

NEWSLETTER 25th September

Starting school is a big deal! Learning where, and how, to hang up your coat, figuring out how to use a new toilet, trying to make new friends and making sure you have made a good impression with the teachers. But enough about my term so far... More seriously, I have been so impressed with the new Reception cohort and the way they have thrown themselves into primary school life, and it was great to see so many people at the EYFS information event last week.

Every winter period needs a pantomime villain and this year, I fear it might be me... Having spoken with the Friends, we will not be able to run the 'Spooky Disco' this half term, especially with a number of other events in the staff diary already over the coming weeks. I am very aware however of how popular this event is for many of the children, and can assure you, and the children, that we will be organising a school disco, likely early in the Spring term. Watch this space. There is a packed schedule of different events for the winter period in school, and through the great work of the Friends, and there are also non-uniform opportunities coming up so lots of fun to come!

Some of my time since I arrived has been spent getting to know the children and their views of their school – below the diary dates, you will see some of the adjectives that the children chose to use to describe Hartsfield. It was reassuring to see fun come up many times!

Finally, I suspect the balmy weather this week is luring us into a false sense of security so please could we ensure that all children do have a coat in school for when the autumnal weather inevitably hits. Have a good weekend and thanks for your support.

Mr Monroe

Allergy Policy/No nuts!

You may have seen in the national press the new legislation around Benedict's law and allergy awareness requirements for schools. All school staff have completed allergy training before September and the school allergy policy is now available on the website. If your child has an allergy plan in school, we will be in touch over the coming weeks re the individual health care plans that are being formalised.

This is a useful opportunity however to remind all parents to please avoid any nuts in packed lunches or snacks, and to keep the office updated with any relevant medical information so we can keep all children safe in school. Thanks for your support with this.

DIARY DATES

September 2026

29th Individual and Sibling photographs

30th FHSA AGM @7.00 pm

October 2026

5th Harvest Festival

8th Year 5 Trip to Airbus Stevenage

9th SEND Coffee Morning 9.00 – 9.45am

13th Nasal Flu Immunisations

17th Quiz Night for Parents

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

January 2027

4th INSET Day

5th Term Starts for Children



Attendance

This remains a national priority and Hartsfield is available to offer support should you need any with attendance. School attendance at Hartsfield is above the national average so thanks for all the parental support that goes behind this! Miss Gregory is the school's attendance champion so she may be in touch if your child's attendance falls below the expected level to ensure we are working together to get children in school as frequently as possible. Do get in touch if you have any concerns, or would like any further support.

Parent Teacher Consultation Evenings - Tuesday 20th (all Classes), Wednesday 21st (Class 1 only) & Thursday 22nd October 2026 (All Classes except Class 1)

We will be holding our Parent Teacher Evenings later this term where we encourage you to meet with teachers to discuss your child's progress.

The booking system on Arbor will open at 6pm on Monday 28th September and close at 6pm on Wednesday 14th October for you to make an appointment at a time of your choice, on a first come first served basis.

Mrs Henley, our SENCO will be available by appointment on both evenings to discuss Special Educational Needs - please contact the office if you would like to make an appointment with Mrs Henley.

Our pre-loved uniform will be available to purchase on both evenings too.

If you haven't used the booking system before, these details will guide you for class teacher appointments:

Please download the Arbor App if you haven't already done so.

To make an appointment with class teachers, using the app, please access the Arbor Parent Portal and select: Guardian Consultations - Parents Evening Autumn 2026 - Meetings

From here you will be able to select your preferred date for your appointment. Each appointment will be for 10 minutes and be held in the main school hall.

Please note that appointments are allocated on a first come first served basis.

School Photographer – Tuesday 29th September

A reminder the photographer will be taking individual and sibling photos on Tuesday. Please ensure all children are wearing their green sweatshirt/cardigan in school.

Harvest Festival – Monday 5th October

We will be holding our Harvest Festival assemblies on 5th October, during which we will collect donations of tinned and packet food which will be given to our local Foodbank. The foodbank are always grateful for your donations and this year have particularly asked for items from the attached list. Please can children bring their food donation to school on the Monday morning for placing on the collection tables during our assembly. Thank you for your support.

SEND Coffee Morning – Friday 9th October – 9.00am – 9.45am

Mrs Henley (SENCo) will be holding a coffee morning from 9.00am - 9.45am on Friday 9th October. This will be an informal opportunity for parents/carers, to meet and discuss general topics SEND with each other. When you arrive, please sign in via the school office before making your way to the mobile classroom at the back of the school building.

Baldock Charter Fair

The fair will soon be in town, bringing much excitement for many families. Inevitably it also brings traffic delays with the usual one-way system being in place across the town. Please allow extra time for your journeys to and from school.

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](#)

Parent Governor

We received one nomination for the role of parent governor and are pleased to confirm that Dr Kevin Lock has been re elected for a second term. We look forward to working with you in the coming years Kevin and thank you for your support.

Term Dates – 2027 – 2028

Term and INSET dates for 2027 – 2028 are now available on our website [Hartsfield JMI School - School Hours and Term Dates](#)

The Friends of Hartsfield (FHSA)

AGM - The Friends of Hartsfield School Association - Wednesday 30th September @ 7pm

The AGM of our PTA, The Friends of Hartsfield will be at 7pm next Wednesday 30th September. We will meet in the staff room, all parents are welcome to come along and learn more about the fundraising activities for the year. Please arrive via the main school office if you are able to join us.

Quiz Evening – from 7pm - Saturday 17th October 2026

Tickets are now available to book for our ever-popular annual event for parents. More details are available here:

<https://www.zeffy.com/en-GB/ticketing/hartsfield-quiz-night--2026>

Community

Attached are various flyers from local community groups giving details of events that may be of interest.

Beezee Hertfordshire are offering various sessions around healthy nutrition, more information can be found via this link:

<https://hrt.maximusuk.co.uk/events/>

The School Nursing Team newsletter is available here:

<https://r1.dotdigital-pages.com/p/7BK1-CJ6/hct-school-nursing-a26>

Reception Tours Now Available!



Looking for a Reception school place for September 2027? Come and visit our friendly school!

Contact the office at admin@hartsfield.herts.sch.uk or call 01462 895267 to book a tour!



