



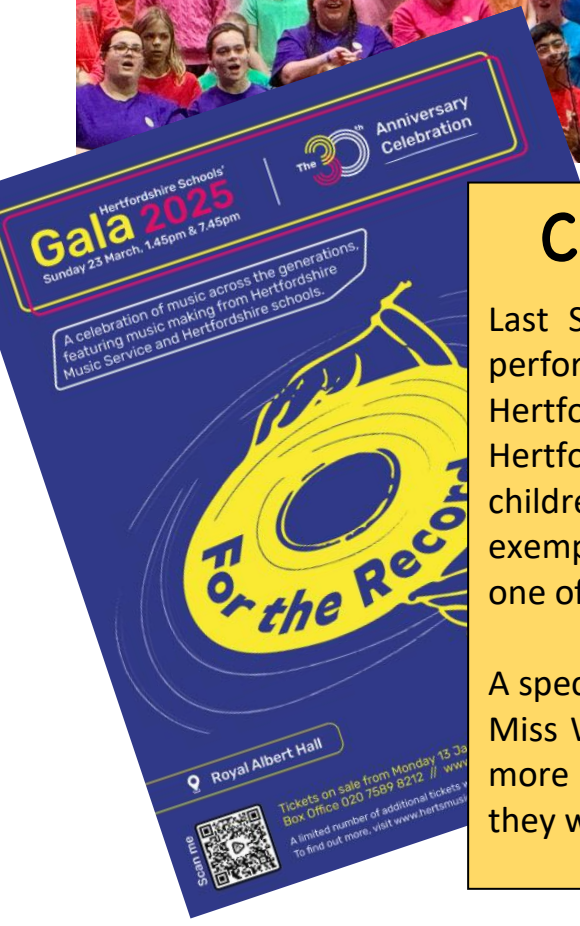
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NEWSLETTER



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Choir at the Royal Albert Hall

Last Sunday, our school choir had the incredible opportunity to perform at the iconic Royal Albert Hall in London as part of the Hertfordshire Schools Music Gala 2025. Children from across Hertfordshire gathered to celebrate the joy of music and dance. The children displayed incredible dedication, and their behaviour was exemplary throughout the event. We are so proud of each and every one of them for their hard work and enthusiasm.

A special thank you goes to Mrs. Stewart for leading the choir and to Miss Walker, and Mrs. Islam for helping on Sunday. We couldn't be more proud of our young performers, and we are excited to see what they will achieve next in their musical journeys!



Thank you so much for your support for Red Nose Day last week. The children looked fabulous and together we raised **£231.85!**



staff news

At the end of this term, Ms Coyne, teaching assistant, will be leaving us to take up a new post as a science teacher. Congratulations on your new role, Ms Coyne, we will miss you!

At the end of the summer term in July, Mr Smith will be exchanging his laptop and PE whistle for a backpack and passport as he leaves us to go travelling across the world. Mr Smith has been with us since 2017, first as a sports apprentice, then as a TA throughout his teacher training and for the last two years as Class 5 teacher. We wish him all the very best as he prepares for this exciting adventure ahead!

We recently held interviews to appoint new teachers for our team starting in September. We had a very strong pool of candidates and are pleased to announce that we have successfully appointed two experienced teachers—one to fill Mr. Smith's vacancy and the other to cover Mrs. Thain's maternity leave. We are delighted with these appointments and will share further details once all the necessary paperwork is completed.

No decisions have been made yet regarding which teachers will be assigned to which classes in September. This information will be included in your child's report pack, which will be shared in the summer term.

Wedding bells!

During the Easter break, our Teaching Assistant, Miss Bithrey, will be tying the knot! She will return after the holidays as Mrs. Boulton. We would like to wish Miss Bithrey and her fiancé lots of love and best wishes for a very happy wedding day!



Early Bird Club

After the Easter holidays, the price of Early Bird Club will be increasing to **£4.50 per session**. Payments for Early Bird Club are due at the time of booking and 'no-shows' are not refundable unless your child is absent from school through illness. If you need to cancel a booking, this has to be done via the office, by 4pm the previous day, otherwise the session will be payable.



School dinners

After the Easter holidays, the price of school dinners will be increasing to **£3.45**. The summer menu is at the end of this newsletter.

Outstanding payments

Please be aware that **all outstanding debts need to be cleared by Monday 31st March** as this is financial year end. Many thanks.

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.

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.

Tri-Golf winners!

Congratulations to the children who competed in the SSFT Tri-Golf tournament earlier this week. They finished in first place! Well done team!



Football champions!

A huge well done to the football team who were crowned winners of the end of season football rally yesterday! A fantastic achievement, well done boys!



