



Westminster Abbey trip

Our Young Worship group had the most incredible visit to Westminster Abbey yesterday.

They were given a guided tour of the Abbey, learning about its important role in history, including coronations and the origins of parliament. It was amazing to see the famous 700 year old Coronation Chair, the Grave of the Unknown Warrior and the tomb of Queen Elizabeth I. The children were also allowed to sit in the choir stalls (which are cordoned off to the public) so they felt very special!

The day also included a coronation re-enactment, a stained-glass workshop and a visit to the gift shop!

The children (and staff!) learned so much on their visit and were perfect ambassadors for our school; they asked really interesting questions, were impeccably behaved throughout and it was a pleasure to spend the day with them all.

They will be doing a special assembly for their parents soon about the trip, but in the meantime, there are lots of photos on the school website in the photo gallery.





Wellbeing Week

2023

Our Learning Superpowers



Building Learning Power

Next week is our annual Wellbeing Week and this year our theme is 'Building Learning Power'.

We first introduced Building Learning Power some years ago; it is an approach that helps children to develop strong independent learning skills, which are not only useful now whilst in primary school but equips them for their secondary education and beyond.

Each day we will be focusing on a different learning power, and we will send home some information for parents too. However there is already a section on our website if you would like to read more before then: <https://www.stipps.herts.sch.uk/building-learning-power/>

This website is also a really interesting read, which goes into more detail about the learning power approach: <https://www.buildinglearningpower.com/>



We use our Learning Powers!



Resilience



Don't give up



Don't worry if you make a mistake

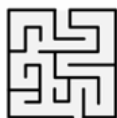


Managing distractions



Good concentration

Resourcefulness



Find another way



Using your imagination



See things that link together



Asking questions

Reflectiveness



Think about what to do



Look carefully at my thinking



Think about what I am learning



Think about what I know

Relationships



Taking turns



Working well on your own



Working well together



Listening to each other

MOVIE

AND

MUNCH



Monday 16th October 2023 3.15-5pm

Book online **by tonight:** www.pta-events.co.uk/stipps



Y6 Parents: SATs Information evening 18th October

On **Wednesday 18th October at 6pm**, Miss Walker will be holding an information evening for Y6 parents and children about the 2024 Key Stage 2 assessments (SATs). You will be able to find out all about what the tests entail, look at past papers and find out how best you can support your child with their learning over the coming months.



By our brilliant
Sports Reporter,
Libby in Year 5

Girls Football Match

On Wednesday 4th October, a team of year 5 and 6 girls took part in a football match at Whitehill School. The score was 1/1 and the St Ippolyts goal was scored by Megan in year 6. The Captain, Felicity told me this:

"It was a good game. We are going to another match soon so we'll have another chance at winning instead of drawing."

Girls, your performance was great. Good luck at your next **match**. **We hope you enjoy it.**

Four Square Event

On Friday 6th October, a selection of the pupils in year 5 and 6 took part in a four square event here at St Ippolyts on the playground. Some of our ex-pupils, who are now at secondary school, helped to set the courts up. Everybody had lots of fun and it was great to see some old familiar faces.

The schools that played at this event were from William Ransom, Whitehill, and of course St Ippolyts.

Everyone said they had a great time and that everyone was really kind and friendly.

Well done all of you; you were excellent at representing our school!





RECEPTION PLACES 2024

Applications for places in Reception from
September 2024 open on 1st November 2023.

Prospective parents interested in applying are very welcome to
visit for a school tour. Please telephone the school office to
make an appointment: 01462 432080

Applications close on 15th January 2024

We look forward to meeting you!

Visit our website: www.stipps.herts.sch.uk



SECONDARY APPLICATIONS 2024

Please be aware that the deadline for applications to
secondary and upper schools is fast approaching.

Parents will need to make an
application online or on paper by the
closing date of Tuesday 31st October
2023. However, we recommend that
parents complete it by Friday 27th
October, so that if there are any
queries, they can be dealt with by the
Admissions Team ahead of the
deadline.



Hertfordshire



Class 6 Cake Day! NEXT FRIDAY

Dear Class 6 parents,

The PTA are holding a cake sale on 20th October to raise funds for school. This time it is the turn of Class 6 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

Everyone else..

Instead of a morning snack that day, children from all classes can bring a small amount of money to buy a cake or two. **Cakes are 25p** each, so please provide coins in a clearly named purse or envelope.

