



NEWSLETTER



Issue 6: Thursday 10th October 2024

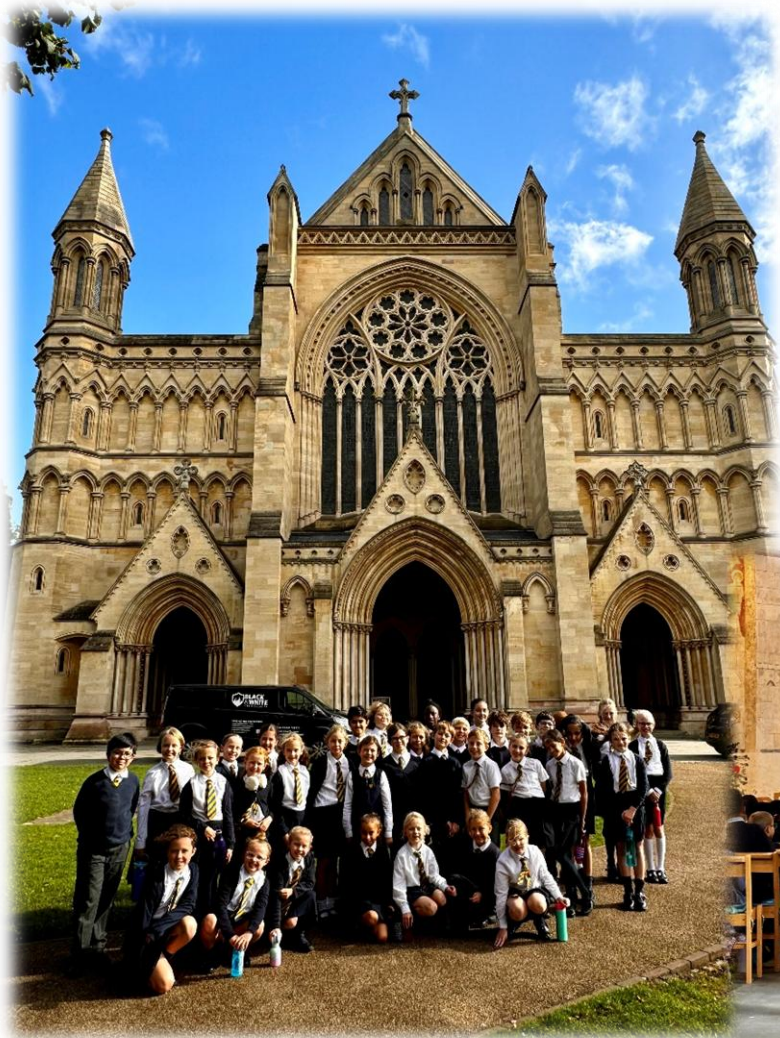
Harvest FESTIVAL

Thank you so much for your very generous donations for our Harvest Festival last week; the church was full!

The children in Young Worship did a wonderful job of leading the service and all the other classes contributed with poetry and singing; it was a really beautiful service.

After the service, Young Worship decorated the church and helped to sort the donations and make harvest gift parcels.





St Albans Cathedral

The children in Young Worship and choir went to take part in the Diocesan Schools Harvest Celebration at St Albans Cathedral on Tuesday. The service was led by the Bishop of St Albans. Some of our children were given special roles to carry out during the service too and they did brilliantly!



Next week is our annual 'Wellbeing Week' and the focus this year is the '5 ways to Wellbeing'. The children will be doing a range of activities throughout the week aimed at promoting good emotional, physical and mental health. Thank you to Mrs Hoar for organising the week.



Early Bird Club: Important

Recently we have had children arriving at Early Bird Club who have not been booked in advance. Some days we are at full capacity so if your child arrives without having been booked in, we unfortunately may need to ring you to collect them again. **Please ensure that children are booked into Early Bird via Arbor in advance of the session.** Many thanks.

Parent Conduct

The Governors of St Ippolyts CE (Aided) Primary School have a duty to provide a safe environment for both its pupils and those members of staff employed on the site.

As a team, our staff are committed to building positive relationships with all our parents and families and will always endeavour to assist you with any queries or problems that may arise. We enjoy very successful and happy partnerships with the vast majority of our parents.

Sadly, our staff are sometimes spoken to in an intimidating or aggressive manner. This is distressing to the member of staff and to any other parents or children who may witness the altercation. Thankfully this only happens very occasionally, but is very upsetting nonetheless.

Please be reminded that verbal or physical abuse towards our staff, or harassment via email, will not be tolerated under any circumstances.

Thank you.

Open Session thank you!

Thank you to everyone who came along to Open Session on Monday; it was great to see so many parents and children enjoying looking at the learning in books and on display around the school. Sincere apologies for the finish time confusion! We had it listed as a 5pm finish on some documents and the website, but 5.30pm on others – totally a 'Mrs P mix up!'

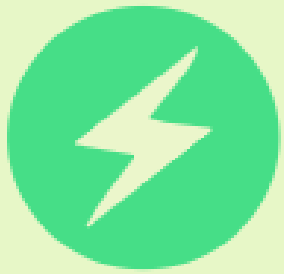
The next Open Session takes place on Monday 3rd February 2025

Class 6 Cake Day!



**Friday 18th October
Cakes 25p each,
on sale at breaktime
and after school**





SMARTPHONE FREE CHILDHOOD

You may have seen in the news recently, about a commitment made by the parents at William Ransom School to not allow their children to have smartphones.

