



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/>

Contents

- Dates for your Diary.
- A message from Mr Harper.
- Friends of Hartsbourne - Summer Fair.
- Sports Morning Information.
- Secondary School Open Day Details - Queens and Watford Grammar School for Girls.
- Learning Gem, Clive Points and House Points.

Class / Group Specific Messages:

- Year 4 - Electric Umbrella Concert (St Alban's Cathedral)
- Year 3 - Watford Boys School Cross School Athletics
- Year 3 - Pizza Express
- Year 6 - Secondary School Experience Week



Dates For Your Diary

Date	Event
w/c Monday 23 rd June	Sports' Week
Tuesday 24 th June	Year 4 - Electric Umbrella Concert
Wednesday 25 th June	Year 3 - Athletics at Watford Boys School
Wednesday 25 th June	Early Years - Sports' Morning
Thursday 26 th June	Year 1 to Year 6 - Sports' Morning
Friday 27 th June	Non School Uniform Day - Bring a Bottle Summer Fair
w/c Monday 30 th June	Year 6 - Secondary School Experience Week at BMS
Wednesday 2 nd July	Year 3 - Pizza Express
Friday 4 th July	FoH Summer Fair - 3.15 pm to 5.00pm
Monday 7 th July	Kiyoto Sushi visiting Year 5
Monday 7th July	Hartsbourne's Got Talent - Revised Date
Tuesday 8 th July	Watford Trust visiting Year 6
Wednesday 9 th July	Nursery and Reception - Beach Themed Day
Thursday 10 th July	Hertfordshire Secondary School Transition Day
Monday 14 th July	Reports go out
Wednesday 16 th July	Year 6 Leavers' Production (6pm to 7.30pm)
Wednesday 23 rd July	Last day of term - 2.00pm finish



Dear Parents and Carers

By now I'm sure you will have read the news that Mrs Harte will be leaving Hartsbourne at the end of this academic year, and that I will be assuming a new role as Acting Head of School. I cannot say enough about the impact Mrs Harte has had, both on my own career, and on Hartsbourne as a whole. As many of you will remember, she took the reins in April 2021; unquestionably a tumultuous time for education. We were still in the aftershock of two Covid-enforced school closures, with children confined to safety bubbles, the main hall lying barren and empty, and Friday assemblies being conducted on Google Meets. To say that it was a baptism of fire for a first-time headteacher is putting it mildly.

Undeterred by these challenges however, Mrs Harte swept in on a tide of joy, crazy ideas (!) and a relentless desire to create lasting, happy memories for the children. She brought change to Hartsbourne at a time when it needed change, including plucking up the courage to extract me from the Year 6 classroom that had been my second home for 9 years and plonk me into Year 3. Two years later, she gave me three days a week without teaching responsibilities in order to expand my remit as Deputy Headteacher, allowing me to follow my instincts and be proactive in helping Hartsbourne to develop. It is thanks to the faith and trust Mrs Harte placed in me that I was able to garner the experience required to convince the governors and trustees of the Bushey St James Trust that I was the right person for the role of Acting Head of School. We will all miss Mrs Harte, but we will wish her well and know that Hartsbourne's loss will be Warren Dell's gain. We will also benefit without a doubt from the experience that Mrs Tregear, our next Executive Headteacher, will bring next year.

September in schools is always about new beginnings, but the winds of change will feel that little bit stronger as we come back together this year. I have worked at Hartsbourne for 18 years and have felt love, pride and gratitude in every single one, because we are simply so blessed. We are blessed with incredible children, who inspire, entertain and, yes, even frustrate us on a daily basis! We are blessed with devoted families, who quite rightly want the absolute best for their children, and who will regularly go above and beyond the levels of support we ask of them. We are blessed with experienced and capable staff, who tell me that they love working at Hartsbourne because of how it makes them feel, whilst cheerfully missing the fact that it is them who flood the school with those good feelings, every day.

