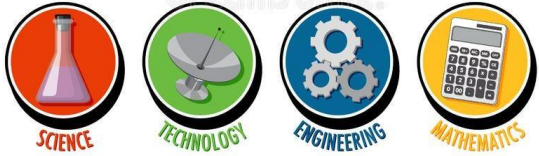




NEWSLETTER



STEM



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This week has been an exciting and engaging STEM Week, with children across all classes diving into a variety of discovery and investigation activities. Through hands-on experiments and engineering challenges, the children have been busy exploring the wonders of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics. A huge thank you to our teachers and staff for organising such fantastic activities.



WORLD BOOK DAY

We are really looking forward to seeing everyone's costumes next week for World Book Day!

Every child has been given a £1 Book Token which can be redeemed against the cost of a book at the book fair this week, or in any other book retailer.

A big well done to everyone who took part in the Book Fair competition.



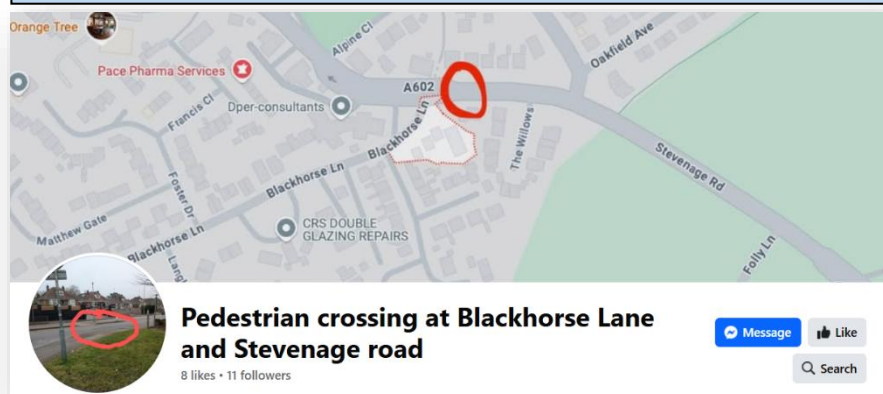
SPRING ASSESSMENT WEEK & PARENT CONSULTATIONS

This term's assessment week will take place in the week commencing **Monday 10th March**.

Please try to avoid absence and appointments in that week.

Parent consultations will then take place in the week commencing 24th March. We will be offering face to face appointments in the hall on Monday 24th March, or you may choose to have a phone call or video meetings with your child's teacher at other times.

Local road safety campaign



We have been asked to draw your attention to a local campaign for alterations to the Black horse Lane, Stevenage Road crossing. It is a particularly dangerous spot for children to cross to go to St Ippolyts and is a hazard to drivers crossing from Black horse Lane to turn right onto Stevenage Road.

<https://www.facebook.com/share/166B3zbg83/>

This week's article from Pupil Journalist, Amy

Back to School After Half Term

We're back from half term, and it's unbelievable how fast the year is going! It feels like we only just started, but we're already more than halfway through! Time is flying by, and before we know it, we'll be at the end of the year!

Having a break was really important because it gave us time to rest and recharge. After weeks of working hard in lessons, half term gave us time to relax, spend time with family, and do things that we enjoy. Now that we're back, we can focus better in class, and put more effort into our work. Taking a break helps our brains reset, which means we come back feeling refreshed and ready to start a new term!

Even though the year is going quickly, there's still so much to look forward to. We have new topics to learn, World book day, and the Book Fair! This is the perfect time to set new goals and make the most of the rest of the school year. Whether it's working harder in a subject, being more organized, or just enjoying school more, we all have something we can look forward to.

Half term might be over, but there's still so much ahead. Let's make the rest of the year count!

“ Rest when you're weary. Refresh and renew yourself , your body, your mind, your spirit. Then get back to work.” -Ralph Martson.

May peace be with you.



**St Ippolyts CofE (VA)
Primary School**

**ARE YOUR
CHILDREN
SAFE ONLINE?**

PARENT MEETING

Join us for a discussion on how we can work together to keep children safe online.

Breck Foundation is a charity founded by Lorin LaFave after the tragic loss of her 14 year old son Breck Bednar through internet grooming. Using Breck's story, Breck Foundation Speakers travel the UK educating the Digital Generation to keep safer online. Their aim is to provide parents with tools to make safe internet choices within their households, signpost useful tools to help if you have esafety worries and educate parents on the signs of online manipulation, grooming, fraud and exploitation.

We strongly hope that you will be able to attend this event. Year 5 and 6 children will also be attending an age-appropriate talk within school time on this day, to help reinforce the message of esafety.

This session is for adults only, however we will providing free childcare in the classrooms for all parents attending.



**Wednesday
4th
JUNE 2025**

3:30-4:30 pm

**At St
Ippolyts
School**

**Please book
via  Arbor**

Bookings will open closer to the time, for now please save the date!

ST IPPOLYTS SCHOOL PTA

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CURRY & QUIZ NIGHT

FRIDAY 7TH MARCH

£15 FOR QUIZ AND CURRY IN
THE SCHOOL HALL

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Term dates

2025 – 2026



AUTUMN TERM 2025	
3rd September	<i>INSET Day, no school for children</i>
4 th September	Autumn term begins for children
27 th – 31 st October	Half term week
19 th December	END OF TERM 2pm
SPRING TERM 2026	
5th January	<i>INSET Day, no school for children</i>
6 th January	Spring term begins for children
16 th – 20 th February	Half term week
27 th March	END OF TERM 2pm
SUMMER TERM 2026	
13th April	<i>INSET Day, no school for children</i>
14 th April	Summer term begins for children
25 th – 29 th May	Half term week
16 th July	END OF TERM 2pm
17th July	<i>INSET Day, no school for children</i>
20th July	<i>INSET Day, no school for children</i>
21st July	<i>Occasional Day. School closed to staff & children</i>

ALL CHILDREN ARE REQUIRED TO BE IN SCHOOL UNTIL 2pm on 16th July 2026. 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.