Attendance ladder

How much is your child missing?

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

Reception	98.3%
Year 1	98.8%
Year 2	92.3%
Year 3	97.4%
Year 4	94.7%
Year 5	98.7%
Year 6	98.3%
Whole school	96.7%



Well done Y1!

Rev Tricia's Wednesday worship

This week, Rev Tricia told us all about the significance of Palm Sunday. The children had great fun waving palm leaves. Thank you to Mr Jefferies and Mr Body for helping Rev Tricia tell the story!



Easter Journey & Easter Service

Next week, all the classes will be learning about Easter in their RE lessons through the 'Easter Journey.' Later in the week, the children and staff will attend our annual Easter Service at church. The classes are working hard on their parts of the story using drama and music, and we'll be taking some photos to share with you all.

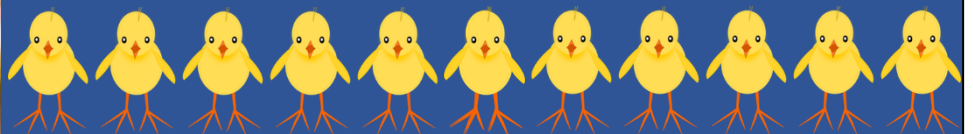


CLASS 3 CAKE DAY TOMORROW



Charlie Chicks restock!

We have taken delivery of a new batch of Charlie Chicks - many of which are bright multi coloured designs. They will be on sale until the end of term.



PTA Fundraising

At the heart of our school community is the dedication and generosity of the PTA. Thanks to their tireless work, led by PTA Chair Marta, and the incredible support of families, teachers, and local businesses, we've been able to provide countless enriching experiences for our children. For example, theatre trips, special resources, visitors to school, workshops, play equipment and much more.

We want to express sincere thanks to everyone who has contributed to these fundraising initiatives. Whether through attending events, volunteering time, or making donations, your support has made a direct impact on the experiences and opportunities we're able to provide to our children.

Exciting News: The Next Big PTA Project

We are excited to announce the PTA's next big project—the replacement of the old gazebo in the playground with a brand-new outdoor classroom structure. This marks an important step in improving the outdoor environment for our children.

The original gazebo was funded by the PTA back in 2005 and has served our school well for many years. However, after years of use and wear, it has now reached a point where it is beyond repair. The new outdoor classroom structure will provide a wonderful, multifunctional space for our children, offering them a safe and creative place to learn and play outside.

The work will begin during the Easter holidays, with the goal of having the new outdoor classroom ready for use in the summer term. The design will be similar to the images below, and it will be in the same location as the original gazebo.

Once again, an enormous thank you to everyone who has supported the PTA and contributed to their fundraising efforts through the years. Your generosity is helping to shape our school, and we are incredibly grateful for your ongoing support. We can't wait to see the new outdoor classroom in use!



St Ippolyts School PTA presents

BREAK THE RULES DAY!

FRIDAY 4TH APRIL

Do you dare to break the rules?!

Break as many of the rules below as you like for a donation of 50p per rule!

Have squash in your water bottle!

Bring an unhealthy (nut free) snack!

Swap one item of your uniform for normal clothing!

Have crazy hair!

Wear nail varnish!

Wear make-up!

Have temporary tattoos!

Wear jewellery!

Trade cards at break time!

Bring in a cuddly toy!

Donations can be made in advance online at pta-events.co.uk/stipps/ or bring cash in an envelope on the day.



Please email any questions to pta@stipps.herts.sch.uk

This week's article from Pupil Journalist, Amy

BREAK THE RULES DAY!

Have you ever wanted to break the school rules just for one day? Well, now is your chance! Break the Rules Day is coming up on the 4th of April and it's going to be great.

On this special day, you can do things that are normally not allowed like bringing an unhealthy (nut free) snack, trading cards at lunch, or even swapping a piece of your school uniform for everyday clothes! It's all about having fun while helping a great cause.

To take part, you just need to bring in a small donation, 50p for every rule you break, and all the money raised will go to the PTA – Parent Teacher Association.

The PTA does lots of brilliant things, like buying new toys for lunch, organizing fun events, and making sure we have a great time at school. Right now, they are working on a big project to build a bigger and better gazebo for everyone to enjoy. So every penny we donate will help make our school even better!

Break the Rules Day is always a favourite event because it's so different from normal school days. It's hilarious seeing your friend wear odd socks, rainbow nail varnish or even bringing a massive chocolate bar for break time. It's all good fun and the best part is that it is for a great cause.

