

Welcome

I hope that the half term break was happy and safe.

We have enjoyed hearing about the children's activities including Halloween activities and Firework displays.

A HUGE thank you to all the grandparents that came to the **Infant School** on **Monday** to take part in our **Sparky Start Day**.

I hope that you have seen the Learning Leaflets and Enquiry Organisers for this half term.

Have a good weekend.

Best wishes

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Elfridges

Please can you **donate any unwanted good quality items** for our **Elfridges Store**. The children will have the opportunity to buy a present for a loved one later in the term.

This is a **highly popular activity** and the children are very particular about the presents they want to purchase!

Popular choices are **gifts sets** for both men and women. **Jewellery**, socks and make up are also gifts the children choose for mums and dads.



Anti bullying Week

We will be thinking about **Anti Bullying** in school next week. We have been reminding the children about their **empathy skills** and this week they had an **assembly on kindness**.

This year the theme of **Choose Respect** has been chosen by the **Anti-Bullying Alliance**.

Teachers and children wanted a theme that **empowered them to do something positive to counter the harm and hurt that bullying causes**.

We will be making a display with the names of the people we trust when we need support.



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**



This week the **best attendance** was seen in:

**Class 4 in the Infant School** and **Pine Class in the Junior School**.

Our **Bee** on time winner is **Luca**.  
**Congratulations!**

Odd Socks Day

We are inviting **all children** across the week to wear **Odd Socks** to support **Anti Bullying** in school. The official day is Tuesday more information can be found [here](#):

However, we know that children enjoy wearing the odd socks to show their commitment to **Anti Bullying Week**.



Children in Need

On **Friday 15th November**, **all children** are invited to dress up and bring a donation to support **Children in Need** charity.

For further information please click [here](#).



OPAL

We hope that you saw our letter on Monday about Outdoor Play and Learning [OPAL] that is coming to our school next year.

If any of our parents are interested in learning more about the power of play and want to get top tips for play at home, **@OPAL\_CIC** is running a short webinar next week.

Book your free place:

<https://bit.ly/4fgpQKK>

#PlayForEveryChild



Armistice Day

**Mrs Michaela Hall** has been selling **poppies** for the children to wear on **Armistice Day**.

All children are invited to wear their poppy on **Monday 11th November**.

We will have a dedicated silent time on Monday along with the rest of the nation to pay our respects for the sacrifices of servicemen and women.



Christmas Cards

Look out for the **Christmas IQ Cards** designs coming home. These showcase the design the children have made in school.

All orders must be **submitted online** by **10.00pm** on **Friday 22nd November 2024** to receive **free postage** and support the PATHS fundraising for all schools.

Click [here](#) for further information.



