



**13<sup>th</sup> December 2024**

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of this term, we want to extend our thanks to each and every one of you for attending the splendid performances of *"Whoops a Daisy Angel"* and *"Lights, Camel, Action!"* Your support and enthusiasm made these events truly special for both our children and staff. The children did an amazing job of retelling the message of Christmas in their own unique way.

### **Curriculum Activities Next Week**

As the term winds down, our curriculum activities will continue next week. Valuable learning will still take place, and we would like to remind you of the importance of maintaining good attendance during this final week of term.

### **Reception 2024 Applications**

An important reminder: the closing date for Reception 2024 applications is **January 15th, 2025**. If you have friends or family thinking about applying, please remind them to submit their applications by this date to secure a place. We will also be communicating the closing date for school applications through a Facebook campaign over the Christmas and New Year period, and any shares or positive messages about the school are greatly appreciated.

This is our final newsletter of 2024, and I want to express our gratitude for your support. The Hartford Manor Community is a special place, and your involvement and encouragement make a significant difference in the success of our school. On behalf of all the staff and governors, we wish you all a restful and joyous Christmas break filled with warmth, love, and laughter.

**Simon Kidwell**

**Principal**

<b><u>School Dinners</u></b>	Next week we will be on menu 3. Please pay for your meals via School Gateway.
<b><u>Applying for school places: Key dates</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>Parent Governor vacancies</u></b>	<p>Would you be interested in supporting the school as a Parent Governor at Hartford Manor? The governing body are committed to see our school continue to make sustained improvements for the benefit of all our children.</p> <p>The role requires someone who is able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Take on an individual responsibility for the governance of a particular area of school</li><li>• Commit to attending 2 meetings a term (6 per year)</li><li>• Attend training events periodically.</li></ul> <p>To apply, you will need to be proposed and seconded by two current parents and to write a statement of <b>no more</b> than 100 words in support of your application. Please submit your application to the school office by <b>Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2025</b>. An election will follow if necessary.</p>

<b><u>Litter outside the school gates</u></b>	The children have reported increased levels of littering on the grassed area outside the school gate. We suspect this may be from other people using the area outside of school hours. We will put a bin near the school gate to hopefully encourage people to keep the area clean and tidy.
<b><u>Holiday activities and food clubs</u></b>	Thanks to the crucial funding from the Department of Education, HAF Christmas is nearly here and we wanted to share with you some of the Holiday Activities and Food clubs available in your area. Coordinated by Edsential, on behalf of Cheshire West and Chester Council, this years Christmas HAF programme has a whole host of clubs that are completely free for children and young people in receipt of free school meals.  To find a full list of the Christmas holiday activity clubs click <a href="#">here</a> .

### Diary Dates

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
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

HOLIDAY PERIOD	DATE OF CLOSING	DATE OF RE-OPENING
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>	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2025