



Well Christmas and New Year seem a dim and distant memory, and I hope everyone is putting a positive spin on the short days and a month that just keeps on going! The Spring term at school is when children make extraordinary progress academically and we are looking forward to meeting up to share achievements and progress with parents/carers in a couple of weeks.

**Parents evenings-** are on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February. Please book online via Arbor if you have not already done so.

**FHSA Update-** After an amazing first term, The Friends have a range of fundraising events planned so look out for details shared in our weekly 'Friday Flyers' email. The next event is a KS2 Valentines Day themed bake off.

**Emergency plan-** There are times when we might need to close the school as a result of an unforeseen incident. The most common reason to close the school will be due to snow or extreme weather. The decision to close is never taken lightly and is based on ensuring the site is safe for children to move around the school and sufficient staff are able to get in to supervise and teach. If at all possible, a decision will be taken before 7.00 a.m. and communicated to parents by text message and posted on the school's website.

**Children's mobile phone use-** Further to information shared in the press regarding Government guidance that mobile phones should not be used/accessed at school, I wanted to reassure you that at Hartsfield, as with all Primary schools, children's phones are locked away for the school day if they are brought in. Children are also told that they should only use phones onsite, before and after school, in an emergency. The Government are also considering a ban on social media access to children under 16- something I know many of our parents feel strongly about.

**Heads recruitment update-** things are moving along regarding the recruitment of my successor ready for September 2026. Mr Bob Hopcraft, Chair of Governors, will keep parents/carers informed and will share information as and when he can.

Thank you for your continued support.

*Philippa Smith and the Hartsfield Team*

## DIARY DATES

### February 2026

- 3 Labtots science sessions for EYFS
- 4 Year 1 assembly to parents (pm)
- 4 Parents evening booking system closes @6 pm
- 5 Year 1 Little Red Riding Hood workshop
- 9-13 Children's Mental Health Week
- 10 Parents evening 4.00-7.00 pm
- 11 Year 6 to KTS (am)
- 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
- 26 Year 4 Hudnall Park parents meeting
- 27 Year 2 assembly to parents (pm)

### March 2026

- 4/5 EYFS Health checks
- 5 World Book day- **FHSA Wonka Bars after school**
- 9-13 Year 5 Bikeability sessions
- 17 Labtots science session for Year 2
- 18 Football tournament
- 19 EYFS Pirate workshop
- 20 Comic Relief day
- 24 FHSA KS1 Easter bake off**
- 25 Football tournament
- 25 Happy School Bag clothes recycling collection
- 26 Year 5 assembly to parents
- 27 Easter Egg Raffle Draw
- 27 End of term- 1.30pm finish

### April 2026

- 13 INSET day- school closed
- 14 First day of term
- 17 Gladiator (Steel) visit
- 18 FHSA Rock n'Roll Bingo (adults)
- 29 Year 6 K'Nex Challenge

### May 2026

- 6 EYFS and Year 6 class photos
- 8 FHSA Colour Run**
- 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
- 12 Year 6 to KTS- Legacy sports event
- 15-19 Year 4 Hudnall residential trips
- 24 Year 6 Performance
- 29-3 Year 6 residential trip to Isle of Wight

### July 2026

- 10 Sports Day
- 11-12 FHSA Camp Out
- 13-17 Sports Week
- 22 Last day of term-1.30 pm finish