



## Wellbeing Week

Our Learning Superpowers

### Building Learning Power

We have had a wonderful week focusing on strengthening our Learning Powers. Each day the children have been trying their hand at a wide range of activities designed to build one of the '4 Rs': Resilience, Resourcefulness, Reflectiveness and Relationships.

We do hope you have found the daily leaflets useful to give you more information on each of the learning powers; they are also available to download on the school website in the curriculum section.

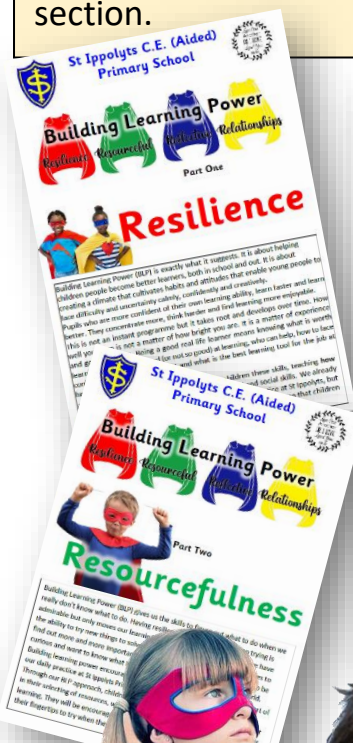
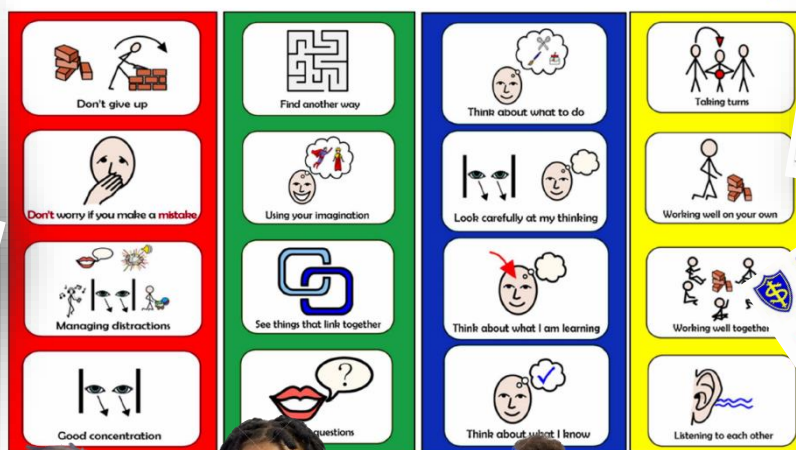
#### We use our Learning Powers!

Resilience

Resourcefulness

Reflectiveness

Relationships









# Class 6 Cake Day

## tomorrow

### Cakes 25p each



## Link to Hope shoebox appeal 2023

Once again this year we are joining in with churches, faith organisations and other schools across the town to support 'Link to Hope', providing shoebox gifts to families, children and elderly people living in poverty in Ukraine, Romania, Moldova and Bulgaria. On Monday, Rev Henton-Pusey came along to our collective worship to tell us all about the appeal.

By now you should have received a leaflet explaining all about the project and how you can take part if you would like to. Shoeboxes will be collected from school on **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November**, but they can be brought in any time before then. We have some spare leaflets at school if you need more than one. We also have a few spare empty shoeboxes too.

If you cannot donate a complete shoebox but would still like to participate, you could send in a couple of individual items off the list which we will then use to make up some boxes. Thank you so much.

You can read more here:

<https://linktohope.co.uk/shoebox-appeal-2023/>



• Romania  
 • Moldova  
 • Ukraine  
 • Bulgaria

### FAMILY & ELDERLY SHOEBOX APPEAL

**JOIN US**  
HELP US, HELP THEM

**5th November 2023**

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1. We want everyone to receive a fun and useful box of new and unused gifts so every shoebox should contain all items in this blue box.

