



November

Welcome back to the second half of the autumn term! I do hope you all had an enjoyable half term break. We are also welcoming two new members of staff to our team – Mrs deNooijer who joins us a Teaching Assistant & MSA, and Mrs Humphrey who will be working in Class 1 just for a couple of weeks; we hope they will both be very happy with us.

This time of year is always a very busy one in school with lots to fit in on the run up to Christmas; this week's newsletter includes another copy of the updated diary dates list with all the latest information.

REMEMBRANCE 2024

We are now selling Remembrance poppies in aid of the Royal British Legion. We suggest a minimum donation of 30p, although you can of course donate more which would be very gratefully received. In addition to traditional poppies we also have a range of other poppy merchandise. Any money to buy poppy items should be brought in an envelope or purse please. We are unable to give change because the money goes into the sealed charity collection box.

Monday 11th November

We will be holding our whole school Remembrance Day commemorations in the morning in Church, led by the children in Young Worship.

Link to Hope 2024

Our boxes are being collected tomorrow. Thank you so much to everyone who has supported this year's shoebox appeal!



Christmas Baubles 2024

This year we are once again running the popular 'personalised bauble' fundraiser. For those of you who are new to the school, the children can purchase a bauble which is decorated with their name and 'St Ippolyts School 2024'. These are then used to decorate the school Christmas tree in the hall. It's always great fun as the children try hard to spot their own name on the tree. At the end of term, the baubles are taken home to add to your trees at home. **Please see the separate letter coming home today for more information and to order your baubles asap!**



AUTUMN ASSESSMENT WEEK & PARENT CONSULTATIONS

This term's assessment week will take place next week commencing Monday 11th November. Parent consultations will then take place in the week commencing 25th November. We will be offering face to face appointments in the hall on Monday 25th November, or you may choose to have a phone call or video meetings with your child's teacher on the other days that week. Details will come home via email soon.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE WILL BE NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS DURING THE WEEK OF PARENT CONSULTATIONS

RECEPTION 2025 APPLICATIONS

Applications for places in Reception starting September 2025 can now be made until January 15th, 2025. Parents are asked to apply online at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions and the Supplementary Information Form (SIF) should be returned directly to our school office.



Together, we can
MAKE A DIFFERENCE

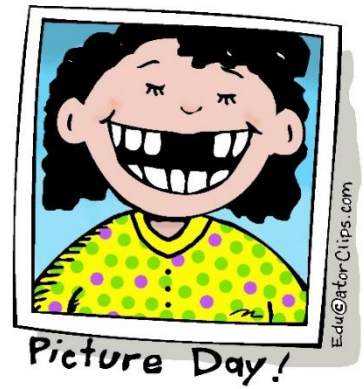
Children in Need Friday 15th November 2024

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 optional!).

School Photographer: **next week**

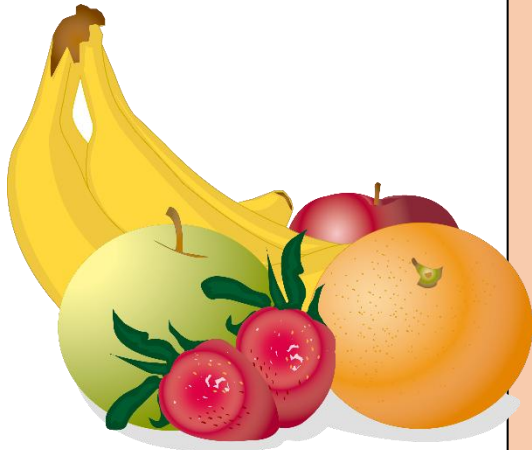
The school photographer will be here on **Tuesday 12th November** to take individual and sibling group portraits (children in school only).

All children/families will have their photo taken and you will receive proofs of their pictures. **Placing an order is optional.**



Class 5 Assembly Friday 29th November 9.15am

Class 5 parents are warmly invited to come and watch the Class 5 assembly on Friday 29th November. The assembly will start at 9.15am in the hall. If you have babies or pre-schoolers they are very welcome to attend, all we ask is that you take them out if they are unsettled or making noise. **Please also note that we do not permit photographs or videos at class assemblies.** We hope you can come!



