens at Forest School! We were real Teamwork Tigers, working together to use the ropes, tarpaulin, pegs and crates to build some fantastic shelters! We have been busy making fingerprint flags and learning more about King Charles III ready for our special coronation celebration. In our enquiry sessions we have been using the safe search engine Kiddle on an iPad and a range of books to find out more about wildlife in Australia. **Next week** we will be unscrambling some 'silly sentences' in literacy.

Year 1

This week, in **Class 3 and 4**, we have been learning all sorts of facts about Australia – why not ask your child to tell you some of them. Some of the children are becoming Australia experts! They have been using their phonics to spell new words. Well done to those who have been practicing them for homework too – it's invaluable. In maths we have been introduced to arrays to count groups. **Next week**, we will be using phonics and common exception words to write sentences and solving multiplication problems in maths.

Year 2

This week in **Class 5 and 6**, we learnt about the features of instructions and how they need a title, imperative verbs and time words. In maths we showed our methods, such as number lines and bar models when solving addition, subtraction, multiplication and division problems. We made comparisons between Sydney, Australia, and Huntingdon by learning about the human and physical features (bridges, rivers and churches). **Next week**, in English we will write our own instructions based on Wallace and Gromit's ironing machine. In maths we will have fun with some quick-fire arithmetic quizzes. In design and technology we will design a model with a winding mechanism. What fun!

Year 3

This week in **Beech and Chestnut Class**, we continued with our non-fiction unit in English. We read a metaphor poem, comparing a storm to an animal and the children got to write their own version. In maths, we looked at finding unit fractions of quantities and we will be moving on to non-unit fractions next week. In art, the children made beautiful crowns for the Kings Coronation. **Can we remind children to bring in a cardboard box such as a tea bag box for our design technology unit.** Thank you and have a lovely bank holiday weekend.

Year 4

This week **Pine and Sycamore Classes**, have been continuing their position and direction maths, including learning how to translate points on a grid. Science and Geography are linking together as we find out why earthquakes happen and all about how different rocks are made and where to find them. In History, we drew pictures of what the sacred desert city of Makkah in Arabia looked like back in 570 based on a description. **Next week**, we will be continuing our reading of 'Krinklekrax' and finding the key features of an explanation text, ready for when we write our own.

Year 5

This week in **Oak and Ash Class**, we have been rounding numbers to the nearest whole number and nearest decimal place. We have also started to think about how percentages, decimals and fractions are all closely linked. In English we have been thinking about what good editing looks like and using those skills to improve our own writing. We have also continued to think about how to accurately use apostrophes for contraction or to show possession. Science this week was understanding the difference between a mixture and a solution, and using our scientific skills to separate different mixtures into their separate components. **Next week**, we will be reading more of our class novel, Who let the Gods out and starting new units in RE (The message of Jesus), history (Arabia and early Islam) and geography (Earthquakes).

Year 6

This week in **Willow and Holly Classes**, we have continued with electricity in Science and in Design and Technology they will be transferring the skills they have learnt to design a steady hand game. In English and Maths we have been getting ready for our SATs tests, all the children have been working very hard and have made their teachers extremely proud of their attitude towards learning. Please encourage your children to enjoy their weekend and get lots of rest – remember breakfast is at 8.20 am next week!