



REMEMBRANCE SERVICE 2023

Last Friday we held our Remembrance Service in church. The Young Worship group did a brilliant job of leading the service and the choir sang beautifully.

Every child laid a poppy at the altar before the two-minute silence, which were then used by Rev Ginni to decorate the church for Remembrance Sunday.

Thank you to you all for generously supporting the sale of poppy appeal items over the past few weeks.



TOMORROW

To support Children in Need, this year children are invited to go 'dotty and spotty' in return for a small donation to the appeal.

Children are still expected to wear school uniform but can accessorise it – for example, Pudsey ears, a spotty tie instead of a school tie, spotty socks, spotty hair bands, a bandana etc. (Please remember that participation is completely optional).



DON'T FORGET YOUR BAUBLES!

The Christmas tree arrives very soon! Make sure you place your 2023 Christmas bauble order ASAP to secure your spot on the school tree this year.

ROOF UPDATE

Thank you for all your kindness and understanding about the changes needed to allow for our roof replacement work to take place. As I write this, we are still awaiting some final costs and schedules to come through so I will let you know when I have more information to share. The hall is now home to Classes 1 and 2 for the time being, and the children have been amazing, adapting so quickly and confidently to their new spaces.

I would especially like to say a big thank you to the staff and governors who spent Friday afternoon moving all the furniture and equipment into the hall so that we were ready for the start of the week – Team Stipps magic at work again!

Class 1



Class 2



A couple of reminders...

- Please make sure that your child has a warm outdoor PE kit because all sports activities must be outside whilst we have no hall.
- Early Bird Club is now based in the library – please use the Class 5/6 doors at the other end of the building.

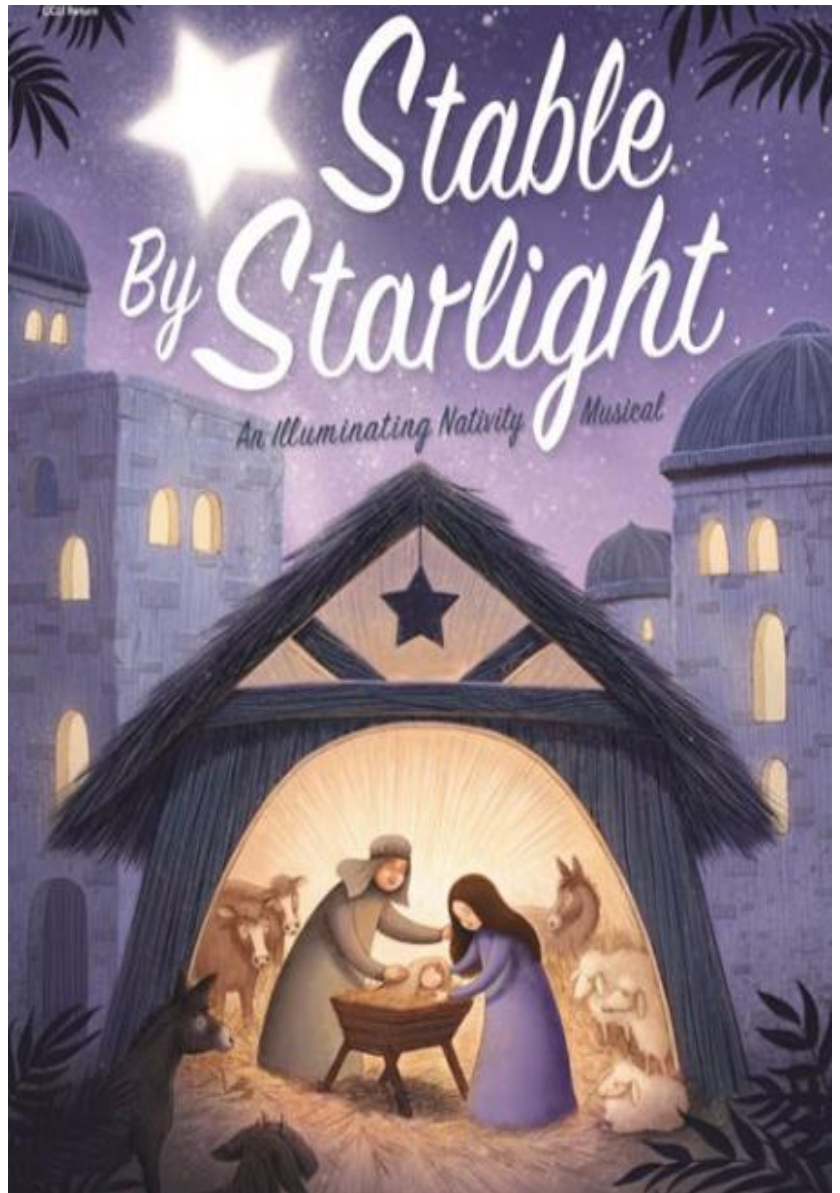
Class 1 Nativity Thursday 7th December

The children in Class One have started preparing for their performance of 'Stable by Starlight'.

