



School Notices

Welcome to this week's School Notices. As a school we try to support the busy lives of our families by consolidating communication to one weekly newsletter, and these are posted to the school website each Friday as an easy point of reference.

In addition to this don't forget about our FAQ page on the school website. Our aim is to provide the answers to your questions when you think of them, as opposed to you being restricted by school hours, so please let us know if you there's anything you would find helpful so we can add it in 😊.

<https://hartsbourne.org.uk/parent-hub/>

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A Note from Mr Harper



Good afternoon!

It was my pleasure to show round a couple of parents this week whose children currently attend another local school but are considering moving them to Hartsbourne. As we made our way from classroom to classroom, they remarked, as so many visitors to our school do, on how calm the atmosphere around the building was - even when one of our year groups made their way into the hall for PE, which is always an acid test! I wrote last week about how part of my job is to try and maintain that big-picture view of things, especially in the context of reassuring anxious staff that the investment they're making at this point in the year will ultimately pay dividends later on. Meeting parents that are new to our school is a helpful reminder to me as well to not get so consumed by the details, or the relentless quest for improvement, that I miss the many, many things that are fantastic about Hartsbourne, but also commonplace. A calm and purposeful atmosphere is certainly one of them.

I also wore a sympathetic smile when one of the parents told me that she felt guilty about even visiting our school, because the staff in the school her children currently attend are lovely and really trying their best, it's just that her own children find their current learning environment a bit too boisterous. This isn't the first time I've heard a parent profess this kind of guilt and I completely understand it, but I was also quick to remind her that acting in your children's best interest is never something to feel guilty about. A child finding the cohort they're in a bit overwhelming doesn't have to be a slight on the other children in the class, the staff or the school are large - sometimes children just find their surroundings tricky to negotiate, and whilst we have ourselves been sad to see children leave us in the past, we always understand and respect it when parents have told us they just feel a change is needed. I am eternally proud of the work our school does for the children in it, but equally children feeling safe and settled in school is the priority.

Finally, I'm going to repeat my appeal for you to please click the link below and complete the OFSTED Parent View survey, if you haven't already done so.

Have a lovely weekend and we will see you all next week!

Mr Harper 





Dates For Your Diary

Date	Event
Friday 2 nd October	Flu Vaccinations - First Visit
Wednesday 7th October	Early Finish (1.30pm) - Trust Wide Training
Monday 12 th October	Carmel Jane - Individual School Photos
Friday 23 rd October	Harvest Assembly (Year 3 and Year 4)
w/c Monday 26 th October	Half Term Holiday
Monday 2 nd November	School Closed - INSET
Tuesday 3 rd November	First day of Term
Monday 9 th November	Year 6 - Sports Partnership Athletics Festival
Tuesday 10 th November	Parents' Evening (Early) - 3:45 – 6:25pm
Tuesday 10 th November	No Choir
Thursday 12 th November	Parent's Evening (Late) - 5:00 – 7:40pm
Thursday 12 th November	No Forces Club
Monday 16 th November	Year 6 - Crucial Crew Trip
Tuesday 17 th November	Year 6 - NCMP Heights and Weights
Friday 20 th November	Flu Vaccinations - Second Visit

Celebrating our School Leavers

We always talk about the Hartsbourne family, and we love to hear how our children are doing when they move onto secondary school. In recognition of this we asked parents to send in photos of their child's 'First Day', and we just wanted to take a moment to share how proud we are of the young people they've grown into.



Space Day

1st October



**Galaxy Explorer Halal
Chicken Sausages**
Or
**Veggie Voyager Meat-
Free Sausages**

Served With
**Crispy Chips, Baked Beans
& Tomato Sauce**

Followed By
**Moon Crater Waffles
& Chocolate Sauce**



School Photos!

Monday 12th October



This is just a quick reminder that Carmel Jane will be in school on Monday 12th October to take individual and sibling school photos.

All Parents are requested to pre-register to enable access to your child's photographs. Pre-registration is required for every photo shoot.

Registration only takes a minute. Please visit

www.carmeljaneshop.co.uk

and enter the following code:

JR6BGCXTFD

You will then be asked to pre-register with your child's full school register name.

If your child has P.E on Monday, and you would like them to be photographed in their school uniform, then please feel free to send them in with their P.E kit in a separate bag so they can change into it for their lesson.

Friday 18th September 2026 – Topaz: brave enough to have a go at tricky work; kind and supportive when others make mistakes.



Year 1 – Olivia has shown bravery and perseverance by independently tackling tricky tasks and Alexandra is kind and supportive towards her peers, offering encouragement when they make mistakes.

Year 2 – Louisa is always resolute when tackling tricky work and Leo is empathetic and supportive when peers make mistakes.

Year 3 – Alfie and Celeste have both shown courage and determination when attempting challenging work.

Year 4 – Hugo has taken on extra challenges in Maths with a positive attitude and determination, and Bianca has been challenging herself to expand her ideas in English.

Year 5 – Jessie has worked really hard in her maths and helped others when they are stuck. Max has worked hard in challenging himself as well as supporting other classmates when they need help.

Year 6 – Zainab has worked so hard this week, being brave to try things independently and Eduardo always shows his peers support with kind words of encouragement and a friendly smile.

This week Clive the Carrot is awarded to...



Year 2



Housepoints – Friday 18th September 2026

254

Sika

148

Roe

289

Muntjac

205

Fallow

Muntjac wins!



Class Specific Messages



Year 6 - NCMP Height and Weight Check

On Tuesday 17th November 2026 at 9.30am the School Nursing Team will be in school to see Year 6 pupils for the annual NCMP (National Child Measurement Programme).

For full details of what's involved please click the following link to view the information letter.

[Parent Information Letter](#)

Within this you will also see an opt out link if you wish to do so.

Reception - Homework / Google Classroom

Just to let you know that homework will be posted to Google Classroom today, so please login and join the classroom if you haven't already done so!

Reception - Watford Observer My First Day Consent

Each year the Watford Observer publishes photos of Reception classes in the area as part of their My First Day supplement and we submit a photo each year for this. As this is outside of our standard image consents, we have made the 'Watford Observer' consent type available to you on Arbor so you can either give consent or decline.

Please could you login and confirm by 12.00pm Monday 21st September so Mrs Durrant - Patel has plenty of time to take the photo.