



## Arts Days 2025



This year, our Arts Days have been based on the book 'The Wild' by Yuval Zommer.

The Wild is an engaging and beautifully illustrated book that introduces children to the wonders of the natural world and the need to care for our environment. We have linked our arts days this year to other curriculum areas, so alongside the wide range of arts activities, the children have also been learning about environmental issues through writing, poetry, geography, dance and more.

We will be creating an exhibition using the work that has been created during this week which you will be able to come and see at our next Open Session on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February. In the meantime, keep a look out for photographs on the school website and the Facebook page!



## Young Worship: St Paul's Cathedral trip

Last week, Young Worship had the most amazing day when they went into London to visit St Paul's Cathedral. They enjoyed a full tour of the cathedral, learned lots about its rich history and even climbed 528 steps to the top of the dome for incredible views of London.

The children will be leading a special assembly all about their trip on **Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January**. Parents of YW are warmly invited to attend; it will be at 9.15am in the hall.



## Class 4 Assembly Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February 9.15am

Class 4 parents are warmly invited to come and watch the Class 4 assembly on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February. 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!

## YEAR 6 PARENT CONSULTATIONS

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2025 9.00am – 6.00pm**

Bookings will open soon for Year 6 parent and child meetings with Miss Walker. These are for both parents and children to attend together, to review progress towards their end of Y6 targets. The meetings are taking place across the whole day and can be either face to face in school or online video meetings. **BOOKINGS OPEN 9AM MONDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY ON ARBOR**

*Please be aware that Miss Walker will only be offering meetings on this day and alternative dates are not available. Many thanks.*

# CLASS 4 CAKE DAY

# FRIDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY 2025

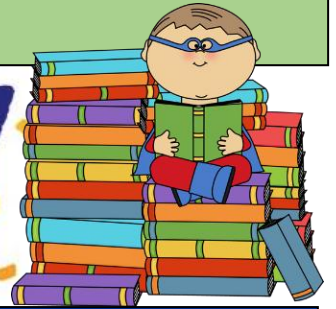




## IMPORTANT: packed lunches

We have recently noticed a concerning trend of children discarding items from their packed lunches, including whole sandwiches, untouched fruit and other uneaten food. This may give you a very misleading impression of how much your child is actually eating during the school day.

To address this and to help reduce our landfill waste, from next week children with packed lunches will **bring home any leftover food or waste** for disposal or recycling.



# WORLD BOOK DAY

## Advance notice for costume planning purposes!

World Book Day is one of the highlights of the school year at St Ippolyts, and this year it will take place on **Thursday, 6th March**.

Everyone in school is invited to dress up as a favourite storybook character, and the children will take part in a morning fancy dress parade, with prizes awarded for the most inventive or original costumes. The rest of the day will be spent enjoying a variety of fun, book-related activities - it's always a fantastic event!

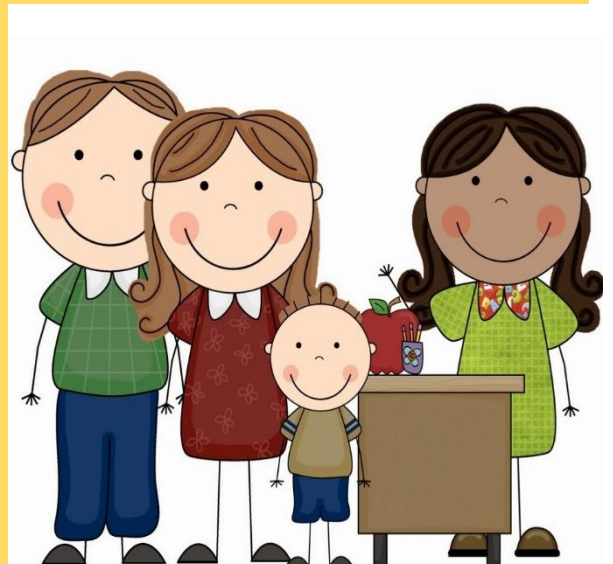
## Open Session Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 3.30-5.00pm

We look forward to welcoming you to the upcoming Open Session, where you'll have the opportunity to explore your child's classroom, their books, and meet their teacher. You can also enjoy the displays around the school, including our Wild Exhibition. Please note that this is an informal 'drop-in' event, not a consultation, and no appointment is necessary. (The session will finish at 5pm.)