<input type="checkbox"/> Gloves or Scarf or Hat (new or knitted)	<input type="checkbox"/> Toothbrushes & Toothpaste
<input type="checkbox"/> Sweets or Chocolates (BB June 2024 EU Origin)	<input type="checkbox"/> Candles or Tealights & Holders*
<input type="checkbox"/> Soap & Flannel	<input type="checkbox"/> Small Games (Travel Size Draughts/Dominoes/Playing Cards)

\*Holder is for safety and stability

2. Then please **ADD 5 or more items** (at least one of each item) from the Red Box for a Family Shoebox OR from the Purple Box to make a Unisex Elderly Shoebox.

<input type="checkbox"/> FAMILY	<input type="checkbox"/> ELDERLY (UNISEX)
<input type="checkbox"/> Colouring Pads (A5)	<input type="checkbox"/> Reading Glasses/Magnifier (max +2 strength)
<input type="checkbox"/> Crayons/Pencils (with rubber and sharpener)	<input type="checkbox"/> Mug/Wooden Spoon/Cutlery
<input type="checkbox"/> Small Toys (yo-yo, skipping rope, toy cars)	<input type="checkbox"/> Sensory Item (eg Bean Bag, Lavender Bag, Stress Ball etc)
<input type="checkbox"/> Soft toy/teddy (with CE label)	<input type="checkbox"/> Hot Water Bottle
<input type="checkbox"/> Tape Measure/DIY Tool	<input type="checkbox"/> Work Gloves
<input type="checkbox"/> Sewing Kit	<input type="checkbox"/> Pen and Paper
<input type="checkbox"/> Shampoo (max 300ml)	<input type="checkbox"/> Socks/Tights (NEW)
<input type="checkbox"/> Solar-Powered Calculator	<input type="checkbox"/> Wind-Up Radio/Torch
<input type="checkbox"/> Safety Razors	<input type="checkbox"/> Shampoo (max 300ml)
<input type="checkbox"/> Hairbrush/Comb	<input type="checkbox"/> Scissors/Nail Clippers
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Gifts .....	<input type="checkbox"/> Safety Razors
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OR

For other gift ideas go to [www.linktohope.co.uk](http://www.linktohope.co.uk)

**PLEASE TRY TO REDUCE THE PACKAGING YOU PUT IN YOUR SHOEBOX**



# Flu Vaccinations

## Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November

A reminder to please read the letter recently sent via email and follow the instructions to accept or decline for your child.

## Residential School Journey June 2024

Y5 and 6 parents should have received a letter with all the details of next year's residential school journey to PGL Newby Wiske Hall. The deadline for reserving a place and paying an initial deposit via Arbor is **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2023**.



## School Photographer (please note that this is a different date to previous newsletters - apologies for the confusion)

The school photographer will be here on **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November** to take individual and sibling group portraits. All children will have their photo taken and you will receive proofs of their pictures. Placing an order is optional.

## Westminster Abbey Assembly

The children in Young Worship are busy planning an assembly to tell the rest of school all about their recent trip to Westminster Abbey.

Parents of children in Young Worship are warmly invited to come along:

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November at 9.15am**







# PTA Christmas Fair

## Planning Meeting

It won't be long before one of our biggest fundraisers of the year! The Christmas Fair takes place on Friday 8th December, but we need lots of helping hands to make it a success.

