



VE Day next week 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.



On a hot and sunny day,

Don't forget:



NO HAT

NO PLAY!



Hats for sunny days

We will be spending a lot of time outdoors this term and all children need a sun hat or cap for playtimes and PE. It's a good idea for children to have a named hat or cap that is left in school all the time so that they are never without one when the weather is good. Thank you for your cooperation.

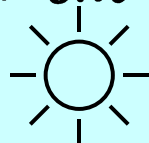
IMPORTANT:

Class 2 Assembly date change.

The C2 assembly will now take place on Friday 16th May.

Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

A reminder that school is closed
on Monday 5th May for the
Bank Holiday



Summer clubs
start on Tuesday
next week

The children have been enjoying our lovely new outdoor areas this week.

The garden is looking lovely with lots of wildflowers in bloom and the gazebo is the perfect spot for some shade on hot days!



KS1 Rapid Fire Cricket champs!

Well done to the children who competed in the SSFT cricket tournament yesterday; for some of them, it was their first ever event!

All the children played brilliantly and came in first place – well done team!

Uniform Reminder: School Footwear Policy

A reminder that, in line with our school uniform policy, children are expected to wear **school shoes, not trainers**. Some retailers sell footwear that, although marketed as 'shoes', are clearly trainers. It would be very helpful if you could avoid purchasing these. In these warmer months, **closed-toe sandals** are allowed; however, **loose-fitting footwear such as Crocs is not permitted** for safety reasons. We appreciate your support in ensuring all children adhere to the uniform expectations. Thank you for your cooperation.

CLASS 2 CAKE DAY

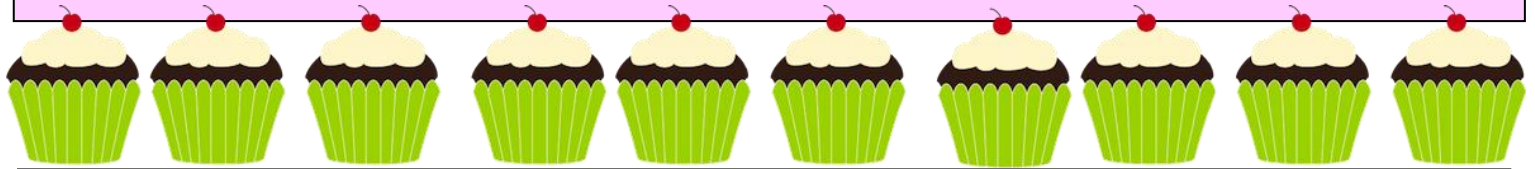
FRIDAY 16TH MAY

Dear Class 2 parents,

The PTA are holding a cake sale on 16th May to raise funds for school. This time it is the turn of Class 2 to each supply small cakes or biscuits to sell on the day. Please make sure that any tins, plates or containers are clearly named.

We would be very grateful if you could **donate 15 cakes for cake day**, to ensure that we have enough to go around & the children are not left disappointed. These cakes /biscuits can be either homemade or bought. You may want to plan some kitchen time to make or decorate the cakes with your child! **PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL CAKES MUST BE NUT-FREE.**

The cakes will be sold during the morning break to the whole of the school, any remaining cakes will be sold outside school at home time. We hope that you will be able to support us with this event, and we thank you in anticipation. Thank you from The PTA



Y5/6 Save The Date!

We will be holding an information evening for Y5 & 6 parents about our upcoming trip to

PGL Bawdsey Manor on Thursday 22nd May at 6pm in the school hall.



LETCWORTH ARCADIAN MUSICAL SOCIETY PRESENT
THE 2022 REVISION OF

ANYTHING GOES

MUSIC & LYRICS BY COLE PORTER

IT'S DELIGHTFUL, IT'S DELICIOUS, IT'S DE-LOVELY!

28TH-31ST MAY 2025

ST CHRISTOPHER SCHOOL, LETCWORTH
EVENING SHOWS 7.30PM | SAT MAT 2.30PM

07511519387

WWW.TICKETSOURCE.CO.UK/LETCWORTH-ARCADIANS

If you love musical theatre and fancy seeing both our Miss Walkers in the bright lights, they are swapping their school shoes for tap shoes for the upcoming show of 'Anything Goes' with Letchworth Arcadians.

