



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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INCLUSION &
ACCEPTANCE

RESPECTFUL
COMMUNICATION

ENGAGED
LEARNING



A Note from Mr Harper



Good afternoon!

One of the highlights of the start of any school year is when we see last year's school leavers popping back for a visit, wearing bashful smiles and looking simultaneously much more grown up and ever so little in their secondary uniform! Not only is it a treat to see them, I always feel proud that they WANT to take the time to come back and visit their old school.

This week that happy feeling of seeing old faces has only been enhanced by new photos being added to our 'Celebrating Our Leavers' board, which is populated by photos of the children on their first day of secondary school, but also from some data that Mr Turner shared in our joint Heads' meeting this week, detailing how Hartsbourne alumni had gotten on in both their GCSEs and A-Levels. The data was impressive, though I would hesitate to claim any credit for children who left us five and seven years ago, but the best part was seeing their names and the memories that are evoked remembering their time with us. Hearing about how ex-pupils are getting on is one of the best things about working in one school for so long.

These feelings then adjusted the lens through which I was observing some of our children this year, whether in my Friday lunch duty in Nursery (unquestionably a high point of any week!) or the opportunities I've had this week to teach in both Years 5&6. It was fascinating to watch teeny tiny three year-olds with our light blue jumpers on gambolling around in plastic cars and try to imagine what their journey through our school will bring over the forthcoming years, but equally interesting to take a step back when working with ten and eleven-year-olds and remembering some of the stories that punctuated the start of their school life with us. Seeing the growth, both academically and otherwise, that they've all made over the years always makes me feel proud of them, proud of our staff who have helped them get there, and grateful to all of you for the enduring support you provide us.

Finally, another appeal to please complete the OFSTED Parent View survey by clicking the link below - our Trustees would like as much data as possible ahead of their committee meeting in a couple of weeks, so please do complete it if you haven't already. Have a lovely weekend and we will see you all next week!

Mr Harper



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Dates For Your Diary

Date	Event
Friday 2 nd October	Flu Vaccinations - First Visit (Reception - Year 6)
Wednesday 7th October	Early Finish (1.30pm) - Trust Wide Training
Thursday 8 th October	Year 1 - The History of Toys Workshop
Monday 12 th October	Carmel Jane - Individual School Photos
Wednesday 21 st October	Nursery - Pyjamas and Story Day
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 (Reception - Year 6)

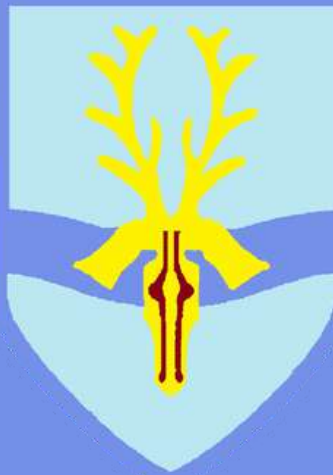
Meet your new house captains!

Fallow - Charlotte and Ta'Ziyah

Roe - Casey and Isaiah

Sika - Evie and Zach

Muntjac - Makenzie and Eduardo



Meet your new school councillors!

Year 2 – Sorchia and Jaxson

Year 3 – Lottie and Jenny

Year 4 – Ivy and Hugo

Year 5 – Maddison and Harry

Year 6 – Sanam and Louis



Autumn *Week*

Tuesday 3rd - Friday 6th November

On the first week back after the half-term holiday, we will be having a whole-school themed week called 'Autumn Week'.

During this week, children will have lots of opportunities for outdoor learning, including outdoor assemblies, and be completing a variety of Autumn-themed activities. There will also be opportunities for autumnal art activities during lunchtimes and for those of you (like some of us!) who remember singing 'Come and Praise' songs in primary school, we'll be learning 'Autumn Days' as a whole school!

If you haven't already done so, please make sure your children have either a pair of wellies in school, or at the very least, a pair of old trainers they can change into, as we're confident that autumnal weather will bring with it muddy conditions!



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 25th September 2026 – Amethyst: comfortable with mistakes and sees them as learning opportunities, keeps calm when feeling emotional.



Year 1 – Bobby shows resilience by embracing mistakes as learning opportunities and Lily remains calm and composed when faced with challenging emotions.

Year 2 – Margot always sees mistakes as learning opportunities and Safwan is calm and measured under all circumstances.

Year 3 – Victoria has a wonderful attitude to learning and uses any mistakes to help her improve. Rares shows maturity by staying calm when faced with challenges.

Year 4 – David always stays calm and collected in tricky situations and Liana perseveres to make corrections to mistakes in her work.

Year 5 – Jenna tries really hard in her learning, it's been brilliant to see. Nathan has worked really hard in his writing. Well done to both of you!

Year 6 – Ruby always looks for ways to keep improving her work, which shows how determined she is to challenge herself and Ailani always voices her thoughts and feelings in such a mature way, which allows herself to solve problems.

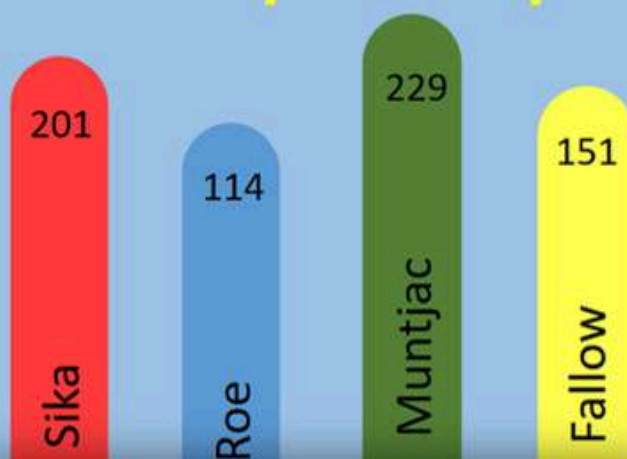
This week Clive the Carrot is awarded to...



Year 1



Housepoints – Friday 25th September 2026



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 - Watford Observer My First Day Photo Update

Sadly only a small number of parents have responded to the request for consent for the My First Day Photo. Please could you take a moment to log in to Arbor and either Decline or give Consent for us to take the photo so we can ensure we're including those who would like to be a part of it?

The photo will be taken on **Wednesday morning** and will only include children we hold this specific consent for.

Nursery and Reception - Tapestry Logins

Tapestry is the system we use for recording our Early Years observations, and parents/carers will receive login information email directly from Tapestry, so that they can view their own child's learning journey. Mrs Durrant - Patel and Mrs Pillay will usually release observations towards the end of each half term. To ensure that you all have access ready for this, over the next week or so you will receive your login information email. We just wanted to highlight this to you so you can keep an eye out for it.

If your child was with us last school year then you won't need new details and will be able to see the updated content on your current account.