



THE easter JOURNEY

We had a beautiful spring day for our outdoor Easter Journey. Each class travelled through the different parts of the Easter story taking part in reflections and activities at each stop.

Experiences such as these are a great way to enhance the RE curriculum, providing hands-on learning. Thank you to the teachers for being so creative!

Summer diary dates

All the dates for the summer term have been included with this week's newsletter. We still have a few dates left to confirm for things like class trips, so please keep an eye on the newsletters and your inbox as the term progresses.

We have also included next year's term dates again so that you can avoid removing children from school for holidays.

A reminder that tomorrow we finish at the earlier time of 2pm. The summer term begins on Wednesday 23rd April 2025.

Happy Easter Everyone!



Respect

Young Worship planned and led a brilliant assembly this week, all about the value of respect.

It had poetry, drama, prayer and even rap! Well done!



Easter service

This morning the whole school went to church for our Easter Service. The children did brilliantly with their hymn singing, reading and acting of the Easter Story. The classes were so creative, blending music, drama and dance to portray the message of Easter. We will put some photos on the school website for you. Well done!



Sports Day Save the Date!

Wednesday 21st May 2025 9.30am-12.30pm
at our school field on Folly Lane



VE Day

8th May 2025

We will be marking the 80th anniversary of VE Day on Thursday 8th May. On this day, children are invited to come dressed as a wartime child – nothing elaborate, or fancy is needed! For example, boys in their school shirt and shorts, maybe with an added flat cap. Girls could wear a floral dress or similar. **Please just use what you already have at home for this.** On the day we will be doing a range of themed activities to mark the occasion and learn about this important piece of history.

Toys, trinkets, keyrings, novelty rubbers and other precious things from home

Please note that children are not allowed to bring toys, keyrings, or novelty items from home, including novelty stationery such as fancy felt tips, glitter pens, etc. These items can be distressing if lost or broken and can take valuable teaching time away as teachers work to resolve the situation. They can also be distracting during lessons. We appreciate your understanding.

Many thanks.

Happy Wedding Day, Miss Bithrey!

In Collective Worship yesterday, we helped Miss Bithrey to prepare for her wedding at the weekend. We presented her with flowers and a gift and she looked beautiful in her veil and crown!

We hope you have a lovely day Miss Bithrey



Good Luck Ms Coyne!

Tomorrow is Ms Coyne's last day with us as she leaves us to start her new post as a science teacher.

Good luck Ms Coyne!



SCHOOL FUNDRAISING

More clothes -
more funds for
your organisation.
1 kg = £0.45

YOUR COLLECTION IS ARRANGED ON:

30 APRIL
WEDNESDAY

FILL ANY BAGS WITH CLOTHING
AND BRING THEM TO SCHOOL/ORGANISATION
WE WILL COLLECT AND WEIGH THEM



Pencil cases

Tomorrow, children will bring home all their belongings, including their pencil cases.

Please could you take a moment to check your child's pencil case and replenish any missing items.

Lots of children have got tiny stubby pencils and empty glue sticks after all their hard work!

SUMMER SCHOOL UNIFORM AFTER EASTER

After the Easter holidays we change to summer uniform:

white and blue **checked** dress (pale blue, not navy) *culottes permitted, but not the short 'hot-pants' style*

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.



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 99.4%

Year 1 97.9%

Year 2 98.1%

Year 3 100%

Year 4 91.6%

Year 5 94.8%

Year 6 95.9%

Whole school 95.9%



Well done Year 3!





Speed Stacking

Well done to the children who took part in the Speed Stacking festival yesterday – they had a brilliant time!



Inter-house competition

Last week, Mr Jefferies and Mr Body organised an inter-house sports tournament. All the classes took part in a range of sports activities across the day, earning house points along the way. When all the points were compiled, Morris house was declared the winners – well done Morris!

Seacole
Mary Seacole Nurse

Faraday
Michael Faraday Scientist

Bronte
Charlotte, Emily & Ann Bronte Writers

ST IPPOLYTS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Summer Fair Planning

Meeting

WEDS 30TH
APRIL 2025
7.30PM

COME & HELP US
PLAN A
FABULOUS FAIR!

THE BIRD
IN HAND,
GOSMORÉ

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



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**

SUMMER

Date	Event	Additional Information
APRIL		
22 nd	INSET Day	No school for children
23 rd	Term begins 8.45am	
30 th	Little Recyclers collection	PTA Fundraising
MAY		
5 th	BANK HOLIDAY	School closed
8 th	VE Day event in school	Details to come
9 th	Class 2 Assembly	9.15am in the hall for parents
12 th – 15 th	Y6 SATs WEEK	SATs breakfast for Y6 in hall Monday - Thursday
16 th	Class 2 Cake Day	
21 st	SPORTS DAY 9.30am-12.30pm	Details to follow
22 nd	Class and Team photos	
22 nd	PGL meeting for Y5/6 parents	6pm in the hall for parents only
23 rd	Finish for half term 3.15pm	
JUNE		
2 nd	Back to school	Assessment week for Y1,2,3,4,5 (spans 2 weeks) Phonics check Y1, Multiplication check Y4
4 th	FREE Online Safety event for parents	One hour after school, childcare provided, please come!
6 th	PGL Bawdsey Manor Y5/6	
9 th	PGL trip returns	
10 th	Y5/6 & PGL staff not in school	
13 th	Class 1 Assembly	Parents at 9.15am in the hall
w/c 16 th	National Sports Week	
20 th	PGL Assembly	Parents at 9.15am in the hall
20 th	Class 1 Cake Day	
22 nd		
28 th	PTA Summer Disco	5.30-7pm
JULY		
3 rd	New parents evening	6pm for Reception 2025 starters (parents)
4 th	PTA Summer Fair	3.30-5pm at the field
7 th	KS2 Production	Matinee show 1.45pm
8 th	KS2 Production	Morning show 9.30am
9 th	KS2 Production	Evening show 6pm
10 th	TRANSITION DAY	Y6 to secondary schools, new Reception intake visit
17 th	Y6 Leavers Service 2.15pm	
17 th	End of year family picnic	After school at the field, details to come
18 th	END OF TERM 2pm	
21 st & 22 nd	INSET Days	No school for children
23 rd	Occasional day	School closed



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.**