



19th September 2025

"Learning Together for Life"

Dear Parents and Carers,

We're delighted with the fantastic start to the new school year. Both children and staff have returned with great energy and positivity, and we've seen excellent levels of attendance and outstanding behaviour across all classes. Thank you for your continued support in ensuring children arrive ready to learn and for your positive engagement with their teachers. Strong partnerships with parents are at the heart of our school community, and together we can make sure each child thrives in our school.

Thank you for your continued support.

Simon Kidwell

Principal

<u>School Dinners</u>	Next week, we will be on menu 1. Please pay for your meals via School Gateway.
<u>School Open day - Prospective Parents</u>	Our Open Day for prospective parents is scheduled for Saturday 27th September from 9:30am. Please share the event with your networks and encourage families who may be considering Hartford Manor to come along and discover what makes our school so special.
<u>FunFest Hartford Manor- October half-term</u>	FunFest will be running a holiday club at Hartford Manor during October half-term. To book a space please visit: https://fun-fest.co.uk/hartfordmanor/
<u>Smart Watches & Mobile Phones</u>	Over the past year, a few children have asked about wearing smart watches in school. As a reminder, smart watches and mobile phones are not permitted in class, as they can be distracting to learning. A small number of children who walk home independently are allowed to bring a mobile phone, which must be handed to their class teacher at the start of the day and collected at home time. Thank you for helping us maintain a focused and safe learning environment.
<u>Secondary School Applications</u>	Many of our Year 5 and 6 pupils have been attending high school open days recently. A reminder that the deadline for Year 6 secondary school applications is 31st October. If you need any support with the application process, please don't hesitate to get in touch. You can also find helpful information in the Cheshire West and Chester Secondary School Booklet. https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/asset-library/secondary-booklet-sep252.pdf
<u>Looking after Ourselves and Others</u>	One of our key school priorities is caring for ourselves and those around us. With this in mind, we'd like to remind all families that Hartford Manor is a nut-free school. Our caterers strictly follow this policy, and we ask parents to carefully check the ingredients in snacks and lunchboxes to ensure they are nut-free. Your vigilance helps us keep all children safe—thank you.
<u>Friends of Hartford Manor AGM</u>	This week, Friends of Hartford Manor met to plan an exciting year of fundraising and community events. It was lovely to welcome some new faces to the group, and we're keen to keep the momentum going as families with older children move on. The Annual General Meeting will take place on Monday 7th October at 7pm , where last year's activities, fundraising, and spending will be reviewed. Mrs Diamond will be in touch next week with further details.

<u>Early Help Navigator Service</u>	Cheshire West are offering a new service for any families who may need some advice or support or just need someone to chat to about any family concerns. Jo Mander is going to be available in school on a monthly basis for anyone who would like to drop-in. Jo is also based in other places in the community, including the library and toddler groups. Her first date with us at Hartford Manor is Friday 10 th October at 9am and 2pm. The flyer below provides further details of the service.
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Diary Dates

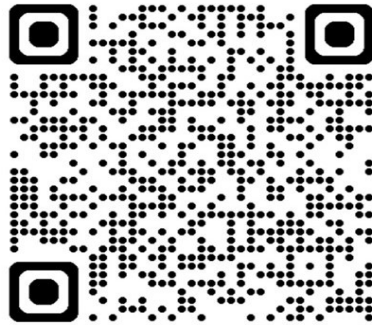
<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Saturday 27 th September 2025	Open Day for prospective parents- 9.30 onwards
Tuesday 7 th October 2025	FOHM AGM meeting in school at 7pm- all welcome
Thursday 23 rd October 2025	Tempest school photographs (Individual children only). Please wear full school uniform (no P.E kits)
Thursday 23 rd October 2025	School closes for half term.
Friday 24 th October 2025	School closed- Staff training day.
Monday 3 rd November 2025	School re-opens
Thursday 6 th November 2025	Tempest Sibling photographs. Please wear full school uniform (no P.E kits)
Monday 17 th November-Thursday 20 th November 2025	Parents' evening week (booking information will be shared after half-term)
Tuesday 9 th December 2025 & Wednesday 10 th December 2025	KS1 Nativity in the school hall (2pm)
Friday 12 th December 2025	Reception & Nursery Christmas performance in the school hall (9am and 2pm)
Tuesday 16 th December 2025	11:00am Year 3 & Carol Service (St John's Church) 2:00pm Year 5/6 Carol Service (St John's Church)
Friday 19 th December 2025	School closes for Christmas Break.
Tuesday 19 th May 2026	Reception Sports Day
Wednesday 20 th May 2026	Years 1-6 Sports Day
Thursday 21 st May 2026	Nursery Sports Day



Early Help Navigator Service

We know life isn't always easy. Sometimes you don't know where to go for help. You may need a bit of advice or support, or simply a friendly face to chat to about something that's bothering you.

**Early Help Navigators
are here to help**



Scan this QR code for details of drop-in sessions in your area, or to request an appointment.

We can:

**Provide help,
support and
advice with
family life**

Be a listening ear

**Signpost you to
local and
national support**

**Help you fill out
forms**

**Attend GP
appointments
with your family**

**Provide food
and baby bank
referrals**

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/services/5751](http://www.livewell.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/services/5751)
or phone 0151 556 8378



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and Chester**



October Half Term

27th-31st October 2025

Fun Fest Hartford Manor

	AM	PM
Mon	Football Camp Pottery	Sports Action Crafty Creations
Tues	Sports Action Sublime Slime	Fun Fest Bootcamp Autumn Gardens
Weds	Wacky Races Picturesque Painting	Sports Action Fun Fest's Got Talent
Thurs	Crazy Golf Space Cadets	Fun Fit Wizards, Witches and Ghouls
Fri	Halloween Party Day	

Book online at www.fun-fest.co.uk

