



# NEWSLETTER



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## Easter Gardens

The children in Young Worship made these beautiful Easter Gardens to decorate the Church for our Easter Service this week.

## Easter service

Yesterday the whole school went to church for our Easter Service. The children did brilliantly with their hymn singing, reading and acting of the Easter Story. We will put some photos on the school website for you to see.

# HAPPY EASTER

# SCHOOL UNIFORMS



In the main entrance there are some rails of pre-loved uniform items looking for new homes.

Please come and take what you need.

There is no charge, but if you wish to make a small donation to the PTA there is a donations box at the office.

Thank you to the parent volunteers for sorting and laundering it all 😊

## Pencil cases

Today, children will bring home all their belongings, including their pencil cases. Please could you take a moment to check your child's pencil case and replenish any missing items. Lots of children have got tiny stubby pencils and empty glue sticks after all their hard work!



## Lost Property

We have a huge box of lost property in the main entrance. It has been sorted through, and everything with names in has been returned to the rightful owner. However, all the remaining items are unnamed and so cannot be reunited.

When you are sorting your child's uniform for the summer term, please can you **ensure that all items are named clearly**; this includes trainers, plimsolls, water bottles, pencil cases etc. This saves us in school a lot of time, and you as parents a lot of money! Many thanks for your help with this.

## Summer diary dates

All the dates for the summer term have been included with this weeks newsletter. We still have a few dates left to confirm, so please keep an eye on the newsletters and your inbox as the term progresses.

We have also included next years term dates again so that you can avoid removing children from school for holidays.



## Class 6 trip to Sartorius

Class 6 had a fantastic trip to Sartorius this week to complement the work they have been doing with Challenging Children in Industry. While there, they participated in four practical workshops, including CAD design, building and testing a part of a robot, and engaging in a complete practical experiment. Not only did each child thoroughly enjoy deepening their learning this way, but they also loved experiencing how science impacts the real world. Comments from the staff at Sartorius were brilliant, and they were very impressed with the children's attitude towards learning and their scientific knowledge. Well done Class 6!



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## SATS and other assessments next term

**Y6 SATs: Monday 13<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May**

**Y4 Multiplication Check: commencing 3<sup>rd</sup> June**

**Summer assessments for Y1,2,3,4,5: beginning 3<sup>rd</sup> June, spanning two weeks**

**Y1 phonics screening check: commencing 11<sup>th</sup> June**

For year 2 children, from this year, formal 'SATs' are no longer a statutory requirement. The children will still be assessed like any of our other termly assessment weeks, but you will not be receiving an official set of results like Y2 children in previous years have done.

Your child's report will continue to provide information on whether your child is working towards, at or above the expected standard.

# 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, NOT TRAINERS. **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.**

**Clothing, including socks should not have sports logos please.**

## Please don't suffer in silence.

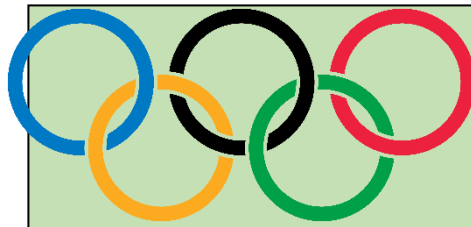
### St Ippolyts Parish Pantry

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](mailto:revginni@gmail.com) or Mrs Peddie at [head@stipps.herts.sch.uk](mailto:head@stipps.herts.sch.uk) Any emails will be treated with the strictest confidence.

In addition to the Parish Pantry, Mrs Peddie can often access other avenues of emergency support, such as Foodbank vouchers; **please get in touch if you need help.**



# OLYMPIC SPORTS DAY

## Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May at Ridlins

We are delighted to announce our plans for a very special Sports Day! Instead of holding our sports day at the school field like we usually do, this year are having our very own Olympics, which will be held at Ridlins Athletics Stadium in Stevenage (parents who have been involved with the school for a long time may remember we last did this back in 2012!)

Each year, some children in KS2 qualify for the opportunity to compete in events at Ridlins, but we want to give *every* child the chance to experience taking part in a proper stadium, and to give younger children something to aspire to as they move up through the school.

