



# HARTFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL HEADTEACHER'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

7<sup>th</sup> February 2025



Dear Parents, Carers and Families

There has been a hint of Spring in the air this week and the evenings are drawing out, both of which I'm sure you'll welcome as much as I do. With one more week in school before the half term break, we're as busy as ever! I'm delighted to start my newsletter this week by sharing with you news from St. Luke's Hospice following our participation in their Elf Run last December:

*'Thank you for being part of our Elf Run 2024; we hope you all had an amazing time at your event. Please pass on our sincere thanks to all the staff, pupils and parents involved for their wonderful generosity and support this Christmas. I am thrilled to be able to confirm that you raised an incredible £4,436.97! Congratulations on raising such a huge amount. The money you have raised will help to support local families on a very difficult journey; it will help to provide medical and nursing care, bereavement support for both adults and children, and care for carers including those living with Dementia.'*

St. Luke's confirmed that we raised the largest amount of all the schools taking part and I'd like to reiterate their thanks for your generosity. I know the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and they should be very proud of their achievement.

## **Cheshire Wildlife Trust Visitor**

5ES welcomed back their visitor from Cheshire Wildlife Trust, Julie Gould, on Wednesday. The children conducted a survey to establish what habitats we have within the school grounds, took part in an ecology lesson and learnt how to improve our outdoor space to encourage wildlife. They also learnt how to set up and use our new 'trail cam' – we can't wait to see what's caught on camera!

## **Sports News**

As I mentioned in my newsletter last week, Mr Cairns has had a busy time recently attending various sporting events with the children. Here's his report for the half term so far:

On Tuesday 21st January, the Year 5 and 6 hockey teams went to Hartford High School and competed against Barnton, Charles Darwin, Hartford Manor, Whitegate and Winnington Park. It was a fun event with lots of learning throughout the afternoon. Everyone improved throughout the competition, and we finished 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> overall.

The Year 3 and 4 dodgeball team went to our first ever Create Learning Trust competition on 23<sup>rd</sup> January, which was held at Cuddington Primary School. They played matches against Cuddington, Sandiway and Little Leigh. The team were amazing and won every game. They also showed excellent sportsmanship, being honest about when they had been hit by the ball.

On 28<sup>th</sup> January, two teams of netballers from Year 6 went to Hartford High School. The event was aimed at children who do not play netball outside school so they could learn new rules and skills and enjoy the afternoon. The scores were not recorded, and no final results were announced. All the children had a great time and improved their skills.

Last Friday, the Year 5 and 6 girls' football team travelled to Crewe for the football County Final. They started a bit nervously, losing 1-0, but improved throughout the day, winning their next game 3-2 and drawing the final group game 0-0. We needed to score in the last game to go through to the quarter finals but unfortunately only managed to hit the crossbar. Well done girls, you were a great team!

Finally, this Tuesday, the Year 5 and 6 athletics team went to Rudheath Senior Academy for the Vale Royal Partnership Final. It was a fantastic event where the children cheered each other on during races, jumping, throwing events and even speed bouncing. It was very close at the end, and we beat Davenham by just 4 points to qualify for the County Final in March. Well done everyone!

I'd like to thank all the children for taking part in these events with enthusiasm and modelling our core values. Thank you also to all the parent volunteers who've helped to transport the children. Your time is very much appreciated, we couldn't take part in these events without your help.

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## Dates For Your Diary

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February – Year 2 visit to Chester Cathedral  
Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February – PTA film night Years 1, 2 and 3  
Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February – Break up for half term holiday  
Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February – Inset Day – school closed to pupils  
Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February – School reopens to pupils  
Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February – Young Voices Choir performance at Young Voices 2025 Co-Op Arena  
Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March – Year 4 Park in the Past Visit  
Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March – Author, Ewa Jozefkowicz, visiting Years 1 - 6  
Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March – Science week commences  
Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March – Year 3 Visit to Imagine That  
Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March – 2EC Visit to Safety Central  
Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March – 2NB Visit to Safety Central  
Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March – Year 6 parents' meeting for Conway residential 5pm in the main hall  
Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April – Year 4 parents' meeting for Tattenhall residential 5pm in the main hall