And it is for all of them and all of you that I will work tirelessly to try and deliver the best possible education, academic and otherwise, for every single child that walks through our doors. There will be good days and bad days, there will be ups and downs, there will be times when you thank me and times when you tell me I'm wrong, but please know that no matter what, my central objective will always be to serve Hartsbourne, and its unique and special community, in the best way that I know how.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend,

Mr Harper



A decorative banner at the top of the page features a light blue background with white and orange flowers. The text 'FRIENDS OF HARTSBOURNE' is written in white, uppercase letters, following the curve of the banner.

FRIENDS OF HARTSBOURNE

A large, stylized orange flower graphic with a white center, containing the text 'DATES FOR YOUR DIARY' in white, uppercase letters.

DATES FOR
YOUR
DIARY

Summer fair

A white flower graphic with an orange center, positioned to the right of the main title.

27TH JUNE - NON-UNIFORM DAY - PLEASE BRING IN A BOTTLE

**2ND JULY - FINAL DAY FOR RAFFLE TICKET STUBS AND CASH
TO BE RETURNED IN A NAMED ENVELOPE**

4TH JULY -SUMMER FAIR DAY!!!!

The bottom section of the page features a green background with white and orange flowers scattered across it, creating a decorative border.

Sports Morning Information

Early Years Sports Morning - Wednesday 25th June

On Wednesday 25th June, Nursery and Reception will join together for our EYFS sports activity morning. Throughout the morning, children will take part in a selection of races and field events, as well as the opportunity to 'beat the goalie' for those who wish to take part.

We will aim to start at 9.15am and parents are invited to make their way down to the spectator area on the school field after drop off, where we will join you soon after. We expect to finish by approximately 11am.

Children should wear a t-shirt in the colour of their school house; class teachers will be posting these details to Google Classroom this week. Please also ensure you send children with a named water bottle and sunhat, as well as applying sun cream before sending your child to school that day.

Year 1 to Year 6 Sports Morning - Thursday 26th June

We are looking forward to welcoming everyone to Sports Day on Thursday 26th June (weather depending). We are aiming to start by 9:10am. Once you have dropped your children off, please make your way to the field where there will be a marked out parent area. Please help us to keep your children safe by remaining in the parent area throughout the morning, this will ensure that all children are accounted for by school staff.

Children should wear their P.E kits on Thursday but with a t-shirt in the colour of their school house rather than their white ones. Please also ensure you send children with a named water bottle and sunhat, as well as applying sun cream before sending your child to school that day.

The Duck toilets will be open for spectators throughout the morning. All Sports Day entrance and exits to the site after 9:00am will be via the zig zag path gate.



QUEENS' SCHOOL

Dare to be Great

Headteacher: Jonathan Morrell BA, MA, PGCE, NPQH

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Open Evening

I am delighted to invite you and your child(ren) to join us for our annual Open Evening on Thursday 3 July, between 4.30 – 7.30pm. This date will replace the traditional timing of Open Evening in response to stakeholder feedback. Open Mornings will continue in October from 9am – 10am.

The Headteacher, Mr Morrell, will be making formal presentations across the evening to parents/carers at 4.30pm; 5.30pm; 6.30pm. Due to the high demand for places, these presentations are by ticket only. Please click on the link below to reserve your place or visit the school website. The whole school is open to view at any time that evening.

<https://queensopenevening2025.eventbrite.co.uk/>

If English is not your first spoken language, please book a slot for the Headteacher's talk by the 20th of June, and our EAL Coordinator will contact you to see if you would like to arrange a Young Interpreter guide to support your tour where possible.

There is no parking available on site unless registered disabled. Parking locally is limited and charges may apply in the Metropolitan Police Car Park, Costco or Bushey Grove Leisure Centre.

Yours sincerely

Miss Vaughan
Assistant Headteacher

Watford Grammar School for Girls Secondary Transfer Open Evening



Tuesday 15th July 2025
5.00pm - 8.00pm

For current Year 5 & 4 students

Book your ticketed time slot here:

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/booking/t-garjedg>

Please be aware that there will be no alternative date in Autumn 2025.

