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NEWSLETTER



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WINNERS



Huge congratulations to the girls football team who, after a tough battle, won The Wix Cup on Wednesday. They played incredibly well and showed fierce determination, finishing with a 3–2 win against Highover School. The Wix Cup has eluded us many times, having reached the final seven times before, but always narrowly missing out in the final moments.

But our very own lionesses finally brought it home!
Well done girls, we are all so proud of you, and you thoroughly deserve your win after all your hard work!



Red Nose Day
 You raised almost £250
 for Comic Relief last
 Friday – thank you!

Class 3 Assembly
TOMORROW 9.15am in the hall

SCHOOL UNIFORMS

The PTA are holding a pre-loved uniform sale after school tomorrow at the main doors.

There are lots of items available, and there is an especially good stock of summer uniform dresses.

There are no set prices, just a donation box. Do come along!



Earlier this week we sent home a letter detailing the next phase of our roof replacement works which starts very soon. It was sent via Arbor email, please let us know if you didn't receive it.

SPORTS DAY 2024:
 Save the date! Our Sports Day will take place on
Wednesday 22nd May
 (NOT Tuesday 21st May as previously listed)

SUMMER SCHOOL UNIFORM AFTER EASTER

After the Easter holidays we change to summer uniform:

white and blue **checked** dress (pale blue, not navy) *culottes style permitted, but not the short 'hot-pants'*

white socks

navy cardigan

sun hat/cap

OR

grey shorts

white shirt

school tie

navy V-neck jumper, **not sweatshirts**

grey socks

sun hat/cap



Closed toe sandals are permitted in summer. Shoes can be black or navy.

School fleeces revert to being outdoor wear only after Easter

During the summer months, we may have additional PE sessions as we prepare for sports day so it is important that your child has PE kit in school every day.

Summer PE kit is shorts/t-shirts, not long trousers/joggers.

School dinner prices & summer term menu

After Easter, the price of school dinners for children in Y3-Y6 will increase to £3.30 per day.

Please remember to check your eligibility for free school meals by visiting <https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/Schools-and-education/At-school/Free-school-meals/Free-school-meals.aspx#year3>

The menus are being expanded to include a cold sandwich option, as well as the usual meat, vegetarian and jacket potato options.

Alongside the sandwich/roll/baguette, the children will still be able to select all the usual accompaniments such as vegetables, salad and desserts.

The menu is on the following page and is also available on the school website (in the newsletters section).



WEEK 1

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
15 APRIL, 7 MAY, 3 JUNE, 24 JUNE, 15 JULY, 2 SEPTEMBER, 23 SEPTEMBER, 14 OCTOBER					
MAIN MEAL 1	Pork Sausages with Gravy	Herb Crusted Chicken with Spaghetti Marinara	Roast Beef with Gravy	Favourite Quorn Hot Dog	Battered Fish Fillet
MAIN MEAL 2	Cheese & Tomato Quiche	Mild Sweet Potato & Chickpea Curry	Mince Slice	Cheesy Spring Vegetable Bake	Classic Cheese & Tomato Pizza
SIDE DISH	Pasta or Potato Wedges	Brown & White Rice	Roast Potatoes or Wholemeal Pasta	Diced Potatoes or Garlic Bread	Potato Wedges or Tricolour Pasta
COLD OPTION	Tuna Roll	Cheese Spread Roll	Ham Sandwich	Cheese Baguette	Egg Roll
EXTRA OPTION	Jacket Potato (Various Toppings)	Jacket Potato (Various Toppings)	Jacket Potato (Various Toppings)	Jacket Potato (Various Toppings)	Jacket Potato (Various Toppings)

WEEK 2

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
22 APRIL, 13 MAY, 10 JUNE, 1 JULY, 22 JULY, 9 SEPTEMBER, 30 SEPTEMBER, 21 OCTOBER					
MAIN MEAL 1	Tex Mex Quorn Fajita	Chicken Pie	Roast Chicken with Sage & Onion Stuffing & Gravy	Beef Burger in a Bun	Salmon Fishcake
MAIN MEAL 2	Creamy Macaroni Cheese	Moroccan Tagine	Plant Balls with Gravy	Roasted Summer Veg Pasta	Classic Cheese & Tomato Pizza
SIDE DISH	Rice or Tomato Bread	Diced Potatoes or Couscous	Roast Potatoes or Brown & White Rice	Potato Wedges or Herby Bread	Oven Chips or Tricolour Pasta
COLD OPTION	Cheese Baguette	Ham Sandwich	Tuna Roll	Cheese Spread Sandwich	Egg Roll
EXTRA OPTION	Jacket Potato (Various Toppings)	Jacket Potato (Various Toppings)	Jacket Potato (Various Toppings)	Jacket Potato (Various Toppings)	Jacket Potato (Various Toppings)

WEEK 3

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
29 APRIL, 20 MAY, 17 JUNE, 8 JULY, 16 SEPTEMBER, 7 OCTOBER					
MAIN MEAL 1	Chicken Curry	Quorn Burger in a Bun	Turkey Roast with Sage & Onion Stuffing & Gravy	Beef Lasagne	Fish Fillet Fingers
MAIN MEAL 2	Homemade Sausage Roll	Rich Tomato Bolognese	Roast Quorn Fillet with Sage & Onion Stuffing & Gravy	Chipolata Sausages with Gravy	Classic Cheese & Tomato Pizza
SIDE DISH	Rice or Diced Potatoes	Potato Wedges or Spaghetti	Roast Potatoes or Wholemeal Pasta	Herby Bread or Diced Potatoes	Oven Chips or Tricolour Pasta
COLD OPTION	Cheese Spread Sandwich	Cheese Baguette	Tuna Roll	Ham Sandwich	Egg Roll
EXTRA OPTION	Jacket Potato (Various Toppings)	Jacket Potato (Various Toppings)	Jacket Potato (Various Toppings)	Jacket Potato (Various Toppings)	Jacket Potato (Various Toppings)

Seasonal vegetables and a variety of salads are served daily. = Vegetarian = Vegan.