## Year 2 Visit to Chester Cathedral – Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February

As part of our aim for every child to visit a place of worship every year, a trip has been arranged for Year 2 to visit Chester Cathedral. The visit allows the children to learn more about Christianity, from those who follow it in their local place of worship. Whilst there, the children will learn about features of worship and discover the items around the cathedral that Christians use to help them worship within their faith community e.g. Lectern, Font, Altar, candles & shape of building. This visit is perfectly timed with the children's current Christianity learning in class.

## PTA News

As communicated earlier in the week we will be holding a film night for children in Years 1-3 on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February. We will be showing *Secret Life of Pets 2 (Certificate PG)*". Tickets are available via your ParentPay account and cost £4, which includes a snack and drinks of either juice or water. The children will be taken to the film night by school staff so there is no need for you to collect your child until after the event. Please purchase your ticket by 9am on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February.

Unfortunately, our film night for Years 4,5 and 6 which was planned for Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February has been postponed until the next half term. This due to both a large staff meeting taking place at the same time and a lack of parent volunteers able to support the event. We will communicate the new date asap.

## Coaching for a Special Cause

Emma Williams, one of our Year 5 mums and a certified life coach with the International Coaching Federation (ICF), is reaching out to the school community with a heartfelt mission. In memory of her mum, who was profoundly affected by Alzheimer's, COPD and rheumatoid arthritis, Emma is working to raise £3,000 to support three incredible charities: Alzheimer's Research UK, Versus Arthritis, and Asthma + Lung UK.

With 50% of her target already raised, she hopes to reach the full goal by Mother's Day. To help achieve this, Emma is offering Coaching Taster Packages— for just £99, with all proceeds going to the fundraiser. Coaching can be incredibly powerful in helping people get the best out of life, themselves and their relationships.

If you can't commit to a coaching package at the moment but would still like to support Emma's fundraising, any donation will be very gratefully received. For more information, visit her Givewheel fundraising page: <https://www.givewheel.com/fundraising/2182/coaching-for-a-special-cause/> and see the overview attached, thank you.



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## Lost Property

Lost property will be cleared out at the end of term. If your child has lost anything, please check the rails and boxes. Lots of jackets, hats and gloves! They will be outside the small hall every day next week. Anything not claimed will be given to the PTA or charity.



## Hartford Parish Council Let's Play Event - Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2pm – 4pm

Calling all children in Hartford... want to make new friends and have fun? Come along with your parents or carers to Let's Play! The next session is on 9 February 2025 from 2 - 4pm, on Hartford's Green field (behind the Chester Road shops). At the sessions, you will find lots of games and activities on offer, like giant jenga, chess, water-colour paints, hula-hoops, balls, construction blocks and more. It's free of charge to attend, and there's no need to book - just come along on the day. Find out more here: [Lets Play - Hartford Parish Council](#)

## Davenham JFC Girls' Football Sessions

Please see the attached flyer regarding girls' football sessions run by Davenham JFC.

## World Book Day – Fancy Dress Swaps Available At Public Libraries

Public libraries are hosting their highly successful Fancy Dress Swaps again this year from 1<sup>st</sup> February in preparation for World Book Day. Using the scheme could not be easier: donate any unwanted costumes to the library or see what outfits they have and take them for no charge, it's that simple. Participating libraries are Barnton, Frodsham, Hope Farm, Lache, Little Sutton, Neston, Northwich, Sandiway, Weaverham, Wharton and Winsford. And why not use the opportunity to borrow a book or join the library while you're there? Joining a child is free and easy and does not require ID. There are no late charges for Under 13s.

## Norton Priory Museum and Gardens Events

Norton Priory have a fantastic lineup of amazing activities inspired by their Mars installation. Children go **FREE** with one paying adult for their Half-Term Space Crafts and Blast Off Family Fun Day. Please see the attached flyer for details.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards

Miss M Fairweather

**Headteacher**