They would love to see some familiar faces in the audience!

Class arrangements for next year

One of the key questions parents often have at this time of year is about the class structure for the upcoming year. While I typically explain this in detail during guided tours for new parents, I understand that it can sometimes be tricky to fully grasp how it works.

Our class structure is a bit unusual due to our admissions number (20), which is set by the local authority. As a result, we have mixed-age classes, similar to most village schools. Occasionally, however, we are allocated more than 20 children in Reception (known as 'bulge years'), which is why the sizes of our year groups can vary significantly. Currently, our year groups range in size from 18 to 32 children.

When year groups are split into mixed-age classes, decisions about pupil placements are made based on each individual child's needs. This includes factors such as age, academic performance, emotional maturity, behaviour needs, confidence, self-help skills, and more. These decisions are made by the Senior Leadership Team.

We never use the terms 'moving up' or 'staying down,' because regardless of which classroom a child is in, they will still cover the curriculum for their year group. Our teachers are highly skilled at delivering the objectives for two different year groups simultaneously in these mixed-age classes. Additionally, our curriculum is structured on a rolling programme to ensure that topics are not repeated.

As you may already know, there will be some staff changes in the autumn. I'm pleased to share that two experienced teachers, **Mr. Andrews and Miss Casey**, will be joining our team in September. Both bring a wealth of experience, and we are excited to have them on board.




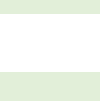
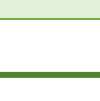

When you receive your child's report in July, it will include a letter detailing their class allocation and the teacher assigned to their class. The children will also have the opportunity to spend some time with their new class and teacher on Transition Day, and we will provide additional support for any transition needs your child may have.



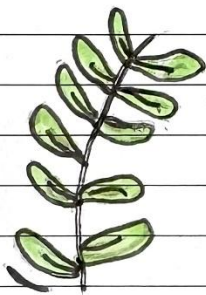
Attendance ladder

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	97.2%	
Year 1	100%	
Year 2	96.3%	
Year 3	100%	
Year 4	96.7%	
Year 5	100%	
Year 6	95.8%	
Whole school	98.1%	

WHY SCHOOL IS GREAT

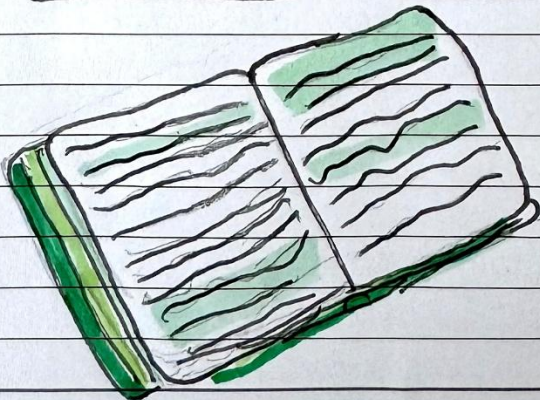
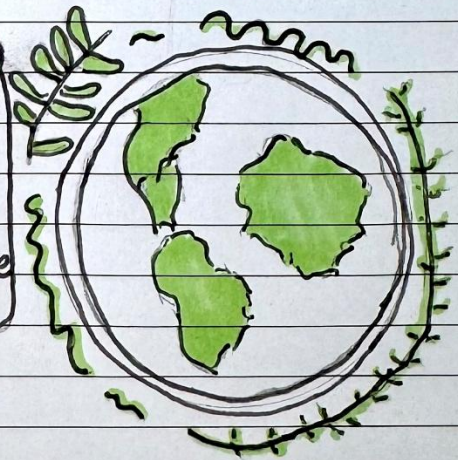


Social Skills

- School helps you to understand how to act and behave around others
- It's very helpful to get better at making friends

Responsibility & Independence

- School teaches us how to manage time and stay accountable
- It prepares students to become self-reliant



Teaches us to Read

- Reading is a life skill that we will always need

A brilliant poster designed by our Pupil Journalist, Amy in Class 6. Well done Amy!

St Ippolyts Primary School

CHILDREN'S TALENT SHOW!

FRIDAY 23RD MAY

Look out for the letter
coming home today!