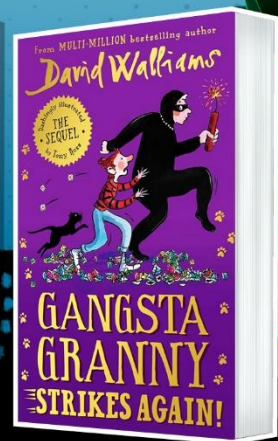
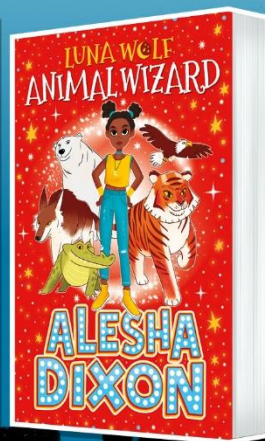
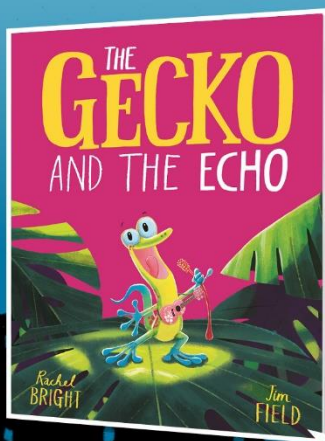
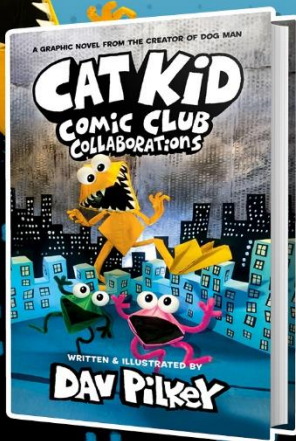
Please come along to our planning meeting Thursday 2nd November

7.30pm at The Bird in Hand Gosmore

 SCHOLASTIC

## COME TO THE **BOOK FAIR**

AND EARN **FREE BOOKS** FOR OUR SCHOOL



Art © Dav Pilkey

### SAVE THE DATE!

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> and Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November  
2023 before and after school!





# Win a £5 Book Fair Token!

To celebrate our forthcoming Book Fair we are holding a competition to win a £5 book token (one token per class)

## What you need to do:



# Make a 'Storybook in a Jar'

Choose a favourite story, and then get creative with an empty jar! Choose things to put in the jar to represent your story like a little display. You can use whatever arts and crafts you like to depict your story on your jar. You can use whatever size jar you like, just make sure it has your name and class on it somewhere.



**Closing date for entries: 9am Tuesday 21st November**

# SPORTS



By our brilliant  
Sports Reporter,  
Libby in Year 5

## Table Tennis

On Wednesday last week, a team of Year 6s went to Barclay School to play a table tennis match. Round Diamond, Roebuck, Woolenwick Juniors and Knebworth all took part, but St Ippolyts brought home gold. The team will be competing at Counties soon.

The team's Captain, Amelie F had this to say:

"I thought we did incredibly well to bring home our gold medals and I bet as well as me, the others are super excited for Counties!"

Well done you year 6s; we are all super-duper proud of your gold achievement!



## Boys Rural Football Match

On Wednesday last week after school, a team of year 5 and 6 boys took part in a football match against Wymondley School. Unfortunately, we lost with the opponents scoring 6 goals and us scoring 3.

You may or may not know that there are two boys football teams: District and Rural.

The rural team played this match and here is a comment from the team's captain, Barney:

"I was still impressed by our team scoring three, but I was a little disappointed with our quality during the match. I thought that we could have performed better but I'm still proud of our effort. All I am saying is we didn't reach our full potential."

Our 3 goals were scored by Ethan in Year 5, and then the two subsequent goals by Woody in Year 5. Well done boys; even though you lost, we are still proud of what you did. Better luck next time!



# Boys Rural Football Tournament

Two days ago, the rural football team went to Baldock Arena to compete at a football tournament. They played many different schools and brought home gold medals for St. Ipps.

The first match was against Breachwood Green School and we won 1/0.

The second match was against Ashwell school. We won 1/0 again.

The third match was against Codicote school. We won this 1/0 too.

Then we played Offley School but we didn't score and neither did they.

After that were the semi-finals and we played against Ashwell again. We drew 1/1, so that took us to penalties. We won 7/6 and that took us into the final.

In the final, we played against Breachwood Green School again and won 1/0.

That is how the team achieved gold.

The rural team's Captain, Barney A had this to say:

"I was elated to get first place and I am so proud of my fellow teammates. I thought we did incredibly well and I was so happy to come first."

Well done rural team! We are also really happy for you. Congratulations!