Class One Parents and relatives are warmly invited to come and watch: Thursday 7th December at 2pm. (Please do not arrive before 1.45pm)

You will soon be able to book a maximum of four seats per family on Arbor. We will let you know when bookings open.

So that Class 1 can give you all a wonderful performance without disruptions, we ask that younger siblings are not brought to this event and ask that you make alternative arrangements for babies and pre-schoolers. While you are organising childcare it may be useful for you to know that we anticipate the performance will last around 30-40 minutes and we thank you for your cooperation.

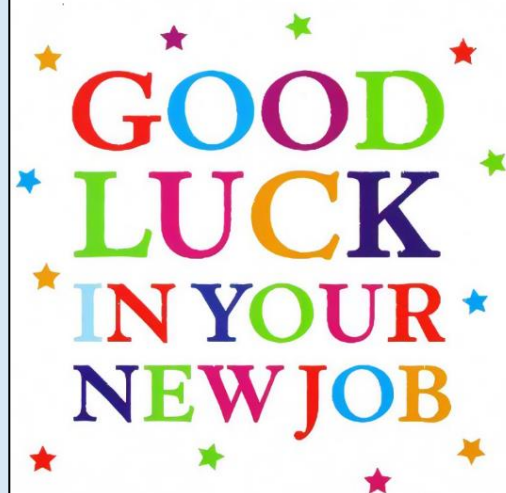


Please note that for safeguarding reasons, photos and videos cannot be taken during the nativity performance, although there will be an opportunity for you to photograph *your own child only* at the end. Many thanks for your cooperation.

Staff update

At the end of term, Mrs Springall will be leaving us to take up a new post at Wymondley School where she can work more days. Mrs Springall has been with us for ten years, initially as a full-time class teacher, and then part time covering classes for PPA and supply; we thank her very much for all her work here. Mrs Springall's last day will be December 13th and we wish her lots of love and good wishes for her new job!

After Christmas, Class 3 will be taught by Mrs Archer on Wednesdays and she has already been working alongside Mrs Bean to ensure a smooth transition for the children.



Winter footwear

A reminder that our school uniform consists of **shoes not boots** for both boys and girls. Children are most welcome to wear boots or wellies to travel to and from school and wear at playtimes, but they need to have their usual school shoes to change into in school. Please make sure footwear is named and it is also really useful to provide your child with a peg to clip their boots together in the cloakroom. Looking ahead, if we have snow, we still have outdoor play but only if children have wellies/boots so that they don't end up with wet, cold feet all day.



Parent Consultations: New online bookings!

Parent consultations will take place in the week commencing 27th November. We are offering face to face appointments on Monday 27th November, or you may choose to have a phone call or video meetings with your child's teacher on the other days that week.

Due to the hall being unavailable, face to face appointments will take place in the classrooms; there will be a small waiting area outside each one. *For this reason it would be very helpful if you do not bring children to the face-to-face consultations.*

For the first time we are trying online bookings for parent consultations; these will be done via Arbor. We will send an email in advance letting you know what day/time the bookings will go live.

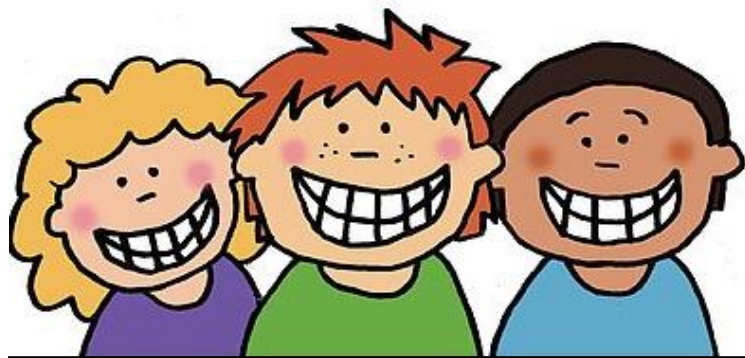
You will then be able to log in and make an appointment. If you have more than once child in school, we ask that you do not make appointments directly back-to-back as you will need to allow some time to get from one room to another.

Important: Please note that all after school clubs are cancelled during the week of parent consultations

Class 5 Assembly and Young Worship assemblies: postponed

Unfortunately, we need to postpone the upcoming assemblies due to the hall being out of action. As soon as we can reschedule them, we will let you know the new dates. Thank you for your understanding.





School photos order deadline

Have you ordered your school photos yet? A polite reminder that the closing date for free delivery back to school is **Wednesday 22nd November**. Order through the Tempest website using your unique link or visit www.tempest-orders.co.uk

If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, feel free to contact Tempest on 01736 751555 (option 3).
Many thanks.

