



21<sup>st</sup> March 2025

***“Learning Together for Life”***

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are looking forward to seeing you at parents’ evening next week. If you haven’t yet managed to book an appointment, please get in touch with the school office.

We have received a number of concerns from parents and community members about parking on the pavement along Carriage Drive. Please be considerate when parking your vehicle near the school to ensure the safety of pedestrians.

#### Attendance Update


We are pleased to report continued improvements in attendance compared to national averages and to the previous academic year. However, we have noticed a small increase in the number of children arriving after 8:55am. Unfortunately, this means they are missing out on ‘Early Bird Maths’ which provides over an hour of additional maths teaching each week.

We will be writing to families where children have been late more than 10 times after 8:55am. If you need support to improve punctuality, please do not hesitate to get in touch—we are here to help.

Finally, please look out for a separate communication about our new free Breakfast Club offer, which will be starting on Wednesday 23rd April.

Thank you for your continued support.

**Best wishes,  
Simon Kidwell**

<b><u>School Dinners</u></b>	Next week we will be on menu 2. Please pay for your meals via School Gateway.
<b><u>FunFest Holiday Club</u></b>	FunFest will be running a holiday club at Hartford Manor during the Easter break. To book a space please visit: <a href="https://fun-fest.co.uk/hartfordmanor/">https://fun-fest.co.uk/hartfordmanor/</a>
<b><u>The Big Wheel (24<sup>th</sup> March-4<sup>th</sup> April 2025)</u></b> 	Hartford Manor is taking part in ‘The Big Walk and Wheel’. This event aims to encourage more families to travel to school actively to help create healthier and happier communities. On each day of the challenge, schools compete to see who can record the greatest proportion of their pupils walking, using a wheelchair, scooting or cycling to school. The event finishes on Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April 2025.

**1st Hartford Scouts Bedding Plant Sale**

It's that time of year again, the 1st Hartford Scouts Bedding Plant Sale is open!

We are pleased to announce that this year the sale will be held on Saturday the 17th of May.

Order your plants from our website, [https://1sthartfordscouts.co.uk/?page\\_id=202](https://1sthartfordscouts.co.uk/?page_id=202) and collect them from the **Grange Junior School car park** on the **17th of May** between **12 and 2pm**.

**Diary Dates**

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Event</u></b>
24-27 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	Parents' Evening
4 <sup>th</sup> April 2025	School closes for spring break
25th April 2025	FOHM Spring Disco- Letter to follow Reception & Year 1 3:30pm-4:30pm Years 2 & 3 4:45pm-6:00pm Years 4, 5 & 6 6:15pm-7:15pm

**HOLIDAY DATES 2024 - 25**

<b>HOLIDAY PERIOD</b>	<b>DATE OF CLOSING</b>	<b>DATE OF RE-OPENING</b>
SPRING BREAK 2025	Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April 2025	Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April 2025
SUMMER HALF TERM 2025	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2025	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2025
SUMMER 2025	Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2025	

<b>INSET DAYS</b>	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2025	
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