



St Ippolyts CE (Aided) Primary School

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NEWSLETTER



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Harvest FESTIVAL

Tomorrow, children and staff will be going to church for this year's Harvest Festival. We ask that children bring a contribution of non-perishable food to help support local families through the foodbank and Rev Ginni's Parish Pantry, or a contribution to the Bishop's Harvest Appeal (or both!) *Thank you so much in advance for your generosity.*

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The Bishop of St Albans'
Harvest Appeal 2023

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Introducing our 2023-2024 House Captains!



Seacole

Mary Seacole Nurse



Faraday

Michael Faraday Scientist



Morris

William Morris Artist



Bronte

Charlotte, Emily & Ann Bronte Writers





Young Worship Westminster Abbey trip

Young Worship will soon be heading into London for a fabulous day visiting Westminster Abbey. They will be having a guided tour and are especially looking forward to seeing the Coronation chair. Please remember to give consent via Arbor. Thank you!

Choir: Young Voices at the O2

Our choir will be singing at the O2 with thousands of other children in January – what an amazing experience!

Please could choir parents remember that the deadline for paperwork is TOMORROW. Many thanks.



By our new
Sports Reporter,
Libby in Year 5

First match of the season!

On Monday 25th September, a team of Year 5 and 6 boys took part in a football match at Wilshire Dacre School. This was their first match of the year.

St Ippolyts won the match with a score of 2-1. Zachary from Class 6 scored the first goal and Woody from Class 5 scored the subsequent goal.

Most of the players were not nervous at all.

"I would definitely want to play again" said Zachary from Class 6. The captain, Rufus, told me how excited he was even though the nerves were starting to kick in as the match began.

Well done boys, what a great opening game!



The return of Covid... 😞

Unfortunately, we have had a number of Covid cases in school recently. Whilst the 'rules' are no longer in place like they used to be, we are still trying to keep everyone safe and well. We continue to have well ventilated classrooms and shared spaces and continue to promote regular handwashing with the children.

We are following the NHS guidance on Covid: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/covid-19/covid-19-symptoms-and-what-to-do/>

COVID-19 symptoms can include:

- a high temperature or shivering (chills) – a high temperature means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste
- shortness of breath
- feeling tired or exhausted
- an aching body
- a headache
- a sore throat
- a blocked or runny nose
- loss of appetite
- diarrhoea
- feeling sick or being sick

The symptoms are very similar to symptoms of other illnesses, such as colds and flu.

What to do if you have symptoms of COVID-19

Try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people if you or your child have symptoms and either:

- have a high temperature
- do not feel well enough to go to work, school, childcare, or do your normal activities

You can go back to your normal activities when you feel better or do not have a high temperature.

If your child has mild symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat or mild cough, and they feel well enough, they can go to school or childcare.

What to do if you have tested positive

If you or your child have tested positive for COVID-19:

- try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 3 days after the day the test was taken if you or your child are under 18 years old – children and young people tend to be infectious to other people for less time than adults
- try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days after the day you took your test if you are 18 years old or over
- avoid meeting people who are more likely to get seriously ill from viruses, such as people with a weakened immune system, for 10 days after the day you took your test



PTA AGM – all welcome!

Thursday 5th October

7pm in the hall

Please join us for the first PTA meeting of the year, all are welcome!

We will be sharing fundraising ideas and making plans for the year ahead; we would love to have some new faces. It's a lovely way to get to know other parents and a great way to support the school too.

Open Session – save the date!

Monday 9th October 3.30-5.30pm

For those parents and families new to the school, Open Session is when you are invited to come with your child to visit their classroom after school, meet the teacher, see your child's books and ask any questions you may have. It is an informal afternoon; you do not need an appointment and can 'drop-in' any time during the session and stay as long as you want. It isn't a one-to-one discussion with the teacher about your child's progress – these take place in Parent Consultation appointments later in the term.