Please don't suffer in silence.

St Ippolyts Parish Pantry

With food prices continuing to rise, we know that sometimes it's a struggle to make ends meet.

St Ippolyts Church has 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. Whilst there aren't enough resources to offer long term support, it can help bridge a gap.

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.

SPORTS

By our brilliant
Sports Reporter,
Libby in Year 5

Year 5&6 Girls Football

On Thursday last week, a team of year 5 and 6 girls went to Samuel Lucas School in Hitchin to play football. The match ended 1/1 and our goal was scored by Megan in Year 6.

This is what the team captain, Felicity (year 6) had to say:

"I was really impressed with our achievement, but we could've done a little better. We have another match soon – a chance to redeem ourselves."

Well done team! The most important thing is that you had a good time. Amazing achievement.



PTA Christmas Fair

Please read...

Friday 8th December 3.30pm - 5.30pm

Due to our roof issues, please be aware that some of our fair plans might need to change – watch this space!

If you can offer to help with the Christmas fair in any way – please get in touch:

pta@stipps.herts.sch.uk



Sshhhhh! Secrets Room

As usual we have the secrets room – this is where children can go and buy gifts for their family and have them wrapped ready for Xmas day.

We would be most grateful of any donations of unwanted gifts that would make good presents for mums, dads, grandparents and siblings –

Please drop off any secret room gifts to box in reception.

Thank you!



Christmas Jumpers

We will be running again a pre-loved Xmas jumper stall – please send in any outgrown/unwanted Xmas jumpers that are in good condition. We are hoping to have a selection of adult and children's jumpers – please ask your friends and family too as it's a great way to recycle! Please drop off in reception. Many thanks!

Toys and Books

Back by popular demand – we are bringing back the **second-hand toy and book stall** – An ideal opportunity to have a clear out before Xmas. Please drop off items to school week starting **Monday 4th December** as storage space at school is limited. Please make sure that donated items are in good condition – for example puzzles and games must have all the correct pieces etc. Thank you.



Save the date: non uniform day for hamper donations.

Non-uniform day for Christmas fair/hamper donations – **1st December**. The grand draw at the Christmas fair is always very popular and this year we will again be doing our Hamper raffle. There are lots of different themed hampers to be won such as sweet treats, pamper hamper, winter warmers, 'bottoms up' and children's treats. We are asking for contributions to help us make up the hampers and will be holding a non-uniform day in exchange for hamper donations, details in this week's newsletter.

Tokens

Tokens for stalls and activities will be available to purchase for the first hour of the Christmas Fair – card payments are accepted. Alternatively, cash can be used.



We are so excited to have a special visitor at our fair – be sure to visit him in his grotto!



Christmas Crafts

Monday 4th December 3.15-4.45pm £5 per child

Get in the Christmas spirit with an afternoon of Christmas arts and crafts. There will be a variety of activities suitable for every year group and you will be able to take your creations home at the end!

This session is limited to 40 places, so book early to avoid disappointment on the PTA website:

www.pta-events.co.uk/stipps

Bookings will open on Friday 24th November

NON-UNIFORM DAY FOR CHRISTMAS FAIR DONATIONS



Friday 1st December

The Grand Draw at the Christmas Fair is always very popular with lots of lovely prizes to be won. This year we will be doing the **Hamper Raffle** that has been so popular in the last couple of years. There will be lots of different hampers to win, for example: Festive Food, Sweet Treats, Pamper Hampers, Winter Warmers, 'Bottoms Up' and children's treats.

We are asking for contributions to help us make up our hamper collection and will be holding a non-uniform day in exchange for hamper donations on **Friday 1st December**

Please bring items from the class lists below

(Examples are just to give you an idea, please make sure food items are in date and do not require refrigeration.)

Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5	Class 6
Anything chocolate e.g. boxes of chocs, chocolate tree decorations etc Things suitable for the children's hampers (KS1, age 4-7) e.g. colouring books, games, activities, small toys, arts and craft packs, jigsaw, board game etc	Men's and Women's Toiletries for the 'Pamper Hampers' e.g. bubble bath, shower gel, body lotion, moisturizer, body scrub, scented candles, soaps, body spray, shaving foam, make up etc etc etc! <i>All items must be new and unused for hygiene reasons</i>	Festive Foods e.g. Christmas cake, Yule Log, Christmas pudding, Christmas biscuits, savoury snacks/crackers, after eights etc Sweet Treats e.g. Christmas candy, sweets, fudge, cookies etc	Anything chocolate e.g. boxes of chocs, chocolate tree decorations etc Things suitable for the children's hampers (KS2 age 8-11) e.g. puzzle books, games, activities, small toys, arts and craft packs, jigsaw, board game etc)	Winter Warmers e.g. fancy tea bags, coffee, hot chocolate, marshmallows, coffee syrups, herbal teas, etc) Bottoms Up! e.g. wine, beers, spirits, mixers etc to make drinks hampers for grown-ups!	Bottoms Up! e.g. wine, beers, spirits, mixers etc to make drinks hampers for grown-ups! Savoury snacks to go with the tipples!