Morning snacks reminder

Over the last half term, we noticed a lot of children are coming to school without a morning fruit/vegetable snack. The morning session is quite long, and this playtime snack really helps to keep the energy levels up during lessons, especially in the winter months.

Snacks can be fruit or vegetable and can be dried – such as banana chips or raisins.

An appeal for newspapers

We are in desperate need for old newspapers to cover the tables in lessons such as art, science etc. If you have any, we would love to take them off your hands! Please just drop them off at the office. Thank you!



PTA Thank you!

The recent Movie and Munch raised an incredible £455!

SPORTS

Terrific trampolining!

Huge congratulations to the trampoline team who won gold and were crowned regional champions at the weekend! They have qualified for the zonal round in January.



ESFA Fab Football!

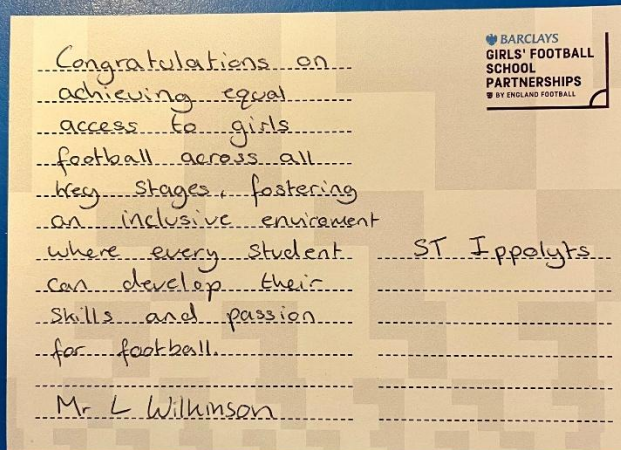
Congratulations the boys football team who won the ESFA small schools district round on Tuesday! They played brilliantly and have qualified to go forward to the county round. Well done boys!

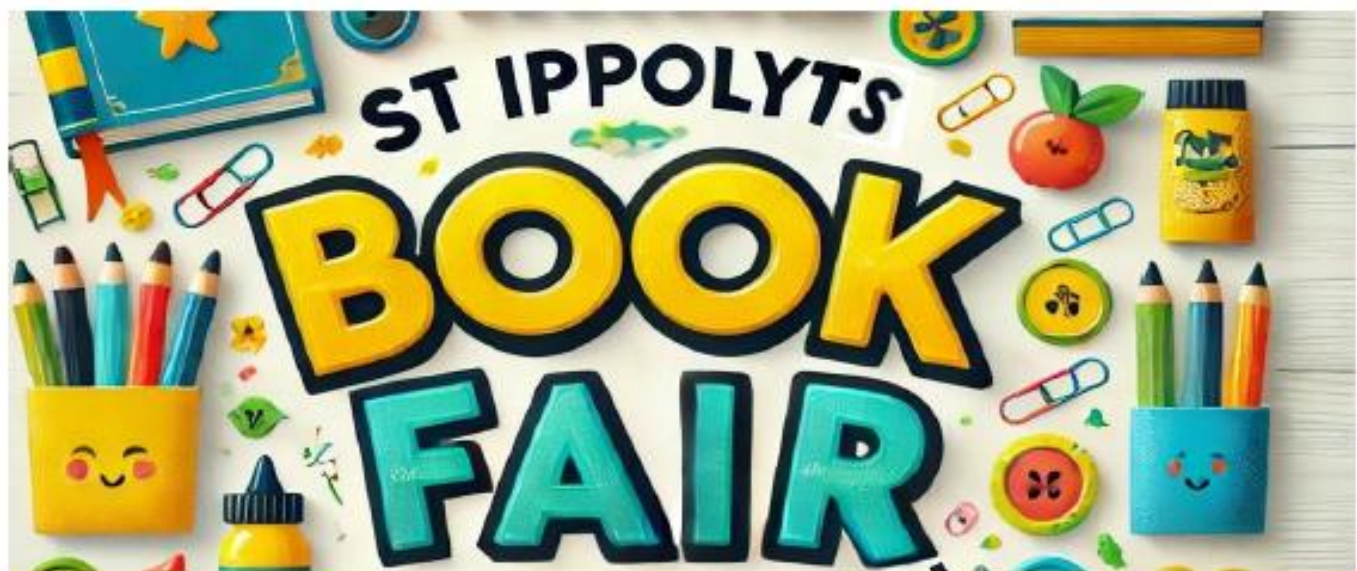
Rural schools Football

On Monday the boys football team went to Preston School to play a football match and won 4-1 with goals scored by Stanley and Dexter. They all played very well and it was some of the boys first game of the season. A huge well done to all of you boys, a great achievement.