Any cakes left over will be sold at hometime by the main doors. If you could help with this, we would be very grateful.



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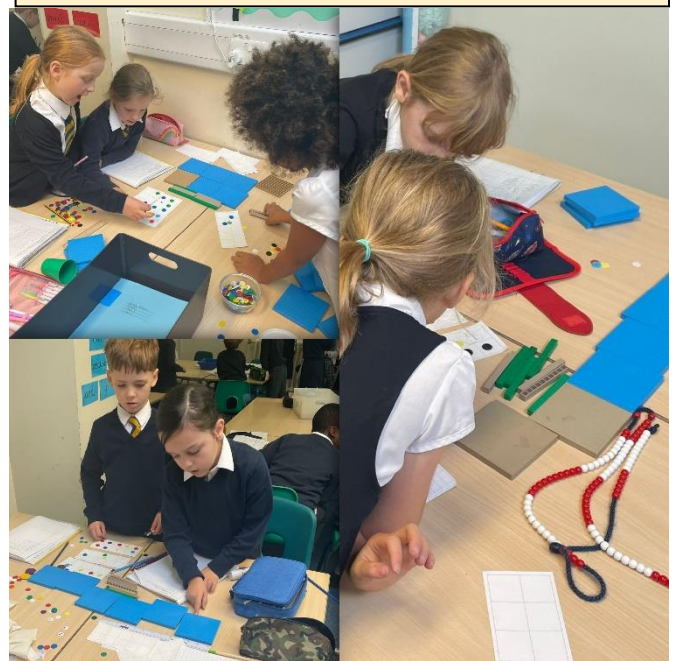


Class 1 had a fabulous time using the gym apparatus in PE

Class 6 are designing and making architectural spaces in their art topic this half term.

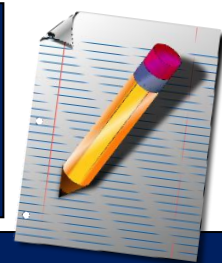


In Maths, Class 3 have been working collaboratively to 'think 10', regrouping and renaming calculations.



Class 2 have been labelling the different parts of their bodies

This week's article by our pupil journalists, Amelie and Barney



Open Session

This week all classes had their first Open Session of the year. All the pupils had the chance to show their parents and carers their work and their classroom. I'm sure all of the students' work was amazing! Parents/Carers, we hope you had a lovely time!

Young Worship Trip

This week Young Worship had the chance to visit Westminster Abbey in London. Westminster Abbey is likely the most famous religious building in the UK. This is where many royal coronations and weddings take place. We hope they had a great time and enjoyed their opportunity to do this.

Year Six Cake Day

The Year Six Cake Day is edging nearer, so ensure you bring your money if you want one! They are 25p each and they are all equally delicious! All money given will be used to fund the school. It is coming up on the 20th October and the cakes will be sold at break time in the hall. I'm sure we're all looking forward to a sneaky treat!

Reminders

- Wellbeing week next week.
- Cake day on the 20th
- Netball match on Friday

Quote of the Week-

If you can't fly, then run.
If you can't run, then walk.
If you can't walk, then crawl,
but by all means, keep moving.

-Martin Luther King Jr

PTA AGM meeting 5th October 2023 – Highlights

Thank you to volunteers and staff for giving up your time and helping in the running of events this past year – your support is very much appreciated and helped bring the PTA back to life – raising a brilliant £7000 last year.

We have made some improvements to the PTA over the past year including:

- Card payments
- On-line bookings and payments
- New ideas – badge maker and Break the Rules Day
- Tokens at Summer and Xmas fairs
- Handbook to be passed onto future PTA members as a guide

Your Committee Members for this next coming year are:

- Chair – Marta Casero
- Vice Chair – Helen Twomey
- Secretary – Chloe Bull
- Treasurer – Helen Gooden



We welcome our new members:

- Co-Chair -Sarah Lewis
- Other committee members – Melanie Crous and Lisa Nicholls

We are still looking for a **Vice Treasurer** to work alongside Helen and helps with floats and summer and Xmas fairs plus counting money after events – PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU ARE INTERESTED.

Class Reps – will help to make sure PTA news/requests/reminders etc reach each year group and provide feedback –

- Class 1 – open
- Class 2 – open
- Class 3 – Laura Moxham
- Class 4 – open
- Class 5 – Melanie Crous
- Class 6- open

We are also looking for project managers to help organise events over the year:

- Cake Days – Liz Dungay
- Disco – Open
- Crafts – open
- Book fairs – Sarah Lewis
- Movie and Munch – Nicola Jamieson
- Bags2 school – open
- Ice lollies (every Friday in summer) – open
- Quiz – Pete and Helen Gooden



PLEASE IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN ANY OF THE ABOVE ROLES – GET IN TOUCH!

