






4<sup>th</sup> April 2025




***"Learning Together for Life"***

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of the spring term, I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your support and the interest you take in your child's education. The children continue to amaze us with their hard work and excellent behaviour. We hope you all have a restful and happy Easter and that the wonderful spring weather we've enjoyed in March and early April continues.

Best wishes,  
Simon Kidwell

<b><u>School Dinners</u></b>	After Easter, we will be on menu 1. Please pay for your meals via School Gateway.
<b><u>The Hartford 100 – Join Our 100-Mile Bike Ride</u></b>	<p>On Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July, I will be leading our first Hartford Manor 100-mile bike ride along with Kathryn Cawley and Mrs Diamond to raise funds for Friends of Hartford Manor.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Route: Departing from school at 8:00AM, heading towards Shropshire and returning via the Welsh border.</li><li>• Food stops: Planned in Whitchurch and Bangor-on-Dee.</li><li>• Pace: Social, riding in small groups.</li></ul> <p>We'd love for parents, carers and friends of the school to join us. If you're interested in taking part and would like to know more, please join our Teams meeting on:</p> <p> Wednesday 23rd April</p> <p> 8:00 PM</p> <p> Contact Mrs. Cawley at <a href="mailto:kcawley@fohm.net">kcawley@fohm.net</a> to receive the link.</p>
<b><u>Expanding Our Care Services</u></b>	<p>For a number of years, our long-term ambition has been to offer an enhanced extended school offer for working parents. I am pleased to let you know that we are extending our partnership with Fun Fest, and Fun Fest Hartford Manor will be running in the Easter holiday and beyond.</p> <p>At Hartford Manor, we offer a comprehensive range of services designed to support our families. Our <b>wrap-around care</b> runs from <b>07:30 to 18:00</b>, providing a safe and nurturing environment for your children before and after school hours. Additionally, our partnership with Fun Fest ensures that your children have access to engaging and fun activities during school holidays. For more details, please visit the Fun Fest Holiday Club website: <a href="https://fun-fest.co.uk/hartfordmanor/">https://fun-fest.co.uk/hartfordmanor/</a></p> <p><b>Benefits of Extended Community Services:</b> Being open for the community outside of core school hours offers numerous benefits, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Convenience for Working Parents:</b> Flexible care options that align with your work schedules.</li><li>• <b>Safe Environment:</b> A secure place for children to stay, learn, and play.</li><li>• <b>Enrichment Activities:</b> Access to a variety of activities that promote learning and development.</li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Community Engagement:</b> Strengthening community bonds by providing a hub for families.</li> </ul> <p>We look forward to continuing to support our community and providing the best possible care for your children.</p>
<b><u>Hartford Manor on BBC &amp; ITV</u></b>	This week, BBC and ITV visited school to film news segments about the Government's new free breakfast club initiative. These reports are due to be broadcast on 22nd April.
<b><u>Free Breakfast Club – starts Wednesday 23rd April</u></b>	<p>We're delighted to announce that our Free Breakfast Club (Reception to Year 6) will launch on Wednesday, 23rd April.</p> <p> Time: 8:20 AM – 8:30 AM (school gates open during this time).</p> <p> Cost: Free for children in Reception to Year 6.</p> <p>To help us plan staffing and food preparation, please book your Free Breakfast Club place at least 7 days in advance.</p> <p> <b>Booking deadline for 23rd April: 16th April.</b></p> <p>If your work schedule makes advance booking difficult, contact the office, and we'll find a solution.</p> <p>For families needing childcare before 8:20 AM, our existing paid-for Breakfast Club will continue:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7:30 AM – 8:20 AM</li> <li>• Includes breakfast and childcare.</li> <li>• New reduced cost</li> </ul>

#### **Diary Dates**

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Event</u></b>
4 <sup>th</sup> April 2025	School closes for spring break
23 <sup>rd</sup> April 2025	School reopens
25th April 2025	<p><b><u>FOHM Spring Disco</u></b></p> <p>Reception &amp; Year 1 3:30pm-4:30pm</p> <p>Years 2 &amp; 3 4:45pm-6:00pm</p> <p>Years 4, 5 &amp; 6 6:15pm-7:30pm</p>

#### **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	