**Classes 3, 5, and 6: Please use the Class 5/6 doors.**

**Classes 1, 2, and 4: Please use the main entrance.**

Kindly note that buggies and prams are not permitted inside the building.





# Attendance ladder

How much is your child missing?

<b>100%</b>	0 days off school	0 lessons missed	<b>Perfect!</b>
<b>97%</b>	Equates to 5 days off school each year	Equates to approx. 25 lessons missed	<b>Good</b>
<b>95%</b>	Equates to 10 days off school each year	Equates to approx. 50 lessons missed	<b>Slight concern</b>
<b>90%</b>	Equates to 20 days off school each year	Equates to approx. 100 lessons missed	<b>Concern</b>
<b>85%</b>	Equates to 30 days off school each year	Equates to approx. 150 lessons missed	<b>Major concern</b>

## Monitoring attendance

As you know, we are committed to supporting families where a child's attendance is a concern. Any attendance below 95% is considered a cause for concern.

In England, a **persistent absentee** is defined as a pupil whose attendance **falls below 90%**, which means they are missing the equivalent of at least half a day of school per week over the course of a term.

You can monitor your child's current attendance via the Arbor app. Please also remember that the decision on whether an absence is authorised or unauthorised lies with the Headteacher, not the parent.

Each week, we will be publishing the weekly attendance percentage for each year group.

Reception	100%
Year 1	97.9%
Year 2	96.2%
Year 3	100%
Year 4	83.2%
Year 5	91.3%
Year 6	98.1%
Whole school	95.9%



**Well done, Reception & Year 3!**

ST IPPOLYTS SCHOOL PTA

SAVE THE DATE

# CURRY & QUIZ NIGHT

FRIDAY 7TH MARCH

£15 FOR QUIZ AND CURRY IN  
THE SCHOOL HALL

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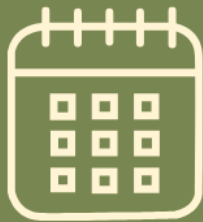
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ST IPPOLYTS PRIMARY SCHOOL

# PTA MEETING

*Everyone Welcome!*



Wednesday 5th February

7.30pm



The Bird in Hand, Gosmore

Please come along and help with our  
fundraising plans for 2025!



MOVIE AND

MUNCH



Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2025

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

**Bookings are open now and will close at the end of the day on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February; we will not be able to accept any bookings after this date.**

**Class 1 & 2 movie: 'The Wild'**

**Class 3 & 4 movie: Finding Nemo**

**Class 5 & 6 movie: Inside Out 2**

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

This week's article from our Pupil Journalist, Amy

## Art Days at St Ippolyts: A Creative Celebration of nature

This week, St Ippolyts is buzzing with excitement as we celebrate Art Days, a two-day event filled with creativity and teamwork. Every class is focusing on a specific project inspired by the book *The Wild* which highlights how humans are changing and damaging the Earth.

Each class is exploring the theme in their own way. For example, we Year sixes are working with clay to create pieces that represent the beautiful coral reef. Other classes are doing amazing things too, like painting, drawing, and crafting, all centered around *The Wild*.

At the end of the week, the whole school will come together to share what we've made. It's exciting to think about seeing everyone's hard work and how each class has brought the theme to life in a different way.

Art Days at St Ippolyts is not just about making art – it's about learning, teamwork, and thinking about how we can protect our planet for the future. We can't wait to see what everyone created!

“Art is the only way to run away  
without leaving home.” – Twyla Tharp.

May peace be with you.