Lady's Close, Watford, Hertfordshire, WD18 0AE

No parking on site. Parking available in town centre.

Friday 20th June 2025 – Emerald: worked well on a 1:1 basis with a range of different partners.



Year 1 – Theo is a fantastic learning partner that always works well with others and Lottie is a great role model when working with a range of different partners.

Year 2 – Vinnie and Francesca are fantastic learning partners, offering their partners support and listening to their ideas.

Year 3 – Eliana and Leah are super learning partners and are always supportive, regardless of who they are working with.

Year 4 – Rimas has been building her confidence in having discussions in class and Oliver is always eager to share his ideas with his learning partner.

Year 5 – Madeleine is a great role model when she works with a range of learning partners and Toby always contributes to discussions with his learning partners.

Year 6 – Albie has worked with a range of partners on a 1:1 basis this week demonstrating his listening skills and Hudson show excellent maturity throughout the week with his learning partner.

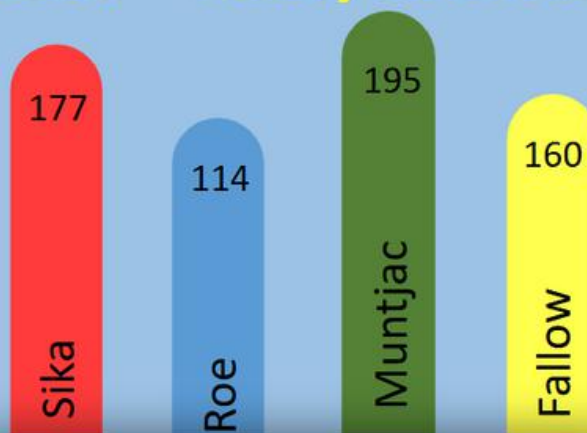
This week Clive the Carrot is awarded to...



Year 6!



Housepoints – Friday 20th June 2025



Muntjac wins!



Class Specific Messages



Year 4 -St Alban's Cathedral Electric Umbrella Concert

On Tuesday 24th June, Year 4 will be visiting St Alban's Cathedral to take part in the Shine a Light Concert with Electric Umbrella and other Year 4 classes from Hertfordshire schools.

Year 4 will be part of Electric Umbrella's Super Group in the Nave of the Cathedral raising their voices together to shine a light on inclusion, celebrate differences and spread smiles.

This event is open to Year 4 students from mainstream schools and SEND learners of all ages, "Shine a Light" will bring together young people from across Hertfordshire and beyond to sing and make music together, fostering integration, unity, and creativity.

The children will be leaving school at 9:00am and will arrive back at 12:30pm in time for their lunch. They will be travelling to and from the Cathedral by coach. The children should wear school uniform.

They will also be filming this event, details of which can be found in this letter.

<https://shorturl.at/bn9Zu>

If you do not wish for your child to be included in the footage, please send us an email to parents@hartsbourne.org.uk

Year 3 - Watford Boys School Cross School Athletics

On the morning of Wednesday 25th June, Year 3 will attend Watford Boys School to take part in some cross school athletics events. Children should wear their PE kits. They will be leaving school at 9:00am and travelling by minibus. They should bring a packed lunch to eat upon their return to school at 12:30pm.

Year 3 - Pizza Express

On Wednesday 2nd July, Year 3 will be visiting Pizza Express in Watford High Street as part of their DT Food learning on Italian Pizza. They will be travelling by minibus, leaving school at 9:00am. Children should wear school uniform and will arrive back at school at 11:15am in time to have their lunch at school.



Class Specific Messages



Year 6 - Secondary School Experience Week (30th June - 4th July)

Year 6 will be spending the week at Bushey Meads School. They should arrive at Bushey Meads at **8.30am** and will be ready to be collected at **3.05pm**.

They should wear their usual school uniform each day, and come in wearing their school P.E kit on Tuesday. **They will also need to bring a packed lunch each day.**

Parents are invited to attend a special presentation at Bushey Meads on Friday 4th July at 2.15pm.