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



## Wellbeing Week

This week is Wellbeing week, as we mentioned last time. Wellbeing week is all about the physical and mental health of people. We have been learning about the four R's of learning powers which are:

Resilience    Resourcefulness    Reflectiveness    Relationships

## Shoebox Appeal

On Monday a man from Link to Hope, a charity whose aim is to completely wipe out poverty in countries in Eastern Europe, came in to explain their yearly appeal. Every year they arrange an event when many people get the opportunity to donate shoeboxes to families living in poverty. These shoeboxes contain many vital items such as scarves, toothbrushes, board games and many other essentials. You have the option of a box for the elderly or a family box. These boxes will benefit the poor in so many ways as they are full of things that can help or entertain them.

### Reminders:

Class 6 Cake Day on Friday.

Shoe boxes in soon. If you don't have a shoe box at home you can get one at school and if you don't have enough items to fill your box you can bring them in loose to fill other boxes. Have a good half term!

### *Quote of the week:*

*The more that you read, the more things you will know.  
The more that you learn the more places you'll go.*

*-Dr Seuss*



# 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**



## ♦ **MINIS BASKETBALL** ♦

**AGES 4-8  
BOYS & GIRLS WELCOME  
FUN WEEKLY SESSION**

**EMAIL US:**  
[INFO@STEVENAGEROYALS.COM](mailto:INFO@STEVENAGEROYALS.COM)

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# Hertfordshire County Youth Training Choir

## A pilot running in autumn term 2023



Hertfordshire County Training Choir is aimed for children in Years 6 to 8 who may have an interest in singing in a county choir!

### Rehearsals



Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>  
and 29<sup>th</sup> November  
5.00pm - 6.00pm



Mid Herts Centre for  
Music and Arts

### Concert



Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December  
6.00pm  
(rehearsals from 1.00pm)



St Etheldreda's Church  
(Hatfield)



£60 (includes both  
events listed above)



To book your place, please email  
[countymusicenquiries@hertfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:countymusicenquiries@hertfordshire.gov.uk)

[hertsmusicservice.org.uk](https://hertsmusicservice.org.uk)

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# Diary Dates

Autumn term 2<sup>nd</sup> half 2023

New or changed dates are highlighted.



Date	Event	Information
<b>OCTOBER</b>		
30 <sup>th</sup>	Back to school	
<b>NOVEMBER</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Poppies and Remembrance merchandise go on sale	
2 <sup>nd</sup>	School photos	
2 <sup>nd</sup>	PTA Christmas Fair meeting	7.30pm at The Bird in Hand Gosmore
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Shoebox Deadline	Being collected at 2.30pm
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Deadline for Y5/6 PGL deposits	
10 <sup>th</sup>	Remembrance Day	Service in church for children and staff
w/c 13 <sup>th</sup>	AUTUMN ASSESSMENT WEEK	
16 <sup>th</sup>	Flu Vaccinations	Please ensure you have consented via the link sent home
17 <sup>th</sup>	Children In Need Appeal	
23 <sup>rd</sup> & 24 <sup>th</sup>	Book Fair before and after school	
24 <sup>th</sup>	Class 5 Assembly	Assembly for C5 Parents at 9.15am
w/c 27 <sup>th</sup>	PARENT CONSULTATIONS	A blend of face to face, video and telephone appointments will be on offer. Letters will come home after half term
<b>DECEMBER</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Non-Uniform Day for Christmas Fair donations	Information will come home beforehand
4 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Festive Movie and Munch	After-school fundraiser, finishes around 5pm
7 <sup>th</sup>	Class 1 Nativity	2pm in the hall for C1 parents
8 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Christmas Fair	3.30-5.30pm
11 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Christmas Craft Afternoon	After school
12 <sup>th</sup>	Carol Service	In church for children and staff
13 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Dinner	
15 <sup>th</sup>	Class 5 Cake Day	Class 5 are asked to provide the cakes to sell at breaktime. All children can bring money to buy a cake instead of their usual snack.
18 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Parties	Children can wear non-uniform/ Christmas outfits for the day
19 <sup>th</sup>	End of term 2pm	