



NEWSLETTER 9th October

Schools never stand still! There is always a new challenge, initiative, or opportunity to change and improve things that we do. To that end, we have developed as a team some school improvement priorities, which are some of the key things we will be working on across the year. This year, we will be continuing to embed the new approaches to the teaching of writing introduced last year, continuing to develop inclusive practice within the school and reviewing the staffing structure and policies in light of the changing leadership.

Our final area will be to consider the enrichment opportunities offered at Hartsfield in light of some new government guidance issued shortly before the summer. This is an area that Hartsfield already does well, and will be a case of 'even better if...' This week, Year 4 and 6 have taken part in touch rugby tournaments, Year 3 have walked Baldock and Year 5 have been to Airbus. Having seen the calendar ahead, there are a lot more exciting opportunities for all the children still to come!

Below you will find a link to a parent survey – if you do have a few spare minutes, it would be really helpful if you could contribute your thoughts now we are a few weeks into term, so we can consider how we move Hartsfield forward. Of course, if you do have any specific questions, please get in contact – I can often be found on the playground at the start or end of the day (normally eyeing up the range of after-school snacks on offer), or failing that, please contact the office.

Thanks, as ever, for your support.

Mr Monro

Parent Survey

The link to the parent survey is here – this has been deliberately kept short as we understand that time is precious, but any thoughts and feedback would be very welcome. Many thanks in advance for your time: [Hartsfield Parent Survey - October 2026 – Fill in form](#)

Today is Hot Dog Friday!

Children should be accompanied by a parent when purchasing hot dogs, however for any children in Year 5 or 6, who are unaccompanied, we will assume parents have agreed to them being bought. Parents/guardians take full responsibility for any allergy considerations that need to be made.

Nasal Flu Immunisations

Emails from the vaccine team have been sent to parents inviting you to provide consent for your child to be vaccinated when their team are in school next Tuesday, 13th October. Please provide this consent as soon as possible.

DIARY DATES

October 2026

- 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
- 11th Remembrance
- 13th Non Uniform day for Children in Need
- 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 & Christmas Jumper Day
- 18th Pantomime
- 18th Term Ends @ 1.30pm

January 2027

- 4th INSET Day
- 5th Term Starts for Children

Food Safety

Food safety advice recommends small fruit such as grapes, strawberries or cherry tomatoes, are cut lengthways and into quarters to reduce the risk of choking.

If you send these sorts of foods to school for your child, please could we ask for your help by doing this.

Summer Term Art Gallery Winners

The winners for Hartsfield's Art Gallery are up on display in the main entrance. Please take a look at the wonderful artwork next time you are in school. Well done to all of the winners. *These are the classes that the children were in during the summer term.*

Class 1 - Rosalind H-S	Class 2 - Alexander D	Class 3 - Ava V	Class 4 - Jude W
Class 5 - Izzie M	Class 6 - Thomas F	Class 7 - Felix S	Class 8 - Ava W
Class 9 - Tommy I	Class 10 - Ivan V	Class 11 - Abbie S	



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 last chance to book your appointment via is before it closes at 6pm on Wednesday 14th October

Mrs Henley, our SENCO has a few appointment slots left on the Tuesday evening, 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.

Winter Fair Non Uniform Day – Friday 23rd October

One of our biggest fundraisers of the year is the Winter Fair. **We are holding a non uniform day on Friday 23rd October when we invite children to bring in a festive food item which will be used to make hampers and to stock various stalls at the fair. More details are attached about how you can help make the afternoon a fun, festive occasion.** If you would like a craft stall at the fair, please email thefriends@hartsfield.herts.sch.uk with a description of what you'd like to sell as we like to have a good variety. Spaces are limited and will fill up fast!

The Friends of Hartsfield

Our next event is the **Quiz night** which is taking place on Saturday 17th October. Doors open at 7pm and the quiz starts at 7.30pm. The price of £15 includes a fish and chip dinner. Tickets available here:

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

We are hosting the Baldock Community Fireworks on Saturday 7th November and we need some volunteers to help sell flashing merchandise during the event. Please click on the link below to sign up if you can spare 1 hour during the event (or longer!) Please note you will need to still purchase tickets to the event, even if you are helping.

volunteersignup.org/AHLEH

This year, each class will have an **FHSA Class Representative** to help keep everyone in the loop. Class Reps will join a central FHSA WhatsApp group and pass messages on to their class WhatsApp — things like reminders about events, ticket sales, fundraising and calls for volunteers. It's a really light-touch role with no meetings or organising involved, but it will make a big difference in helping us reach everyone and get more families involved.

Please choose your class rep and email their name and class to thefriends@hartsfield.herts.sch.uk.

Small World Donations

Our Reception team are looking for any donations that we could use for our small-world areas - any donations of things like dolls, dinosaurs, cars or similar would be very gratefully received.

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](#)

Harvest Festival Donations

Thank you for all your kind donations of food for the Foodbank, who were very grateful and overwhelmed by the huge amount collected.



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!

