



## ARTS DAYS 2024

This year's arts days take place next week. We were originally planning to do a workshop approach, but this isn't possible while we have no hall and some classrooms out of bounds.

Instead we will be using a similar approach to last year, with classes staying with their usual own teacher and completing their unit of work across one week. Each class will be working on a different unit of study – we will have textiles, watercolours, printing and more.

After the Arts Days, the children's learning and sketchbooks will be displayed in an exhibition in the main foyer which you will be able to visit on Open Session (after school on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February).



## Curriculum Overviews

Today the class teachers will email a copy of this term's curriculum overview, detailing what the class will be learning during the spring. These are also on the school website if you misplace your copy. We do hope you find these useful for supporting your child's learning at home.

## Reception places 2024 deadline

Parents wishing to apply for a Reception place commencing September 2024 are reminded that the **deadline for applications is this coming Monday - 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024**. Copies of our SIF (Supplementary Information Form) can be collected from the office or downloaded from the website. Please note that applications **MUST** be done using the Hertfordshire online system as well as our paper form.

## ROOF UPDATE

Our roof works are finally up and running! There has been a lot of deliveries of equipment and materials this week and weather permitting, the work starts in earnest tomorrow. Providing we don't hit any snags, the work on Classes 1 and 2 will be finished by February half term. Later in the term, work will also commence on the replacement of the slate roofs on the old part of the building. Reminder for **Early Birds Parents**: Please escort your children down onto the playground rather than dropping them off at the top of the drive. Many thanks.

## After school clubs

Clubs start next week. Please remember that Handball and Rapid Fire Cricket will be taking place at the village hall and children should be collected directly from there.



## PE at the Village Hall this term

We have arranged to use the village hall for indoor PE lessons whilst the hall is unavailable. **Please make sure that your child has both indoor and outdoor kits.** When they get ready for PE, they will put their indoor kit on, and then their outdoor kit over the top for walking to the hall.

## Whole school theatre trip Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Excitement is growing for our forthcoming trip to see 'Shrek the Musical' at Milton Keynes Theatre.

Last term you should have received all the information via Arbor. Please make sure you give consent and payment if you have not already done so.

This trip has been made possible by the amazing generosity of the PTA who have paid for all the tickets and refreshments, so a huge thank you to them!



## Class 5 Assembly Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January 9.15am

Please note that Class 5's assembly will take place in St Ippolyts Church. Parents of Class 5 children are very welcome to come along to hear all about their learning.

## Governing Body news

**We are delighted to welcome Mr Anthony Frayne and Mr Matt Beavis as Parent Governors for St Ippolyts School. Mr Ian Morrison and Mr Peter Blanchard are also joining the Governing Body, filling our remaining vacancies. We very much look forward to working with them all.**

All members of any school governing body are bound by strict confidentiality clauses, so it would be very helpful for our new governors if they aren't put in a difficult position by parents asking them about school matters, even if you are close friends. They are not allowed to share any governor information with you directly; if you have a query, please deal directly with school in the usual way or contact our Chair of Governors, Mrs L. Luxton.

# Bag2School collection

## Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January



Collection bags were sent home last term, but do remember that you can also use bin bags if you have more to donate. We get paid by the weight, so the more we collect, the more we raise!

We accept the following 'good quality' items for RE-USE:

- Men's, Ladies' and Children's clothing
- Paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around)
- Handbags
- Hats
- Bags
- Scarves and ties
- Jewellery
- Lingerie
- Socks
- Belts
- Soft toys
- Household linen
- Household curtains
- Household towels
- Household bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers)

Items that are NOT accepted:

Duvets and blankets  
Pillows and cushions  
Carpets, rugs and mats (including bath, shower and toilet mats)  
Soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing  
School uniforms with and without logo  
Corporate clothing and workwear  
Textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material

Leave your bags on the village green by 9am on the morning of Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January. Thank you!

## For your diaries: PTA dates this term

Please be aware that the disco is dependent on having the hall back in use by then.

17<sup>th</sup> January: Bag2School Collection

2<sup>nd</sup> February: Class 4 Cake Day

1<sup>st</sup> March: Disco 5.30pm - 7pm

7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> March: Book Fair

8<sup>th</sup> March: Class 3 Cake Day

11<sup>th</sup> March: Easter Crafts

25<sup>th</sup> March: Movie and Munch



# LEARNING



Class 2 are reading the book 'Last stop on Market Street'. Here they are writing descriptions of one of the main characters, Nala.



Class 3 have been making up their own word problems in maths about totals of money and working out the change needed.



Classes 3 and 4 enjoyed their first session of PE at the village hall last week.



Class 6 are learning about Crime and Punishment in history. They had fun acting out medieval, Roman or Victorian scenarios.



