



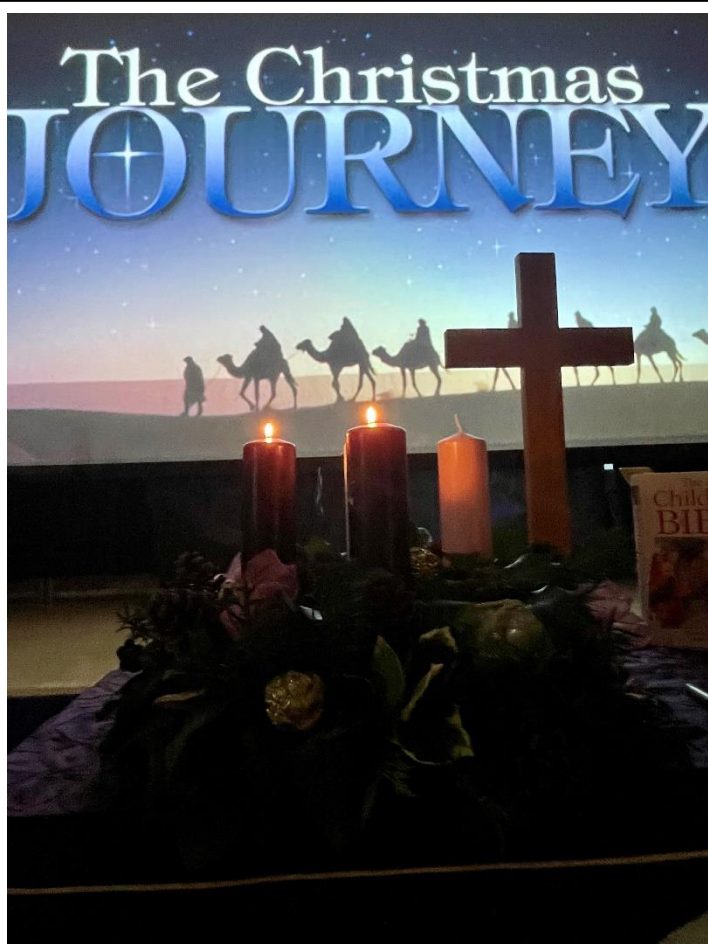
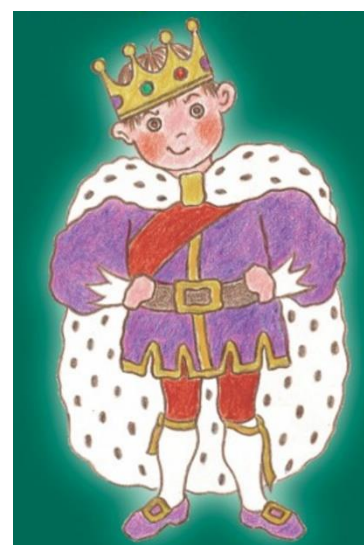
ADVENT WEEK 2

In Collective Worship on Monday we lit the second candle on our Advent wreath which represents PEACE. We talked about what peace means, what it looks like and what it feels like. Rev Ginni came along to share in our worship too.

Class 1 Nativity 2022

What a joy it has been today to be able to hold our traditional Class One Nativity in the hall with parents and families coming along to watch. The children did an amazing performance of **'The Bossy King'**, with big voices and fantastic singing, we are so proud of them!

A big thank you to everyone who came along, and especially to the Class One team: Miss Ingle, Mrs Stewart, Mrs Holmes and Mrs Sabri for all their hard work to make it so special. 😊



On Tuesday, all the classes spent the day travelling on 'The Christmas Journey' around the different stations of the story, set up around school and church.

It was a really interesting, practical way of learning and the children gave some very reflective and thoughtful responses.

A big thank you to the teachers for their creativity in setting up the different stations and to Mrs McCabe for organising the day. We will put some photos on the school website soon.



CHRISTMAS PARTY

Monday 19th December

Class parties take place in the afternoon, but children may wear a non-uniform party outfit to school that day as long as it is suitable for normal school activities in the morning. Please also ensure your child has appropriate footwear and a warm coat to wear for the day as they will still be playing outside as normal.

Party food and drink contributions (**nut free**) should be brought in on the Monday morning. Class teachers are organising this so they will be in touch soon.

Spring term 2023 milk Deadline next week

Letters about ordering milk for after Christmas were sent home last week via email. All orders have to be placed with the dairy well in advance, so the deadline for placing an order is **Wednesday 14th December**.



St Ippolyts Parish Pantry

With food prices rising fast, we know that sometimes it's a struggle to make ends meet. St Ippolyts Church has set up a Parish Pantry, a mini version of a food bank, which has a supply of food and toiletries that are available should you need them. We don't have enough resources to offer long term support but we can help bridge a gap until payday.

If you would like to access the Parish Pantry then please contact Revd Ginni at revginni@gmail.com or Mrs Peddie at head@stipps.herts.sch.uk Any emails will be treated with the strictest confidence.

Reception places 2023

Parents wishing to apply for a Reception place commencing September 2023 are reminded that the **deadline for applications is 15th January 2023**.

Copies of our SIF (Supplementary Information Form) can be collected from the office or downloaded from the school website. Please note that applications **MUST** be done using the Hertfordshire online system as well as our paper form.

School Office & payments

In order for Mrs Rule to finish banking and administration by the end of term, please ensure all **outstanding bills for dinners and swimming** are settled by Friday 16th December, many thanks.

