



NEWSLETTER 23rd October

Thank you for your time this week attending the parents and carers consultations – I hope these were a useful opportunity to discuss how your child has been getting on since the start of term. Should you have any concerns, or wish to clarify something, do speak to your child's class teacher as the first port of call. Thank you also to those parents who have already shared their feedback through the parent survey – this is very valuable and will help us consider plans to continue to move the school forward. The link remains open (see below) for any further responses and this will close shortly after the half term break.

After half term, we will be welcoming two new members of staff – Miss Chan and Mrs Ghosh – who will be joining the Hartsfield team as teaching assistants, working across a number of different year groups. We look forward to them joining us!

This week, I have enjoyed seeing the different creative work that has been going on around the school – and not just the Christmas card designs which have brought the festive spirit to school in mid-October. Year 4's Egyptian pharaohs are a particularly impressive sight!

Finally, thank you for your support since the start of term. It is difficult to say whether September feels a very long time ago, or that the half term has flown by in the blink of an eye. Either way, I wish you a restful half term and look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Monday 2nd November.

Mr Monro

Parent Survey

The link to the parent survey is here – many thanks to those parents who have already shared their thoughts: [Hartsfield Parent Survey - October 2026 – Fill in form](#)

Uniform Policy

The school's uniform policy has been updated to ensure it remains in line with the government's most recent guidance. Jewellery should not be worn to school, and if your child has pierced ears, only small studs should be worn which will either be removed or covered for PE.

<https://www.hartsfield.herts.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=751&type=pdf>

School Policies

The most recent school policies can be found on the school website here: [Hartsfield JMI School - School Policies](#)

Smoking/Vaping

A gentle reminder that smoking or vaping of any kind is not permitted anywhere on the school site. Many thanks for your cooperation.

DIARY DATES

October 2026

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 - 12.00 – 3.00pm
25th Happy Bag Charity Clothes Collection

27th Occasional Day- school closed

December 2026

1st FHSA Wreath making Workshop - evening
3rd EYFS Christmas Performance – PM
3rd FHSA Wreath Making Workshop - evening
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
11th FHSA Wrap a Present Day
16th Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day
18th Pantomime
18th Term Ends @ 1.30pm

January 2027

4th INSET Day
5th Term Starts for Children
28th FHSA Winter Discos

February 2027

9th – Parents Evening – 4.00pm - 7.00pm
11th KS2 Valentines Bake Off & Cake Sale
11th Parents Evening – 4.00pm – 7.00pm
15-19th Half Term

Toys in school

Could we please encourage children not to bring toys, including 'fiddle toys' into school unless these have previously been agreed with a member of staff as a learning aid.

Reception 2027 Tours

A reminder that we are still taking bookings for school tours for families with a Reception-age child in September 2027 who are considering 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](#)

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2026

We will be marking Remembrance Day in school and as part of this, after half term, some Year 6 children will be offering poppies for sale during the school day. If you would like your child to buy one, please send them to school with £1. They will be able to choose either a self adhesive traditional poppy, or a plastic one to attach to their bag/zip.

We also have other poppy merchandise available for parents to buy from the office at the beginning and end of the school day.

Happy School Bags Clothing Collection

Our next Happy School Bag clothing collection will be on 25th November. If you are having a sort out over half term of clothing (not school uniform) suitable for donating to charity, we would be grateful if you would hold onto them until our collection date. Based on weight, we receive a donation for all items collected. Collection bags will be sent out shortly after half term. Thank you

The Friends of Hartsfield

Winter Fair – Saturday 21st November

Thank you for all the wonderful donations of food and drink which will help ensure the Winter Fair is a successful fun afternoon for everyone. After half term we will be sharing more details about the fair, sending home raffle tickets and booking details for visits to Father Christmas. 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!

We are hosting the Baldock Community

Fireworks on Saturday 7th November. Thank you to those who have already volunteered to help to help selling 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

A reminder that each class is to elect a class rep – please let us know in the next couple of days as we really need your help with the comms for the many exciting events we are working hard on in this busy (but festive!) term. The original message is below as a reminder:

*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

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!

