



2<sup>nd</sup> May 2025

*“Learning Together for Life”*

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, our Year 5 children spent 3 sunny days on their residential trip to PGL in Shropshire. They took part in a range of outdoor activities including zip wire, canoeing, archery and abseiling. The children made us extremely proud throughout, showing great resilience and determination. We have shared some photographs on the school Instagram account (hartfordmanor72) Thanks to the staff who accompanied the children and facilitated such a memorable trip- the children had a fantastic time.

Last Friday, the FOHM held another three successful school discos. The children really enjoyed themselves and were impeccably behaved. Thank you to all the parents, carers and staff who stayed to support the event. If you would like to share your thoughts and ideas for fundraising events, please come along to the next FOHM meeting in school on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm- everyone is welcome!

You may have noticed the large amount of lost property on display this week. It's that time of year when the children shed clothes wherever they may be so if they're not named, we struggle to return them to the rightful owner. Please check that all uniform/PE items are labelled with a first name and initial of surname. (Biro or Sharpie work well enough.) If you have purchased pre-loved uniform, please change the name in the label so that I don't try and return a jumper to someone who grew out of it a while ago!

Thank you for your continued support.  
I hope you have a lovely bank holiday weekend.

Jan Diamond  
**Head of School**

<b><u>School Dinners</u></b>	Next week, we will be on menu 3. Please pay for your meals via School Gateway. Please note that Edsential increased the cost of school meals to £2.85 from 1 <sup>st</sup> May 2025.
<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, please email the school office.</p>

**Parking**

I received an email this week from a local resident whose driveway had been blocked by someone collecting from our school. They were also unhappy because engines are being left on- presumably to keep the air conditioning on in the hot weather. I would therefore like to politely remind everyone to park with consideration for the local residents and also to be mindful of the environmental impact of leaving engines running.

**Diary Dates**

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Event</u></b>
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> May and Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> May 2025	Year 3 & 4 Performance 'Ali Baba & the Bongo Bandits' (school hall)
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> May 2025	Reception sports day-more information to follow.
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May 2025	Year 1- Year 6 sports day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10.40am KS2 (Years 3-6) races start – <b>Parents are welcome to attend</b></li> <li>• 2.15pm KS1 (Y1 &amp;2) races start – <b>Parents welcome to attend</b></li> </ul>
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2025	Nursery sports day- more information to follow.
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2025	School closes for half-term

**HOLIDAY DATES 2024 - 25**

<b>HOLIDAY PERIOD</b>	<b>DATE OF CLOSING</b>	<b>DATE OF RE-OPENING</b>
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>	<b>DATE</b>
	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2025