



NEWSLETTER 3 18th December 2025



Christmas Activities-The last couple of weeks have certainly been busy and it was great to see so many parents/carers attending the week of Christmas performances. The children enjoyed the theatre show on Tuesday and Christmas dinner- complete with crackers and Christmas music.

Attendance-I am proud to share that current whole school attendance is running at **96.6%** which puts Hartsfield in the top 10% of schools. Thank you to all those families that ensure their children attend school fully and arrive on time each day. Children that attend fully are proven to achieve their potential and reinforces that school is important and I personally review attendance data every day with Miss Gregory, Assistant Headteacher making contact with specific families for whom regular attendance is a problem. Lateness prevents children arriving with their peers and a calm start and, as we start learning as soon as children arrive with many completing pre-learning sessions first thing, can also affect their learning outcomes. Please reach out to us for support if you are struggling to get your child into school regularly or on time.

FHSA Update- The Friends have had an amazing term and raised an incredible £12,000... a record! A huge thank you to the committee and volunteers and all our parents/carers for their support- it is greatly appreciated.

Fireworks- Alongside the money raised by the FHSA, we are grateful to the Baldock Fireworks Committee for a £2500 cheque as a contribution to school funds for hosting last month's event.

Please note that we finish at 1.30 tomorrow for the Christmas holidays. Although staff will be back on Monday 5.1.26, the children's first day is Tuesday 6th January 2026.

On behalf of the Hartsfield team- thank you for all the Christmas cards and gifts. While they are never expected they are greatly appreciated.

Wishing all our families a great Christmas and New Year and we will see you all in 2026!

Thank you for your continued support.

Philippa Smith and the Hartsfield Team

DIARY DATES

December 2025

19 Last day of term- 1.30 finish

January 2026

5 INSET day- school closed

6 First day of term

8 Final prospective parent tour

14 FHSA meeting @ 7.30pm

16 First hot dog Friday of 2026

19 Young Voices Concert at O2

22 Parents evening booking system opens @6 pm

February 2026

4 Year 1 assembly to parents

4 Parents evening booking system closes @6 pm

5 Year 1 Little Red Riding Hood workshop

10 Parents evening 4.00-7.00 pm

11 FHSA KS2 Valentines Bake off

12 Year 2 Great Fire of London Workshop

12 Parents Evening 4.00 -7.00 pm

16-20 Half term

March 2026

4/5 EYFS Health checks

5 World Book day

9-13 Year 5 Bikeability sessions

18 Football tournament

19 EYFS Pirate workshop

24 FHSA KS1 Easter Bake off

25 Football tournament

25 Happy School Bag clothes recycling collection

26 Year 5 assembly to parents

27 End of term- 1.30pm finish

April 2026

13 INSET day- school closed

14 First day of term

29 Year 6 K'Nex Challenge

May 2026

6 EYFS and Year 6 class photos

11-14 Year 6 SATs

22 INSET day- school closed

25-29 Half Term

June 2026

1-12 Year 4 Multiplication Tests

8-12 Year 1 Phonics screening tests

15-19 Year 4 Hudnall residential trips

29-3 Year 6 residential trip to Isle of Wight