Any ideas for future events or how to spend our rather healthy bank balance in the coming school year – get in touch. Some ideas so far include:

- Sponsored skip
- Skipping rope challenge
- Supermarket token scheme
- Car boot sale
- Xmas Ball

We would love to hear from you so please if you fancy any of the above role, have any ideas – get in touch – grab one of us for a chat, PTA WhatsApp group or email pta@stipps.herts.sch.uk

NEXT meeting – Christmas Fair planning - 2nd November, Bird in Hand Pub, Gosmore



Hertfordshire
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Family Support Service

FIND OUT WHAT'S ON OFFER
FOR FAMILIES



Welcome to the Hertfordshire Family Support Service

Hertfordshire's Family Centre Service is made up of the Public Health Nursing Service (Health Visitors and School Nurses) and the Family Support Service. Our purpose is to support children and families to have the best start in life, develop well and thrive. This leaflet provides you with details of what the Family Support Service offers and how to access it.

What does the Hertfordshire Family Support Service offer?

We provide families with children aged up to 11 years with a wide range of information and support on key areas relating to family life.

Pregnancy, birth and the first 24 months can be tough for many mothers and fathers. Developing friendships with other new parents has lots of benefits; we provide a number of opportunities for new parents to meet before and after having a baby; for example, we work with local Midwives and Health Visitors to run the Preparing for Baby antenatal programme.

We are also here to support you with:

- **Worries about your child's learning and development.**

We can help with fun activities for your family to enjoy at home or more structured workshops.

- **Your child's additional needs.**

Did you know that we can help families with Children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) by providing information, advice and guidance?

- **Feelings of isolation.**

Are you feeling lonely or isolated from your local community? We are here to help.

- **Your own wellbeing and confidence.**

We can support you via one-to-one sessions or through parenting groups.

- **If you are experiencing domestic abuse.**

Support around developing healthy relationships is available.

- **Challenges with your child's behaviour.**

We can support you via one-to-one sessions or parenting groups. To find out about groups please look at the Hertfordshire Parenting Directory <https://directory.hertfordshire.gov.uk> or our Facebook pages.





- **Accessing childcare.**

Your 2 year old child could be entitled to 15 hours free early education, depending on your circumstances; we can support you to apply and find a space.

- **Volunteering opportunities.**

Are you interested in volunteering? Our volunteers can gain new skills and experience that can lead to further training or employment opportunities

- **Adult learning.**

We work with lots of local organisations to provide workshops and courses for self-development, well-being and confidence as well as qualifications and training.

In addition we provide a wealth of information on our district Facebook, Instagram or YouTube channels, follow us on social media by searching for '[Hertfordshire Family Centre Service](#)'.

Who provides the support?

The team is made up of highly skilled and trained staff, many of whom have worked directly with children and families.

We are passionate about all children being supported to reach their full potential, as well as supporting parents to do the most important job there is!

What do I need to do next?

If you have a child or children under 11 years old please register with us. It's free and quick and easy to do! Thousands of families across Hertfordshire are already registered and accessing our services. Please see '[How to Register](#)' for further details. Once you've registered with us, we will contact you.

How do I ask for support?

You can ask for support by:

- **Contacting us by telephone** - 0300 123 7572 or via our **Facebook or Instagram accounts.**



HOW TO REGISTER

You need to register to access the Family Centre Service. It's FREE to register and quick and easy to do.



To register, please scan the QR code or visit
www.hertsfamilycentres.org
our friendly team will then contact you.



Get in touch...

we're here to help support you

Call: **0300 123 7572**

Visit: **www.hertsfamilycentres.org**

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4 My Family and Me

Location : Chestnut tree family centre , Radburn Way
Letchworth ,SG6 2JZ

Dates: 09/11/2023 to 30/11/2023 (4 sessions)

Time: 09:30am-11:30am

SESSION DETAILS

Tools And Strategies for Wellbeing & Staying Strong

1. Why feelings matter.
2. How thinking can influence feelings and behaviour.
3. How talking can help build relationships.
4. Using the tools for you and your family.

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Follow the link:
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go to Sign up online and
select the refer to us option.
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