Don't miss out! Get your donations ready, pick some rules to break and join in on the fun. It's not every day you get to break the rules at school – and actually be encouraged to do so!

“YOU HAVE TO LEARN THE RULES OF THE GAME. AND THEN PLAY BETTER THAN ANYONE ELSE.” - ALBERT EINSTEIN

Bookings now open! It is free to attend, we just need to know numbers for both the session and the childcare provision

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.

BRECK FOUNDATION



**Wednesday
4th**

JUNE 2025

3:30-4:30 pm

**At St
Ippolyts
School**

Please book

via  **Arbor**

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

WEEK 1

22 APRIL, 12 MAY, 9 JUNE, 30 JUNE, 21 JULY, 3 SEPT, 22 SEPT, 13 OCT

- MAIN MEAL 1
- MAIN MEAL 2
- SIDE DISH
- COLD OPTION
- EXTRA OPTION
- DESSERT

Chicken Curry	Quorn Burger in a Bun	Roast Chicken with Sage & Onion Stuffing & Gravy	Pork Sausages with Gravy	Battered Fish Fillet
All Day Breakfast (Plant Sausage, Grilled Tomato, Beans)	Beany Seashell Pasta	Cheesy Spring Vegetable & Potato Bake	Sweet & Sour Quorn	Cheese & Tomato Pizza
Brown & White Rice or Hash Brown	Potato Wedges or Herby Garlic Bread	Roast Potatoes or Wholemeal Pasta	Diced Potatoes or Brown & White Rice	Potato Wedges or Tricolour Pasta
Tuna	Cheese Spread	Ham	Cheese	Egg
Jacket Potato with Various Toppings				
Tropical Crumble with Ice Cream	Fresh Fruit	Fresh Fruit Jelly	Chocolate Pastry Whirl	Lemon Shortbread

WEEK 2

28 APRIL, 19 MAY, 16 JUNE, 7 SEPT, 29 SEPT, 20 OCT

- MAIN MEAL 1
- MAIN MEAL 2
- SIDE DISH
- COLD OPTION
- EXTRA OPTION
- DESSERT

Bean & Cheese Slice	Chicken Pie with Gravy	Roast Beef with Gravy	Beef Burger in a Bun	Salmon & Sweet Potato Fishcake
Macaroni Cheese	Mild Mexican Bean Chilli	Plant Sausages with Gravy	Roasted Summer Veg Pasta	Cheese & Tomato Pizza
Diced Potatoes or Herby Garlic Bread	Potato Wedges or Brown & White Rice	Roast Potatoes or Wholemeal Pasta	Wholemeal Pasta or Diced Potatoes	Chips or Tricolour Pasta
Egg	Ham	Tuna	Cheese Spread	Cheese
Jacket Potato with Various Toppings				
Apple Cornflake Crunch	Fresh Fruit Wedges	Fresh Fruit Jelly	Jammy Cookie	Chocolate Muffin

WEEK 3

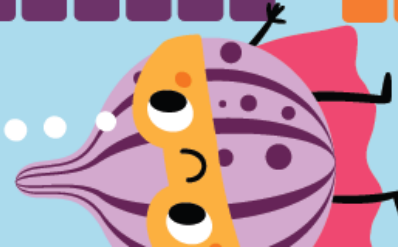
6 MAY, 2 JUNE, 23 JUNE, 14 JULY, 15 SEPT, 6 OCT

- MAIN MEAL 1
- MAIN MEAL 2
- SIDE DISH
- COLD OPTION
- EXTRA OPTION
- DESSERT

Chicken & Sweetcorn Meatballs with a Tomato Sauce	Beef Bolognese	Roast Pork with Sage & Onion Stuffing & Gravy	Quorn Hot Dog	Fish Fillet Fingers
Breaded Bean & Vegetable Grill	Mild Sweet Potato & Chickpea Curry	Creamy Quorn & Sweetcorn Pasta Bake	Roasted Veg Lasagne	Cheese & Tomato Pizza
Spaghetti or Diced Potatoes	Pasta or Brown & White Rice	Roast Potatoes or Wholemeal Pasta	Potato Wedges or Herby Garlic Bread	Chips or Tricolour Pasta
Cheese	Ham	Tuna	Cheese Spread	Egg
Jacket Potato with Various Toppings				
Strawberry Mousse	Fresh Fruit Wedges	Fresh Fruit Jelly	Ice Cream with Chocolate Cookie "Wafer"	Pineapple Pastry Squares

SUPER CHARGE YOUR LUNCH!

BECOME A SUPER HEALTHY SUPER HERO!



Vegetables and a variety of salads are served daily. 🌱 = Vegetarian 🍌 = Vegan.



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