<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Contacting School</i></p> <p>To contact staff please <b>email</b> or <b>phone</b> the <b>school offices</b>:</p> <p><b>Infant and Preschool:</b>  <a href="mailto:office@hartfordinfantschool.org">office@hartfordinfantschool.org</a>  <b>01480 398046</b>  <a href="http://www.hartfordinfantschool.org">www.hartfordinfantschool.org</a></p> <p><b>Junior School:</b>  <a href="mailto:office@hartfordjuniorschool.org">office@hartfordjuniorschool.org</a>  <b>01480 454695</b>  <a href="http://www.hartfordjuniorschool.org">www.hartfordjuniorschool.org</a></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Preschool</i></p> <p><b>This week</b>, we enjoyed ‘dough disco’ which will become a regular activity. We focused on manipulating the dough (rolling balls, squeezing, patting) to a theme of ‘fireworks’. We also made firework pictures by spinning paint in a salad spinner and watching how the paint drops changed.</p> <p><b>Next Week</b>, we will be signing, ‘head, shoulders, knees and toes’ and also looking at different patterns to link to spots on Friday for Children in Need.</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Reception</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Class 1 &amp; 2</b></p> <p><b>This week</b>, we loved our ‘sparky start’ day to kick off our new ‘keeping in touch’ enquiry learning! We enjoyed exploring ‘old’ technology in our special discovery boxes, we took part in a video call, learnt some sign language and even made our very own cup and string telephones.</p> <p><b>Next week</b>, we will be comparing sets of objects using ‘more’ and ‘less’/‘fewer’ and retelling the story of ‘The Tiger Who Came to Tea’.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Year 1</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Class 3 &amp; 4</b></p> <p><b>This week</b>, we have listened to our new text 'Once there were Giants' and answered questions about the story. In maths we have been learning that numbers can be made of 'five and a bit' for example, '8 is made of 5 and 3'.</p> <p><b>Next week</b>, in science we will be identifying and naming a variety of everyday materials.</p> <p>Don't forget we would like <b>all children to bring in a photo of their family</b> or a photo can be emailed to the school office.</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Year 2</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Class 5 &amp; 6</b></p> <p><b>This week</b>, we learnt how to ask and write questions in our English lessons. We used a variety of question words. We practised counting in tens and ones and identified one less and more by crossing the ten boundaries.</p> <p><b>Next week</b>, we will add and subtract a one-digit number to a two-digit number. Our enquiry lessons will have a history focus as we learn about the inventor Alexander Graham Bell.</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Year 3</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Beech &amp; Chestnut Classes</b></p> <p><b>This week</b>, we have been writing character descriptions in English based on woodland animals. We have been so impressed with the children’s use of descriptive language, including the use of similes, expanded noun phrases and alliteration.</p> <p><b>Next week</b>, in maths we are continuing our work on bridging through 100 using manipulatives to support us.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Year 4</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Willow &amp; Holly Classes</b></p> <p><b>This week</b>, started our Ancient Egyptian unit in history and states of matter unit in science.</p> <p><b>Next week</b>, we will be retelling events in a story from different perspectives in English.</p> <p>A friendly reminder to families to return the <b>medical consent forms</b> for Burwell.</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Year 5</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Oak &amp; Ash Classes</b></p> <p><b>This week</b>, we have been learning about figurative language in English. We’ve seen some lovely similes about Daniel and Mr Silver from our class reading book, ‘The Nowhere Emporium’!</p> <p><b>Next week</b>, we will be continuing our learning on oceans in geography.</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Year 6</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Pine &amp; Sycamore Classes</b></p> <p><b>This week</b>, we have been trying hard in some mock SATs papers. We have also been writing a spooky, suspenseful story.</p> <p><b>Next week</b>, we are going to design and make our own mechanical playgrounds in Design Technology [DT].</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>

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[Click here for Term Dates for 2024-2025](#)

Anti Bullying Week	All Schools	Monday 11th November	<b>All children</b> are invited across the week to wear <b>Odd Socks</b> to support <b>Anti Bullying</b> in school
Armistice Day	All Schools	Monday 11th November	At <b>11.00am</b> we will join the nation with a 1-2 minute silence to reflect on those who have helped us in the past.
Flu nasal sprays immunisations	All Schools	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> November <small>[catch up on Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> December]</small>	Our annual Flu nasal sprays immunisations will be administered. Please check your emails for the authorisation link from the NHS.
Children in Need Day	All Schools	Friday 15th November	<b>All children</b> are invited to dress up and bring a donation to support Children in Need charity.
Parent Sensory Needs Workshop	All Schools	Tuesday 19th November	You are invited to our latest PINS coffee morning from 9.00am - 10.00am.
Mental Health Coffee Morning	All Schools	Tuesday 26th November	You are invited to our latest coffee morning from 9.00am - 10.00am.
Parent Evening	All Schools	10th & 12th December	These meetings will be <b>held on School Cloud</b> . More details to follow.
Christmas Fete	All Schools	Friday 13th December	PATHS will organise a wealth of activities in the School Halls for all children to engage with. More details to follow.
Christmas Jumper Day	All Schools	Friday 13th December	We will celebrate Christmas Jumper Day, <b>everyone</b> is invited to wear a festive jumper and bring in a donation to <b>Save the Children Society</b> .
Christingle Service	All schools	Monday 16th December	A Christian Service at All Saints Church Hartford, led by Father Geoff along with the choirs from <b>both schools</b> . <b>Spaces are limited</b> .
Burwell Residential	<b>Year 4</b>	16th - 18th December	<b>Year 4</b> pupils residential visit.
Christmas Dinner Day	All schools	Wednesday 18th December	Look out on Parent Pay to book your child's festive lunch.
Treehouse Club	All Schools	Friday 20th December	Our <b>After School Club</b> will <b>not</b> be open due to staff training.
End of Term	All Schools	Friday 20th December	<b>All schools</b> 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].
Treehouse Club	All Schools	Thursday 9th January	Our <b>After School Club</b> will <b>not</b> be open due to staff training.