Raffle tickets will be sent home soon; please do your best to sell them to friends and family. The Hamper Raffle will be drawn at the Christmas Fair



St Ippolyts CE School PTA Presents

CHRISTMAS TRAIL

Sat 25th Nov - Thurs 8th Dec

Fill in 10 pictures on your trail sheet
to earn a treat. Fill in 12 or more
pictures to earn a treat and be
entered into the prize draw!

BRING £2 TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE
TO COLLECT YOUR TRAIL SHEETS

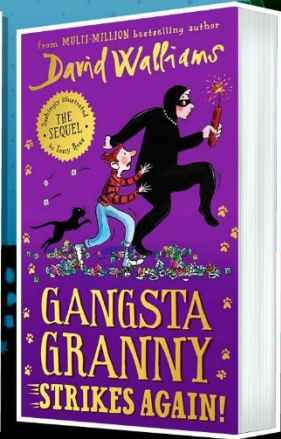
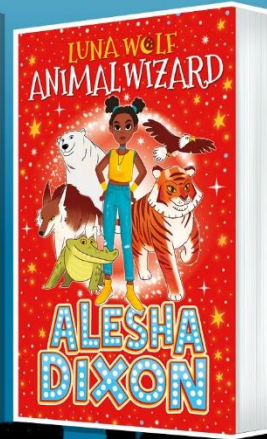
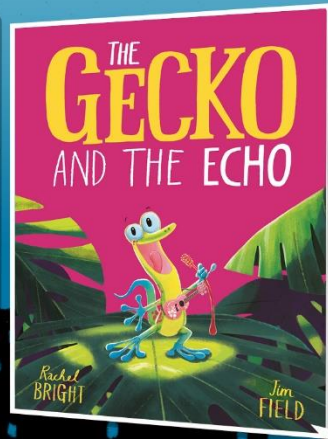
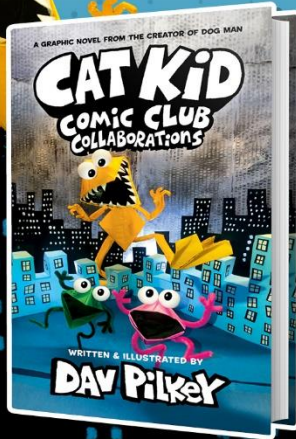
DRAW ON 8TH DECEMBER
AT THE CHRISTMAS FAIR



SCHOLASTIC

COME TO THE BOOK FAIR

AND EARN FREE BOOKS FOR OUR SCHOOL



Art © Dav Pilkey

NEXT WEEK!

Thursday 23rd and Friday 24th November
2023 before and after school!

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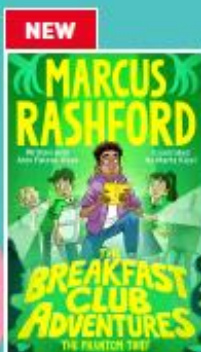
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This week's article from our Pupil Journalists Amelie and Barney

Last Friday, all the St Ippolyts students made their way over to the church for Remembrance Day. This is a time we go to church to reflect on the lives of those who died at war, serving our country. A well-known symbol many associate with Remembrance are poppies; during lessons, all classes created their very own unique poppies to lay at the altar in memory of the many soldiers who lost their lives. Thank you to Young Worship, who played a huge part in our service, as well as all other pupils who took part in the singing of our hymns.

Leaky Problems!

Big news at St Ippolyts School this week is that there will be a huge change to our school days. Due to the extremely unpleasant weather this week, parts of our roof have gotten a bit leaky and creaky! Some bits of our school building date all the way back to the Victorian times. The Class 4 room is the oldest building. If you remember, we celebrated our school's 175th anniversary last year. The mixture of the age of the buildings and the dodgy weather has caused some difficulties in Class 1 and 2, meaning they have been temporarily moved into the hall. This change may create struggles, however, it could be exciting for many of us- P.E will now only be outside, so cross your fingers for some glorious weather! Now for the school lunches; you might be wondering about where we will be eating our meals. This may be some students' favourite part as all meals will be eaten in classrooms! Collective Worship will be done on video call so we can all still interact throughout classrooms.

Reminders:

Friday 17th is Children in Need, so make sure to dress spotty and dotty! We're happy to say that after Christmas, the whole school is invited to go to the theatre! I'm jumping with excitement right now!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK -

BE YOURSELF. EVERYONE ELSE IS ALREADY TAKEN - OSCAR WILDE