'Smartphone Free Childhood' is an organisation that empowers parents to work together to protect children from the dangers of smartphone use, be it exposure to harmful content, screen addiction, cyber bullying social media related mental health issues and much more.

We know that some of our parents here at St Ippolyts have expressed an interest in this parent-led campaign. To move it forward, we would need an individual or small group of parents willing to coordinate and promote the project. There is a meeting arranged in November for parent reps from all the other local schools who are interested in taking part. If you think you would be interested in taking on this role, please do let Mrs Peddie know and we can give you details of the meeting. If you would like to find out more, please visit <https://smartphonefreechildhood.co.uk/>

This week's article by our pupil journalist Darcey M

New year at school!

I know that a new year is always fun and exciting but I think that it wasn't mentioned enough, that's why I'm doing this week's entry about it.

Year 6 All of the year sixes were practically buzzing at the start of the year because as you all know...WE GOT BUDDIES!!! There are also a lot of other privileges for the year sixes {including our second PGL} as it is our last year at primary school until we move up to SECONDARY SCHOOL! I'm sure every year six is excited for the opportunities ahead.

Year 5 I'm certain everyone in class 5 are ecstatic because they only have to wait one more year until year 6! How exciting is that? Only one year until they have all of the different opportunities as the year sixes!

Year 4

Wow! People in year 4 must be so happy to be up another year. I bet that now that they have moved on to the next year, they feel ready for anything! I know what it's like to be a year four and I think everyone is ready for the hard work ahead!

Year 3

Halfway through the school and work is just getting harder. Let me tell you something, the harder the work gets, the more fun it gets! I think all of you guys in year 3 are ready for whatever challenges there are in the other half of their time in primary school.

Year 2

The second year in the school for the year twos. I bet they all loved class 1 and they are excited to learn new things and meet new people. School feels long but it feels like it just flew by in class 6 so, make the most of it.

Year 1

Only one year after reception and spending time with your older buddies. When I was in year 1 I missed my buddy and I bet that's how you feel now but here is a word of advice : *You can't spend time dwelling on the past because you will never know what the future holds.*

Reception

Welcome to the school! This is the first year for receptions and it is a big year indeed! At the start of the year, I remember my buddy was really shy and that is the reason we have buddies; to help them fit in. I hope they all have a great rest of the year as their buddies won't be there forever.

SPORTS



Table tennis

Congratulations to the table tennis teams who competed this week and came home with silver medals – well done!



Netball

Fantastic netball against Whitehill yesterday. The A team won 12-4 and the B team lost 5-3. Well done teams!



Golf Festival

Our golfers had a great skills development morning at Stevenage Golf Centre this week – well done!



Girls football

The girls team had a great match against Highover school this week; they played brilliantly and won on penalties!

MOVIE AND MUNCH

Monday 21st October 2024

3.15-5pm £5 per child



Movie and Munch takes place in classrooms with the teachers. All children will be provided with a drink and snack whilst enjoying watching their film.

Book online: www.pta-events.co.uk/stipps

Bookings will close at the end of the day on Friday 18th October

and we will not be able to accept any bookings after this date.



Class 1 & 2 movie: Rio

Class 3 & 4 movie: Sing

Class 5 & 6 movie: Inside Out

At the end of the session, **children will be dismissed by teachers at their usual collection points.** If you have children in more than one class attending, teachers will supervise your child until you get from one collection point to another.

If your child is in Year 5 or 6 and usually walks home, please let Miss Walker or Mr Smith know what the arrangements will be for collection or walking after Movie and Munch. Many thanks

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SCHOOL PTA
**CHRISTMAS
FAIR PLANNING
MEETING**

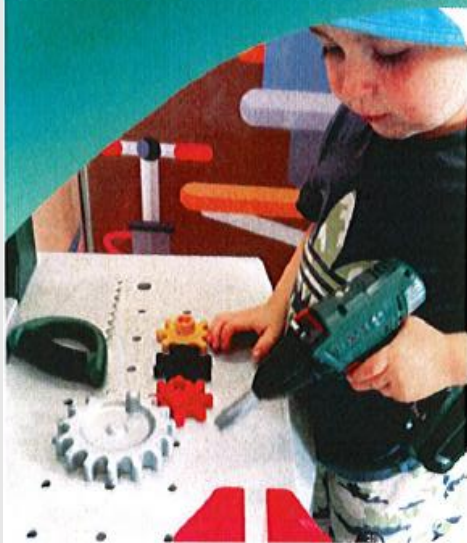
PLEASE COME AND HELP US
PLAN OUR 2024 CHRISTMAS
FAIR - ALL WELCOME!

THURSDAY 17TH OCTOBER

THE BIRD IN HAND, GOSMORE

7.30PM

New Pre-School Opening
January 2025 providing care
and education for children aged
2 years to reception
Located in Preston Village Hall



Services we offer:

A term time provision
Open Monday - Friday 9am until 3pm
For children age 2 until reception
Offer both two-year-old funding
Paying parents/carers welcome
Three/four-year-old funding available for age 3+
Available 30-hour funding for working parents

We provide:

- A safe & secure environment.
- A play-based learning approach.
- An inside and outside set up that allows children's interests to be extended.
- Qualified management staff with lots of experience all staff safeguarded and 1st aid trained along with relevant updated courses.
- Working in partnership with Parents/Carers & outside agencies if required
- Promoting healthy eating & oral health including self-grown fruit and vegetables cooking and tasting.
- Access to our outside learning environment through our 'Secret Garden'

Open Day - Saturday 2nd Nov 2024
All Welcome
11am - 1pm

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