We are proud to use the following food brands:



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Save the date!

Friday 3rd May in the school hall
(evening event for parents/grownups)



Bag2School Collection Monday 22nd April

If you're having a clear out, please save your unwanted clothes, shoes, boots, bedding, handbags etc for our next Bag2School collection after the holidays. We are paid by the weight, so the more we donate, the more get paid!

A colorful poster for a Summer Fair Planning Meeting. It features a blue background with a yellow banner at the top that says 'SUMMER FAIR' in white and red letters. Below the banner, it says 'PLANNING MEETING' in green, 'THURSDAY 25TH APRIL' in blue, and 'AT THE BIRD IN HAND' in blue. There are decorative elements like colorful bunting, white daisies, and a red banner at the bottom that says 'SAVE THE DATE! THE SUMMER FAIR TAKES PLACE AFTER SCHOOL ON FRIDAY 5TH JULY'. At the bottom, there are illustrations of a Ferris wheel and a carousel.

SUMMER FAIR

PLANNING MEETING

THURSDAY 25TH APRIL
AT THE BIRD IN HAND

PLEASE COME ALONG AND HELP
TO MAKE IT OUR BEST FAIR EVER!

SAVE THE DATE! THE SUMMER
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MOVIE
AND
MUNCH

[www.pta-
events.co.uk/stipps](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/stipps)

Bookings are open
now and will close at
midnight tomorrow

Disco!

The disco raised
an amazing
£691.63!

Thank you SO
much!

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

This week is one of the last weeks until the Easter holidays, so I would enjoy it if I were you! There will be no more clubs and we will all be having some of our last P.E classes for this term, so many of you may be feeling a bit blue. But not to worry! There will be many things to look forward to in the Summer Term, as well as just having fun in the Summer sun and heat.

First Day of Spring

Speaking of the seasons, Wednesday 20th March was the first official day of Spring, also known as the Vernal Equinox within the Astronomical calendar. However, we are more used to the Meteorological calendar, which splits the year into four equal seasons. The Astronomical calendar also contains the Summer and Winter Solstice. We live in the Northern Hemisphere. During the Astronomical Summer, the Northern Hemisphere faces towards the Sun. In the Astronomical Winter it tilts away from the Sun. This results in changes in the length of days, therefore creating long days in the Summer and shorter, darker days in Winter. However, there are two special days when there is an equal amount of darkness and sunlight; these are known as the Spring and Autumn Equinoxes, which means it is the first official day of each. The Earth is said to have awoken: animals come out of hibernation, plants begin to sprout. The Pagan celebration 'Ostara' is in honour of the Spring's warmth, the Sun's light and the Earth's awakening. All celebrations during this time are often focused on balance and equality, renewal and rebirth.

Easter

Pagan celebrations of the Vernal Equinox mark the day when Spring and Eostra, the Teutonic Goddess of Spring, arrived. Pagan lore says that a rabbit wanted to please Eostra so much that it laid sacred eggs and decorated them for the Goddess. It is said she liked the eggs so much she told the rabbit to travel around the world, delivering them to people. As you may guess, this is the origin of our egg-gifting holiday, Easter.

Reminders

Movie and Munch on Monday 25th March after school, so be ready to enjoy a movie with your friends!

Remember your Summer uniforms for next term.

Class 3 Assembly on Friday, so be sure to come if you want to see it!

All clubs are now finished.

Quote of the Week

Easter is the only time when it's okay to put all your eggs in one basket.

Year 5 Handball Tournament

Last week, a team of year 5 pupils went to Barnwell Upper School to take part in a handball tournament. There were two St Ipps teams competing. The first team achieved gold and the second team achieved bronze. The team that came first won every match except the last one against team 2 of our school. The team that came third won a few matches but also lost a few matches.

Here is a comment from the 1st team's captain, Christopher in year 5:

"Both teams played incredibly well and we all came back to school with medals which was a result!" Well done to you all, brilliant achievement!

Year 4 Rapid fire cricket county finals tournament

Two days ago, I was live reporting at a sporting centre in Ware reporting on the rapid fire cricket. Just before the matches began, I managed to get a comment from the captain, Tabby: "I am excited and proud that we have come this far."

We won the first game with a score of 63 to 29 against Wheatcroft. The rest of the games were really good. The fielding ability of our school was outstanding. We came 2nd in our group and overall, the team came 3rd, bringing home bronze medals.

Well done everyone, brilliant result!



Year 5/6 Athletics County Finals Tournament

Two days ago, I went to a sporting centre in Ware to do some live reporting on the county finals of athletics. Everyone was really excited and I managed to get a few comments before the first races began. Rufus, in year 6, said this:

“I am not very nervous, just excited. It is such a big event and it would be amazing for the teams if we won.”

Alba, in year 5, said this:

“I am nervous but also quite ready for this. If we win, I’ll feel happy and very relieved.”

Amelie F, in year 6, said this:

“I am happy with the scores so far. We are doing really well so keep it coming!”

In most of the races for relay, the girls came 5th and the boys came 3rd. On other events, we did incredibly well, meaning we got 6th place overall! Congratulations! Well done guys!

National trampolining competition

Over the weekend a team of girls from Years 4, 5 and 6 travelled to the Telford International Centre to take part in the national trampolining competition. The girls scored very highly and finished in third position which was fantastic as there were 12 schools in total competing. The girls were delighted with their bronze medals.

What an achievement!