CHRISTMAS

MOVIE AND MUNCH



Monday 12th December 2022 3.15-5pm

Book online:

www.pta-events.co.uk/stipps



Bookings will close at the end of the day TOMORROW

Class 5 Cake Day

Friday 16th December

Dear Class 5 parents,

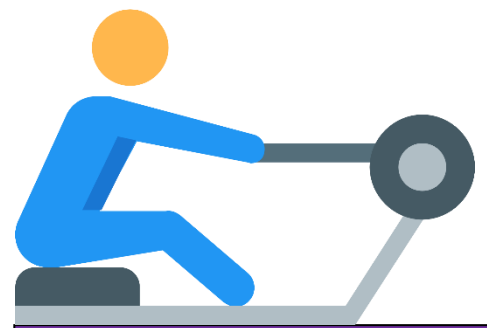
The PTA are holding a cake sale on 16th December to raise funds for school. This time it is the turn of Class 5 to each supply small cakes or biscuits to sell on the day. Please make sure that any tins, plates or containers are clearly named.

We would be very grateful if you could **donate 15 cakes for cake day**, to ensure that we have enough to go around & the children are not left disappointed. These cakes /biscuits can be either homemade or bought. You may want to plan some kitchen time to make or decorate the cakes with your child! **PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL CAKES MUST BE NUT-FREE.**

The cakes will be sold during the morning break to the whole of the school, any remaining cakes will be sold outside school at home time. We hope that you will be able to support us with this event, and we thank you in anticipation. Thank you from The PTA



SPORTS



Y6 Rowing competition

A big well done to the Year 6 children who took part in the 'Fit Kidz Row' tournament last week. They competed against nine schools and finished in 2nd place with silver medals. Mr Smith also took part in the teachers' competition and brought home gold – well done all!

ARCHERY



Amazing results at the virtual archery tournament!

Y6 girls team: 1st

Y6 boys team: 1st

Y6 Mixed team: 1st

Y6 boy: 1st - Ollie

Y6 girl: 1st Zaina

Y5 girls team: 1st

Y5 boys team: 1st

Y5 mixed team: 1st

Y5 girl: 1st Lucia

Y5 boy: 1st Rufus



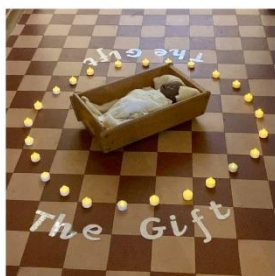
The children have been using their breaktimes and lunchtimes to practise their skills and their efforts have certainly paid off – congratulations!

This week's article from our Pupil Journalists, Annie & Lily

What a Christmassy week! On Tuesday, we had our Christmas Journey. Due to the pandemic, we haven't been able to do this for the last few years so it was extra special.

There were six stations all about the story of Jesus' birth.

One of which was the second station, The Announcement. This station was based on the part of the story where Mary was being told by angel Gabriel she would give birth to a King, the son of God. There were two bowls, a bowl of salt representing struggles and bad things we may come across in life and a bowl of flour. Bread made without salt would taste horrible. Life without dangerous encounters would be boring and meaningless. For all the bad things that get in our way, we need and find courage, just like Mary.





Christmas Fair: The Practicalities

PARKING: Please could all parents/families coming to the fair by car ensure that safe, considerate parking choices are made. **Please do not block the driveways/access routes for local residents or the top of the school driveway.** If there was an emergency at the fair we would need clear, safe access, so please park away from school and walk up.

PRAMS/BUGGIES: A reminder that prams and buggies cannot be brought into the building

START OF THE FAIR: Classes will be dismissed as usual at 3.15pm. The fair starts at 3.30pm and will open with the choir singing outdoors on the driveway. *Please remain behind the barrier until the choir have sung to officially open the fair.*

'The Token Exchange' at The Christmas Fair

There will be two ways of paying for things at the Christmas Fair this year. Stalls and activities will accept cash as normal, or you can buy tokens using your debit card at the Token Exchange which will be in the main foyer next to the hall. The tokens can then be used at all the stalls and activities.

The Token Exchange is also where you will be able to book a time slot to visit Father Christmas in his grotto and the Snow Dome. You will need a time slot for these activities so it's a good idea to get that booked on arrival at the fair.

Visit Father Christmas in his grotto at The Christmas Fair!

Book a time slot at the token
exchange when you arrive at the fair
£3 per child (you can book for
younger siblings too)



Come & have fun inside the giant inflatable Snow Globe at The Christmas Fair!

Book a time slot at the token
exchange when you arrive at
the fair. £2 per child
(you can book for younger siblings too)

The school choir will be launching
our Christmas Fair at 3.30pm on
Friday 9th December. They will be
singing outside on the driveway to
get us in the mood for festive fun!

When they have finished, our fair
will be officially opened, and you
will be able to enter through the
main doors.





The 2022 Hamper Raffle

Thank you for all your amazing donations for this year's Hamper Raffle. Thanks to your generosity, there are over 30 fabulous hampers to be won: Festive Foods, Pamper Hampers, Chocoholics, Children's toys, Boozy Bottoms Up hampers and more! **Please return your ticket stubs and money ASAP if you haven't already done so.** Tickets will also be on sale at the fair. The draw will take place around 5pm. Good luck!

There will be lots to see and do at The Christmas Fair!



- ❄ The Snow Dome
- ❄ Father Christmas in his grotto
- ❄ Refreshments
- ❄ Face Painting
- ❄ Hamper Raffle
- ❄ Pre-loved uniform and Christmas Jumpers
- ❄ The Secrets Room (no grown-ups!)
- ❄ Toys and Books
- ❄ Games and competitions designed by Year 6
- ❄ Craft activities
- ❄ Lucky dip
- ❄ Stocking Challenge
- ❄ Photo Booth
- ❄ Badge Making
- ❄ Reindeer Food

