

NEWSLETTER 11th September



Firstly, a huge thank you to everyone at Hartsfield who has given me such a warm welcome! There is a lot to celebrate here and I have been immediately struck by the warmth and friendliness of all the children and staff. There is a great community feel to Hartsfield!

Personally, I think I have made a decent start at learning names – I told a mathematically-minded Year 6 child that I would aim to learn 5 a day, at which point they told me that would take me 84 days to learn all the children's names. Watch this space. Thank you also for the many enquiries about ties – I now feel an increasing level of pressure to ensure I deliver with a different tie a day with one child suggesting I set up a log...

Below is some key information for you to be aware of – as ever, if you have anything you would like to discuss, get in touch.

Mr Monro

Mobile Phone Policy

As referenced in the letter at the start of term, there is new statutory guidance in place that means schools must be 'mobile-phone free'. This does also apply to any smartwatches that have internet connectivity – please can these stay at home. If they do come to school, they will be collected in by the class teacher and returned at the end of the day. The policy can be found on the school website here: [Mobile Phone Policy](#)

Prospectus

The school prospectus has been updated for the new academic year and is now on the website – this could be a useful reference point both for the day-to-day procedures in school but also information about the curriculum and opportunities being at Hartsfield can over. [Hartsfield JMI School - School Prospectus](#)

Secondary School Applications

Year 6 parents will have received information regarding the secondary school application process this week. Please can you ensure that, if your child will be attending KTS on the morning of Wednesday 14th October, you inform the office by Monday 28th September.

Christmas Performances

Dates for our Christmas performance are in the Diary Dates section. Timings will be advised nearer the time. To help with your planning, afternoon performances will be timed to finish close the end of the school day. The morning performance will be timed to start shortly after the start of the school day.

MarvellousMe

We are no longer using this system, therefore alerts will no longer be sent to you via this app.

Hartsfield Governors

We are looking for new governors to join our Governing Body. If you are interested in learning more please contact the school office. More details about the role and how governors strategically support the school can be found here. [Hartsfield JMI School - What we do](#)

Community

Attached is information from local community organisations.

DIARY DATES

September 2026

11th First Year 4 swimming session (of 10)
14th Clubs start this week
17th New EYFS parents meeting from 5.30 pm
29th Individual and Sibling photographs
30th FHSA AGM @7.00 pm

October 2026

5th Harvest Festival
8th Year 5 Trip to Airbus Stevenage
13th Nasal Flu Immunisations
20th Parent/teacher consultations 4.00-7.00pm (all classes)
21st Parent teacher consultations 4.00 – 7.00pm (Class 1 only)
22nd Parent/teacher consultations 4.00-7.00pm (not Class 1)
23rd Non Uniform Day for Winter Fair Food Donations

26-30th Half term

November 2026

5th Year 6 health questionnaire sessions
7th Baldock Community Fireworks Event
9th Nasal Flu Immunisations follow-up session
13th Year 5 Assembly to Parents
21st Winter Fair
25th Happy Bag Charity Clothes Collection

27th Occasional day- school closed

December 2026

3rd EYFS Christmas Performance – PM
8th Years 1 & 2 Christmas Performance – PM
9th Years 1 & 2 Christmas Performance – PM
9th Years 3 & 4 Christmas Performance – AM
10th Years 3 & 4 Christmas Performance – PM
16th Christmas Dinner
18th Pantomime
18th Term Ends @ 1.30pm

Reception 2027 Tours

Parents of children who will be beginning primary school in September 2027 may be interested to know that dates have now been set for school tours at Hartsfield. These dates can be found on the school website – if you wish to book onto a tour, or have any questions, please contact the school office. [Hartsfield JMI School - Admissions](#)

School Photographer

The school photographer will be taking individual and sibling photos of Hartsfield children during the school day on Tuesday 29th September. In addition, if you would like photos of preschool siblings taken, photographers will have limited availability from 8.20am to 8.45am. Please book your space via the school office.