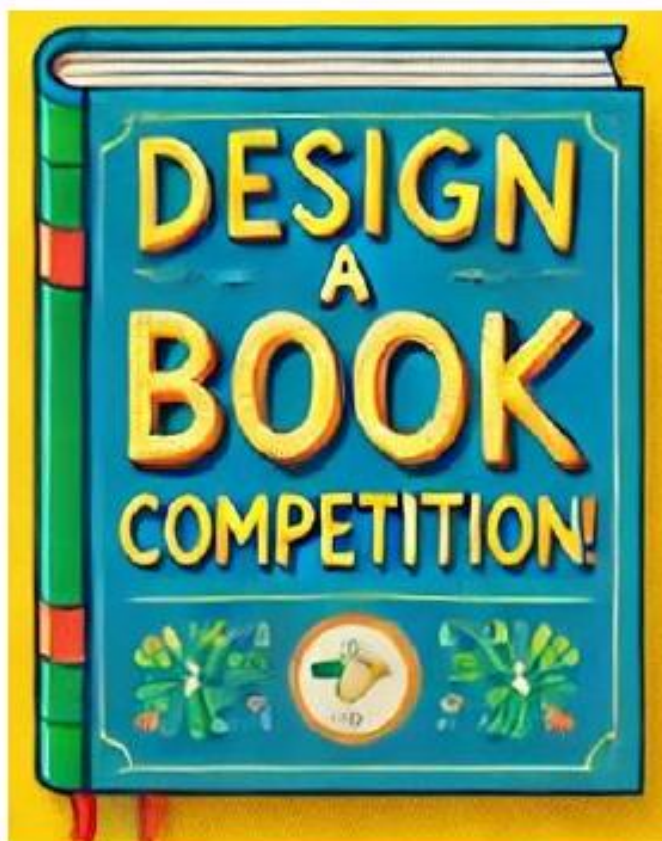
Report by Stanley and Dexter

This week we received an 'Equal Access' award for our provision in Girls Football!





**WIN A £5 TOKEN TO SPEND AT THE BOOK FAIR!
INTRODUCING THIS TERM'S BOOK COMPETITION...
Design your own book!**



What will you create? It could be a tiny book or giant one, a pop-up book, flick book or something else! Pick any genre and get creative...

THERE IS A £5 BOOK TOKEN TO BE WON IN EACH CLASS! BRING YOUR ENTRIES BY

TUESDAY 19TH NOVEMBER

Book Fair Dates:

Thurs 21st & Fri 22nd November

8.30-9.10am and 3.15-4.00pm

**AT THIS BOOK FAIR WE RECEIVE A FANTASTIC 100% COMMISSION,
SO FOR EVERY BOOK YOU BUY, WE GET ANOTHER FREE FOR OUR
SCHOOL LIBRARY!**



Diary Dates



Autumn term 2024 2nd half

New or changed dates are highlighted.

Date	Event	Information
NOVEMBER		
4 th	Back to school <i>Remembrance poppies and merchandise goes on sale</i>	
8 th	<i>Deadline for shoeboxes</i>	
w/c 11 th	AUTUMN ASSESSMENTS	
11 th	Remembrance Day	Service in church for children and staff
12 th	School photos	Individual portraits and sibling groups (of children in school)
15 th	Children in Need	Charity fundraising day
21 st 22 nd	BOOK FAIR	Before and after school, in the hall
w/c 25 th	PARENT CONSULTATIONS	A blend of face to face, vide and telephone appointments will be on offer.
28 th	Non Uniform Day	In exchange for Christmas Fair donations
29 th	Class 5 Assembly	Assembly for C5 Parents at 9.15am NB DATE CHANGE
DECEMBER		
2 nd	PTA Festive Movie and Munch	After-school fundraiser, finishes around 5pm
6 th	PTA Christmas Fair	3.30-5.30pm
9 th	PTA Christmas Crafts	After school
12 th	Class 1 Nativity	2pm in the hall for Class 1 parents
13 th	Class 5 Cake Day	Class 5 are asked to provide the cakes to sell at breaktime. All children can bring money to buy a cake instead of their usual snack.
17 th	Carol Service	In church for children and staff
18 th	Christmas Dinner	
19 th	Christmas Parties	Children can wear non-uniform/ Christmas outfits for the day
20 th	End of term 2pm	

