



NEWSLETTER 5 6th February 2025

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Well, we had a full-on week last week! After receiving a call from an inspector at 9.30am on Monday, I spent 3 hours across 3 calls with him before he arrived on site for the next 2 days. We will be sharing the outcome in the next few days once the final report is received.

Thank you for your support before, during and after the inspection and of course ongoing. There has been a lot of publicity around Ofsted and their aim of ensuring inspections are thorough while ensuring that staff are not put under undue stress. I can confirm that the inspection was definitely thorough and, although I confess, I needed a lie down on Wednesday night, the process was fair. The inspector was particularly impressed by the positive attitude and caring behaviour of the children and how supportive our parents are of the school.

Thank you to the Hartsfield staff team and Governors for all your hard work and support

Attendance

As a school we monitor attendance closely and I personally look at absence lists daily. I am pleased to say that Hartsfield attendance remains high relative to other schools, but we still need your support to ensure children are in school to learn. Attendance less than 95% is seen as a particular concern. Below is data taken from the start of the academic year to 6.2.25.

Year group	% attendance
EYFS	94.44%
1	95.93%
2	95.93%
3	96.13%
4	97.28%
5	96.72%
6	96.10%
Whole school	96.07%

FHSA Update

The next event on the FHSA calendar is the **Valentine's Day Bake Off** on Friday 14th February. Please bring in your baked cakes and goodies on Friday morning for judging by The Friends during the day. EYFS/KS1 & KS2 winners will be awarded baking themed prizes. **Individual treats will then be sold at the end of the day for £1 each**, cash or card accepted. Please support this new event raising funds for The Friends of Hartsfield.

The Friends have a full year of activities and events in the pipeline, some new ones as well as many of the Hartsfield favourites too. Watch this space for more detail.

Parent/teacher consultations

We look forward to welcoming you to the booked appointments on Tuesday and Thursday next week. Children's books will be available in each teaching area with EYFS teachers sharing work with parents during the meeting. Meetings will be held in the main hall as usual with parking available on the playground.

DIARY DATES

February 2025

- 10 Yr 2 Great Fire of London Workshops
- 11 Parents/ Teacher Consultations @ 4.00-7.00 pm
- 12 Yr 6 to KTS to watch a performance
- 13 Parents/ Teacher Consultations @ 4.00-7.00 pm
- 14 Trading card Club
- 14 Valentine Bake off (FHSA) & Cake sale
- 17-21 Half term**
- 26 Yr 1 Creative Chef Food Sessions
- 27 Yr 1 Visit to St Marys Church Baldock
- 27 Happy School Bag Company collection
- 28 Yr 2 Assembly to Parents @ 2.45pm (doors open 2.35pm)

March 2025

- 4 Yr 2 Labtots Workshop
- 5 Herts Catering Pancake Workshop
- 5 Parenting Meeting @ St Johns School Baldock @ 1pm
- 6 World Book Day
- 6 Herts Catering Pancake Workshop
- 10-14 Year 5 Bikeability sessions
- 17 Football Tournament @ Hartsfield
- 18 EYFS Pirate Workshop
- 19 Year 6 K'Nex challenge
- 28 Football Tournament @ Hartsfield

April 2025

- 3 Trading Card Club
- 4 Last day of term- 1.30 pm finish
- 7-21 Easter Holidays**
- 22 INSET day- school closed**
- 23 First day of term
- 26 Rock N Roll Bingo Evening – (FHSA)

May 2025

- 5 Bank holiday
- 6-7 Reception classes health screening
- 8 EYFS/ Year 6 class photos
- 12-15 Year 6 SATs
- 12-16 Year 4 Hudnall trips
- 26-30 Half term**

June 2025

- 2-6 Year 4 Multiplication Tests
- 9-13 Year 1 Phonics screening

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