Mr Jefferies will send home the finer details after Easter, but the summary version is that children will come to school as normal that day, wearing their sports kit. All the children will have been sorted into different countries and it would be great if you could send them in something of that country's colours or flag (just a plain T-shirt with a flag fastened on will do). Mr Jefferies will let you know your child's country after the holidays. Children will also need a packed lunch that day.

We will then travel to Ridlins by coach and the events will take place between 10am-2pm, with a break for lunch. Parents are encouraged to join us at Ridlins for the day - there is a seated spectator stand for you all.

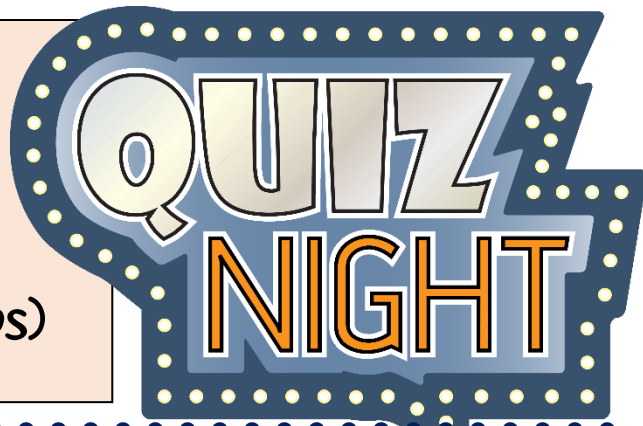
Children will take part in a mix of field and track events throughout the day and if 2012 is anything to go by, it will be a fantastic experience for them all!

School is funding the venue hire and all other costs, but we are asking parents to contribute towards the coach fare. This will be appearing on Arbor shortly, so do keep a look out. There are a few photos of our 2012 event below to give you a flavour of what's to come!



# Save the date!

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



## Bag2School Collection Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 several white daisies scattered around the text. At the bottom, there is a red banner that says 'SAVE THE DATE! THE SUMMER FAIR TAKES PLACE AFTER SCHOOL ON FRIDAY 5TH JULY'. The background also features a Ferris wheel on the left and a carousel on the right.

## 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  
FAIR TAKES PLACE AFTER  
SCHOOL ON FRIDAY 5TH JULY

PTA dates for the  
summer term

25<sup>th</sup> April: Summer Fair  
planning meeting

26<sup>th</sup> April: C2 Cake Day

3<sup>rd</sup> May: Quiz Night

21<sup>st</sup> June: C1 Cake Day

28<sup>th</sup> June: Summer  
Disco

5<sup>th</sup> July: Summer Fair

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

We hope you've all had a great week so far with so much going on at school, including a brilliant Science trip for Class 6. Also a huge well done to Class 3, who performed an incredible class assembly last Friday.

Just to let you know, there are a lot of things to talk about in this newsletter as we begin our Easter holidays. It's important to remember that Easter isn't just about the Easter Bunny and chocolate eggs but is a religious event too.

Friday 29th March will be Good Friday. This is a day recognised by many Christians where they think about Jesus' crucifixion. It is always the Friday before Easter Sunday.

This Sunday is Easter Sunday, which is when Jesus' resurrection is celebrated, three days after he was put on the cross.

We also have Easter Monday on the 1st April which is another day to celebrate, it's also a bank holiday so parents/carers won't have to take you to school!

There have been lots of world awareness events over the past few weeks and it is really important that we know about them so we can all learn more about people, culture and things that affect others.

Tuesday 26th March was World Purple Day. Purple is the colour chosen to represent epilepsy and to raise awareness of this condition. This is so people understand more and learn how to look after people who may live with it. You can find out lots about epilepsy here <https://www.epilepsy.org.uk/>

Wednesday 27th March is World Theatre Day. Have you ever been to the theatre? We know that some of you have performed on stage in front of a real audience which is amazing! Our school supports us to perform too, with our class assemblies, summer productions and much more! World Theatre Day encourages people to visit the theatre and watch a show or performance as well as sharing the message of World Peace.

As well as being a bank holiday, April 1st is also April Fool's day so we hope you've been researching jokes to play on your family members and close friends, but remember to keep safe! There are some really funny ideas and facts here <https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/kids-club/cool-kids/general-kids-club/april-fools-pranks/>

We hope you all have a great time over the Easter holidays and we can't wait to hear about the April Fools Day Pranks you've played on people!