Upcoming PTA dates

Thursday 21st and Friday 22nd November: BOOK FAIR

Thursday 28th November: Non-Uniform Day

Monday 2nd December: Festive Movie and Munch

Friday 6th December: Christmas Fair

Monday 9th December: Christmas Crafts

Friday 13th December: Class 5 Cake Day



St Ippolyts School PTA

CHRISTMAS FAIR

FRIDAY 6 DECEMBER • 3.30-5.30PM

JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL
FESTIVE FUNDRAISER!

SCHOOL CHOIR
VISIT FATHER CHRISTMAS IN HIS GROTTO
SECRETS ROOM
TOYS AND BOOKS
HAMPER RAFFLE
FUN AND GAMES
REFRESHMENTS



NON-UNIFORM DAY FOR HAMPER DONATIONS

Thursday 28th November

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 few 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 **Thursday 28th November.**

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
<p>Things suitable for the children's hampers (KS1, age 4-7) eg colouring books, games, activities, small toys, arts and craft packs, jigsaw, board game etc</p> <p>Anything chocolate eg boxes of chocs, chocolate tree decorations etc</p>	<p>Men's and Women's Toiletries for the 'Pamper Hampers' eg 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></p>	<p>Festive Foods eg small Christmas cake, Yule Log, Christmas pudding, Christmas biscuits, savoury snacks/crackers, after eights etc etc</p> <p>Sweet Treats eg Christmas candy, sweets, fudge, cookies etc</p>	<p>Things suitable for the children's hampers (KS2 age 8-11) eg puzzle books, games, activities, small toys, arts and craft packs, jigsaw, board game etc)</p> <p>Anything chocolate eg boxes of chocs, chocolate tree decorations etc</p>	<p>Winter Warmers eg fancy tea bags, coffee, hot chocolate, marshmallows, coffee syrups, herbal teas, etc)</p> <p>Anything chocolate eg boxes of chocs, chocolate tree decorations etc</p>	<p>Bottoms Up! eg wine, beers, spirits, mixers etc to make drinks hampers for grown-ups!</p>

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

PTA Christmas Fair

Please read...

Friday 6th December 3.30pm – 5.30pm

The Christmas Fair is one of the biggest fundraising events of the school year and we can't do it without lots of help, before, during and after the fair. Today you should receive a paper letter with a form to fill in offering a little bit of your time. Please send these back to school asap. Thank you so much in advance – the more offers we get, the bigger and better our fair can be!

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 – 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 2nd 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.



James in Class 4 is organising hampers for the foodbank - please help him if you can. Well done, James. What a kind and generous thing to do; we are very proud of you!

Christmas Hampers

Help me to make up some Christmas hampers for the
Letchworth, Hitchin & Baldock Foodbank

Please add your donations to the box at the back of
St Ippolyts Church
before
Wednesday 20th November



STOP MEANS STOP

If you are fortunate enough to have a School Crossing Patrol at your school, you may notice they are wearing a bright orange 'STOP MEANS STOP' tabard this November.

The 'STOP MEANS STOP' campaign is run to remind drivers how important it is to stop for a patrol, helping to keep you safe every time you cross the road.



If you are driving and your School Crossing Patrol requests that you stop, please remember they are there to keep your children safe and do a great job, turning out in all weathers.



The patrol stands central in the road until everyone is safely on the other side, so please wait until they leave the road and are safely back on the footpath before driving away. This may seem like ages but in fact it is usually less than a minute.

Now the clocks have changed the mornings and afternoons are darker. **Using the patrol is the safest place to cross**, as they can be seen from a distance in their bright coats and hats.

YOUR SUPPORT IS VERY MUCH APPRECIATED,
THANK YOU

