

End of Term Notices

Attendance

Our current attendance is 94.9% for this school year which is the lowest it has ever been, this is largely due to parents taking unauthorised term time holidays towards the end of each term. This has triggered an education welfare officer from Hertfordshire to initiate a meeting with us in September to target unauthorised absence in line with the DFE expectations for attendance. It is likely that Hertfordshire will start to actively pursue fines from September. Medical appointments taken during school hours and illness whilst are all authorised, do still affect your attendance percentage which can mean just one day missed for a 'special family event' can trigger a response from Hertfordshire. We appreciate the open and honest relationship we have with you and your children, so please do continue to request any absences officially, but please do be mindful of the affect these choices may have moving forward.

School Timings

Just a reminder that in line with the DFE changes to statutory school hours, we are changing the hours of the school day. This will come into effect from the start of September. The new timings will be **8:45am to 3:15pm for all year groups**. We will still have the soft start, but please note classroom doors will close promptly at **8.55am**. Please can we encourage you to pick up your youngest children first as the smaller children can often get upset if they see all of their friends leaving while they are still waiting to be picked up.

Parent hub

We have been working on improving our website and would like to remind you that all dates and newsletters are published there, alongside curriculum information and overviews for each year group. Our new Parent Hub page has the answers to some of our frequently asked questions. You can find it at <https://hartsbourne.org.uk/parent-hub/>.

Ordering Lunches

Lunches for the new school term must be ordered via the Innovate website by Saturday 2nd September 2023 - <https://innovate2020.cashlessschool.co.uk/>. Please remember we are a nut free school! If you are providing your child with a packed lunch, then please make sure it doesn't have anything that may contain nuts or peanuts. This includes cereal bars, biscuits etc. that state may contain nuts on the wrapper. If you wish to send your child in with a packed lunch please make sure the lunch is nutritious and filling.

PE & Forest School

All PE and Forest School timetables will be sent out in the first week of the new term so you will be aware when your child needs to come to school in PE Kit.

New Club Information

Any information about new clubs will also be sent out during the first week of term.

Achievement Awards

A big congratulations to all of the children who won Achievement Awards this year.

Zealander Award for Literacy - Amelia - Year 6

Tanna Cup for Maths - Lily - Year 2

Hudson Cup for Creativity - Athena-Kae - Year 5

Williams Award for Art - Rafferty - Year 1

Wood Trophy for Effort - Sophia - Year 3

Omelia Cup for Sport - Finn - Reception

Caetano Cup for Perseverance - Ollie - Year 4

A huge well done to Follow for their double win! Sports Day winners and the highest number of house points!

First Day of Term

In true Hartsbourne tradition, we have an exciting surprise planned for the children on their first day back to encourage them to “bounce” into the new year! Please ensure all children are wearing PE Kits.

Thank you!

As the school year draws to a close, we would like to take a moment to express our sincere gratitude to all parents for their unwavering support throughout the year. The children have had so many incredible experiences and achieved highly in all statutory assessments and we recognise that this wouldn't be possible without a strong school and home partnership. We would also like to thank you for your generous gifts. These are not expected but are always appreciated.

We wish you an enjoyable and relaxing summer holiday and look forward to welcoming everyone back as we bounce into the Autumn term!

Mrs Harte and the entire team at Hartsbourne

Autumn Term Dates

Date	Event
Friday 1st September	INSET Day
Monday 4th September	INSET Day
Tuesday 5th September	Term Starts
Wednesday 20th September	Yr 1&2 Meet The Teacher 2-3pm
Thursday 21st September	Yr 3&4 Meet The Teacher 2-3pm
Friday 22nd September	Yr 5&6 Meet The Teacher 2-3pm
Tuesday 26th September	Sukkot Assembly - Rabbi Nick
Friday 29th September	Flu Vaccinations
Monday 2nd October	Year 1 Toy Workshop
Tuesday 3rd October	Watford Schools Trust - Year 1
Thursday 5th October	Year 4 Moat Mount Trip



Moments of the Month - July



Hello!

Welcome back to 'Moments of the Month' - a monthly review of all the exciting things we've been up to in school.

Each class teacher has put together a slide to let you know about all of the lovely learning experiences your children have enjoyed over the past four weeks, so click on through and enjoy.

Don't forget to click all the way to the final slide where you'll also find the names in our achievement book and the house point results from this week

Have a wonderful summer holiday!

The Staff of Hartsbourne :-)

Reception



In our last nature reserve visit, we learnt to whittle sticks using potato peelers.

We had a fabulous trip to Cassiobury Park. We made mini rafts, sailed them in the river, played pooh sticks, rode on the train and went to the playground.



Year 1

Sports day!



Making fruit kebabs!



Teddy bears picnic!



Seaside extravaganza day!

Year 2

Key Stage One Singing Festival At Little Reddings



Australia Day

Maths- Directions



Dressing up in authentic Roman tunics!



Year 3



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MUSEUMS

*Our trip to
Verulamium
Museum!*

Taking inspiration for our own mosaics!



Hunting for items at the Roman market place!



Arch-building skills!

On the look out for ancient artifacts!



Year 4

Wheelchair Basketball

We had an assembly by Wheelchair Sports, and then tried a sports wheelchair & had a go at Wheelchair Basketball on the playground!

Oops! How do I pick up the ball now?"



"Cushion of the Day"

End of year celebration day when we all brought our cushions

Last Recorder lesson

Playing "The Wellerman"



Forest School

Shelters & litter-picking



YEAR 5



*Thank you Year 5 for a remarkable final year for me at Hartsbourne.
Good luck in all your endeavours in the future.
I will miss you
Mr Stevenson*



YEAR 6

The month of July saw Year 6 visit Westminster Abbey and Buckingham Palace in London before producing their end of year play. What's the Crime Mr Wolf?