Classes 3, 5, and 6: Use the Class 5/6 doors

Classes 1, 2 and 4: Use the main entrance

Please be aware that buggies and prams cannot be brought into the building.

We do hope you can come along and that you will enjoy seeing your child's new classroom, their books and teacher.

Class 6 Assembly Friday 13th October 9.15am

Class 6 parents are warmly invited to come and watch the Class 6 assembly on Friday 13th October. The assembly will start at 9.15am in the hall.

Club cancellations next week

There will be no football club on Monday 2nd October and no Multi-Sports on Wednesday 4th October due to football fixtures.

LEARNING

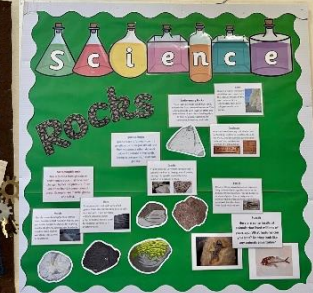
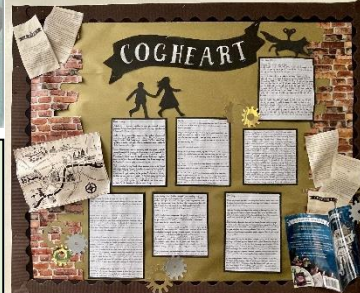


Fun learning in Class 1



Paper sculpture techniques in Year 6's art lessons

When you come along to Open Session on October 9th, please feel free to walk around the corridors and take a look at the lovely displays of children's learning around school. You can bring other family members along too; it's a rare opportunity for grandparents, aunts, uncles etc to see the school and your child's classroom.



This week's article is written by this year's pupil journalists, Amelie Finlayson and Barney Atkinson.

This week students have been preparing for this year's harvest festival, which is coming up this Friday. In Collective Worship Mrs Stewart has been going through all the songs, making sure we all know the lyrics.



Buddy lunch on Friday was fantastic for Receptions and class 6. Everyone's buddies have arrived for their first couple of weeks. During the first lunch, where everyone was with their buddy, the hall was buzzing with noise and excitement as the Receptions were super pleased to have their new friends.

Congratulations to the boys' football team for an epic 2-1 win against Wilshire Dacre. We hope all the classes have a good rest of the week!

Quote of the week-

Failure is a stepping stone to success.



St Ippolyts Church



Harvest Festival



Sunday 1st October 9.15am

Come along and join us as we celebrate harvest.

The service is lively and informal and lasts around 30 minutes.

Afterwards, we share a pretty decent breakfast of croissants, pain au chocolat and fruit. Everyone is welcome!

We are gathering donations for our own Parish Pantries, the local foodbank and North Herts Sanctuary so if you would like to contribute then we would love to receive any non-perishable foods and toiletries.

CHALLENGE
SPORT & EDUCATION

Multi Sports Holiday Course

Wymondley JMI School (SG4 7HN)

Ages 5 - 11 yrs

CHILDREN WILL:

PLAY GAMES
MAKE FRIENDS
LEARN NEW SKILLS
HAVE FUN!

DAYS FROM JUST

£18 / Day

Sports Include:

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October dates are now available to book

23rd - 27th October

To book:

Visit - www.challengesporteducation.co.uk

For more info - info@challengesporteducation.co.uk



St. Francis'
College

FESTIVAL OF SCIENCE 2023

ALL AGES WELCOME

SATURDAY 7TH OCTOBER

10.00am - 12.30pm

To book please contact:
marketing@st-francis.herts.sch.uk

We are hosting our annual Festival of Science on the morning of Saturday 7th October, to which we are delighted to invite pupils of all ages from local schools, and their families.

This event is a morning of hands-on Science activities for all the family. They'll be able to have fun with Biology, Chemistry & Physics in activities such as: make a brain hat; study your own thermal image; try the steady-hand game; watch our tropical butterflies emerge from their pupae; see our baby quail chicks; and much more.

Families who wish to attend should please let us know by emailing marketing@st-francis.herts.sch.uk