



29<sup>th</sup> November 2024

*“Learning Together for Life”*

Dear Parents and Carers,

Improving attendance remains one of our main priorities for the current academic year and we know that good attendance leads to positive outcomes for all children.

We have already reached the first third of the academic year and I am pleased to share some good news about attendance: we have seen an improvement of 280 additional sessions (equivalent to 140 school days) since the end of November 2023.

Thank you for your efforts in:

- Keeping term-time holidays to a minimum.
- Making sensible decisions about sending your children to school unless they are too unwell to attend.
- Ensuring children arrive at school by 8:40 a.m.

### **Punctuality remains an area for further improvement**

One area where we still need to see progress is reducing the number of children arriving after the register has closed.

- **Children arriving between 8:55 and 9:15** will be marked with an ‘L’ (late) in the register.
- **Children arriving after 9:15** (in line with national policy) will be marked as unauthorised for half a day using a ‘U’ code.

Accumulating **10 unauthorised sessions (half-days)** within a 10-week period may result in the Local Authority issuing a fixed penalty notice.

### **Accessing Attendance Information**

At our recent parent evenings, teachers shared information about your child’s attendance. If you would like to check live attendance data, you can log in to the School Gateway account. This will be available on the mobile app in January.

### **How Well Is Your Child Doing?**

The table below outlines how attendance percentages translate into missed learning:

Attendance during one school year	Equivalent Days	Equivalent Sessions	Equivalent Weeks	Equivalent Lessons Missed
95%	9 Days	18 Sessions	1.4 Weeks	45 Lessons
90%	19 Days	38 Sessions	3.4 Weeks	95 Lessons
85%	29 Days	58 Sessions	5.4 Weeks	145 Lessons
80%	36 Days	72 Sessions	7.1 Weeks	180 Lessons
75%	48 Days	96 Sessions	9.3 Weeks	240 Lessons

## Safe Travel to School

With over 3,000 children accessing the Hartford Campus, it is important for all road users—drivers, cyclists, and pedestrians—to exercise extra caution during school runs.

The Police Community Support Officer will be patrolling routes to school following reports of cars driving on or blocking footpaths. Please help us ensure the safety of all children by driving and parking responsibly.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr Kidwell  
Principal

<b><u>School Dinners</u></b>	Next week we will be on menu 1. Please pay for your meals via School Gateway.
<b><u>Applying for school places: Key dates</u></b>	<b><u>Reception Places</u></b> The closing date for Reception 2025 applications is the <b>15th January 2025</b> . Please click the following link to apply: <a href="#">Apply for a Reception 2025</a> .
<b><u>School Photographs</u></b>	Tempest Photography have informed us that unfortunately, they have found an error on the files of the photographs that were taken last week and as a result, they will need to retake the photographs.  We will let you know the new date for individual and sibling photographs as soon as it is confirmed. Tempest apologises for any inconvenience.

### Diary Dates

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Event</u></b>
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	Early Years Christmas Performance 9am (school hall)
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	Reception day trip.
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December & Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 Christmas performance (school hall) 2pm
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	11:00am Year 3 & Carol Service (St John's Church) 2:00pm Year 5/6 Carol Service (St John's Church)
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	Christmas Dinner Day (Children may wear a Christmas Jumper if they wish)
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	School Closes for Christmas break.
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	School opens

# HOLIDAY DATES 2024 - 25

<b>HOLIDAY PERIOD</b>	<b>DATE OF CLOSING</b>	<b>DATE OF RE-OPENING</b>
SUMMER 2024	Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2024
AUTUMN HALF TERM 2024	Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> October 2024	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November 2024
CHRISTMAS 2024	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2025
SPRING HALF TERM 2025	Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February 2025
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
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<b>INSET DAYS</b>
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2024
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2024
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October 2024
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February 2025
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2025