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



Hello everyone! Welcome back from the holidays; we hope you had a great Christmas and a happy New Year, and are now raring and ready to get back into the swing of things. We are glad to have school easing us back into the busy curriculum of the New Year, with a club-free first week back.

We hope you are all coping well with the chilly weather; remember to bring hats, coats etc. and wrap up warm. Hopefully, the days will become longer and warmer as we progress through the Spring Term.

- As many of you may already know, the Class 1 and 2 roofs have had some leaky problems, but the roof works are starting on Thursday!
- Classes 4, 5 and 6 will now be eating in the hall, however only school dinners.
- Bag2school charity bags must be in by the 17th January (make sure to put them on the green opposite the churchyard)
- All clubs will start next week. We are very lucky to have so many amazing teachers that give up their time to support our clubs. We hope you enjoy them!
- Some P.E lessons for all classes will take place in the village hall while our school hall is occupied.

Go here to find out more about this week, including space exploration and much more.

[https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/news/watch\\_newsround](https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/news/watch_newsround)

## Quote of the Week

"Every year you make a resolution to change yourself. This year, make a resolution to be yourself"

– Unknown

# Spring Term 2024

Date	Event	Information
<b>JANUARY</b>		
4 <sup>th</sup>	Spring Term begins	
5 <sup>th</sup>	PE at the village hall begins	All children need both indoor and outdoor kits
15 <sup>th</sup>	After school clubs start	
15-17 <sup>th</sup>	Arts Days	
17 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Bag2School Collection	Bags on the village green by 9am please
26 <sup>th</sup>	Class 5 Assembly	9.15am in church for Class 5 parents
29 <sup>th</sup>	Choir: Young Voices at the O2	
<b>FEBRUARY</b>		
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Class 4 Cake Day	
5 <sup>th</sup>	Open Session	3.30-5.00pm, no appointment needed
9 <sup>th</sup>	Class 4 Assembly	9.15am in church for Class 4 parents
13 <sup>th</sup>	Shrove Tuesday	
14 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 Parent Consultations	
16 <sup>th</sup>	Finish for half term	Usual time of 3.15pm
26 <sup>th</sup>	Back to school	
28 <sup>th</sup>	Shrek Theatre trip	
<b>MARCH</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup>	PTA Spring Disco	<i>Depending on whether the hall is available</i>
7 <sup>th</sup>	World Book Day	Costume needed!
7 <sup>th</sup> - 8 <sup>th</sup>	Book Fair	Before and after school
8 <sup>th</sup>	Class 3 Cake Day	
4 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup>	ASSESSMENT WEEK	Years 1-6, avoid absence please
18 <sup>th</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Parent Consultations	Face to face appointments available on Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> . The rest of the week will be video and telephone calls.
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Class 3 Assembly	9.15am in the hall for Class 3 parents
25 <sup>th</sup>	Movie and Munch	
27 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Service	
28 <sup>th</sup>	End of term	Early finish 2pm
<b>SUMMER TERM 2024</b>		
16 <sup>th</sup> April	Summer term begins for children	
27 <sup>th</sup> – 31 <sup>st</sup> May	Half term week	
18 <sup>th</sup> July	END OF TERM 2pm	
19 <sup>th</sup> and 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	INSET Days, no school for children	
23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Occasional Day. School closed to staff & children	

Term Dates



# Term dates 2024 – 2025

AUTUMN TERM 2024	
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> September</b>	<i>INSET Day, no school for children</i>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> September</b>	Autumn term begins for children
<b>28<sup>th</sup> Oct -1<sup>st</sup> Nov</b>	Half term week
<b>20<sup>th</sup> December</b>	END OF TERM 2pm
SPRING TERM 2025	
<b>6<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<i>INSET Day, no school for children</i>
<b>7<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Spring term begins for children
<b>17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> February</b>	Half term week
<b>4<sup>th</sup> April</b>	END OF TERM 2pm
SUMMER TERM 2025	
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> April</b>	<i>INSET Day, no school for children</i>
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> April</b>	Summer term begins for children
<b>26<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Half term week
<b>18<sup>th</sup> July</b>	END OF TERM 2pm
<b>21<sup>st</sup> July</b>	<i>INSET Day, no school for children</i>
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> July</b>	<i>INSET Day, no school for children</i>
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> July</b>	<i>Occasional Day. School closed to staff &amp; children</i>



**ALL CHILDREN ARE REQUIRED TO BE IN SCHOOL UNTIL 2pm on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2025.**

***No absence will be authorised at the beginning or ends of terms.***

***Please do not take children out of school for holidays or tag extra days on to school holiday periods.***

Very occasionally, term dates and INSET days may need to be changed. We will notify parents well in advance should this be the case.