This week there are TWO quotes of the week!

### Quote of the week:

"A true friend is someone who thinks you're a good egg, even if you're cracked."

— Unknown

"Spring is nature's way of saying 'Let's party!'" – Robin Williams

# SPORTS



By our super sports reporter,  
Libby Y5

## Year 5/6 girls football

A few weeks ago, a selection of girls from years 5 and 6 went to Wilshere Dacre to play some football matches. They won both matches, 4-3 and 4-1. The first match was played against Wilshere Dacre, 4-1 and the 2nd match was played against Our Lady's with the score 4-3. Here is a comment from the captain, Felicity in year 6: "I am really proud of the team. We all did really well and tried our hardest." Well done! Amazing!

## Year 6 Football Rally

A couple of weeks ago, a team of children went to Wilshere Dacre to play a football rally. There were six teams including us and we played 4 of them. Overall we came joint third with St. Andrews. Everyone was very pleased with themselves. Well done to you all. Brilliant work!

## Gold medals at the Inspire Tri-Golf!

Yesterday a team of boys competed in the tri-golf tournament against 8 other schools. They were amazing and came back with gold medals and a beautiful trophy! Well done boys!





# SUMMER

Please keep an eye on the newsletters for details of class trips etc

Date	Event	Additional Information
<b>APRIL</b>		
15 <sup>th</sup>	INSET Day	No school for children
16 <sup>th</sup>	Term begins 8.45am	
18 <sup>th</sup>	Class 2 Trip	
22 <sup>nd</sup>	BAGS 2 SCHOOL	Bags on the village green by 9am
25 <sup>th</sup>	PTA SUMMER FAIR PLANNING	Evening meeting at The Bird in Hand – please come!
26 <sup>th</sup>	Class 2 Cake Day	
<b>MAY</b>		
3 <sup>rd</sup>	PTA Quiz Night	Evening event in school for parents
6 <sup>th</sup>	BANK HOLIDAY	School closed
10 <sup>th</sup>	Class 2 Assembly	9.15am in the hall
13 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 SATs WEEK	SATs breakfast for Y6 in hall Monday - Thursday
22 <sup>nd</sup>	SPORTS DAY all day	Details to follow
23 <sup>rd</sup>	PGL meeting for Y5/6 parents	6pm in the hall
24 <sup>th</sup>	Finish for half term 3.15pm	
<b>JUNE</b>		
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Back to school	Assessment week for Y1,2,3,4,5 (spans 2 weeks) Phonics check Y1, Multiplication check Y4
7 <sup>th</sup>	PGL Newby Wiske Y5/6	
10 <sup>th</sup>	PGL trip returns	
11 <sup>th</sup>	Y5/6 & PGL staff not in	
14 <sup>th</sup>	Class 1 Assembly	Parents at 9.15am in the hall
18 <sup>th</sup>	Class & Team photos	
20 <sup>th</sup>	PGL Assembly	Parents at 9.15am in the hall
21 <sup>st</sup>	Class 1 Cake Day	
28 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Summer Disco	5.30-7pm
<b>JULY</b>		
4 <sup>th</sup>	New parents evening	6pm for Reception 2024 starters (parents)
5 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Summer Fair	3.30-5m
8 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 Production	matinee
9 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 Production	matinee
10 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 Production	evening
11 <sup>th</sup>	TRANSITION DAY	Y6 to secondary schools, new Reception intake visit
17 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 Leavers Service 2.15pm	
17 <sup>th</sup>	End of year family picnic	After school at the field, details to come
18 <sup>th</sup>	END OF TERM 2pm	
19 <sup>th</sup> & 22 <sup>nd</sup>	INSET Days	No school for children
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Occasional day	School closed



# Term dates

## 2024 – 2025



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

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

**No absence for any reason will be authorised at the end of the summer term.**

Very occasionally, term dates and INSET days may need to be changed. We will notify parents well in advance should this be the case. **Holidays should not be taken during term time; such absences will not be authorised. This includes days ‘tagged on’ to the beginning and end of school terms; these absences will also not be authorised.**