



## SPORTS DAY!

What a fantastic day we had yesterday for Sports Day! A big well done to all the children for their participation — we are so proud of every one of them. Thank you to everyone who came along to cheer them on; we hope you had a great time.

A huge thank you as well to all the staff for their support throughout the day, and especially to the Secondary Sports Leaders from Henlow Academy, who led all the activities — they did a brilliant job!

An extra special thanks goes to Mr Jefferies for organising the entire event, ably assisted by Mr Body, our Site Manager, Mr Dickens and Miss McGrath — thank you!

## Congratulations to Seacole House!



## KS2 Production 2025!

There was great excitement at the end of last week when this year's KS2 production was launched. We will be performing 'Pirates of the Curry Bean'. For now, please make a date in your diary of the performances. We are offering a range of times so that hopefully everyone will be able to come to at least one!

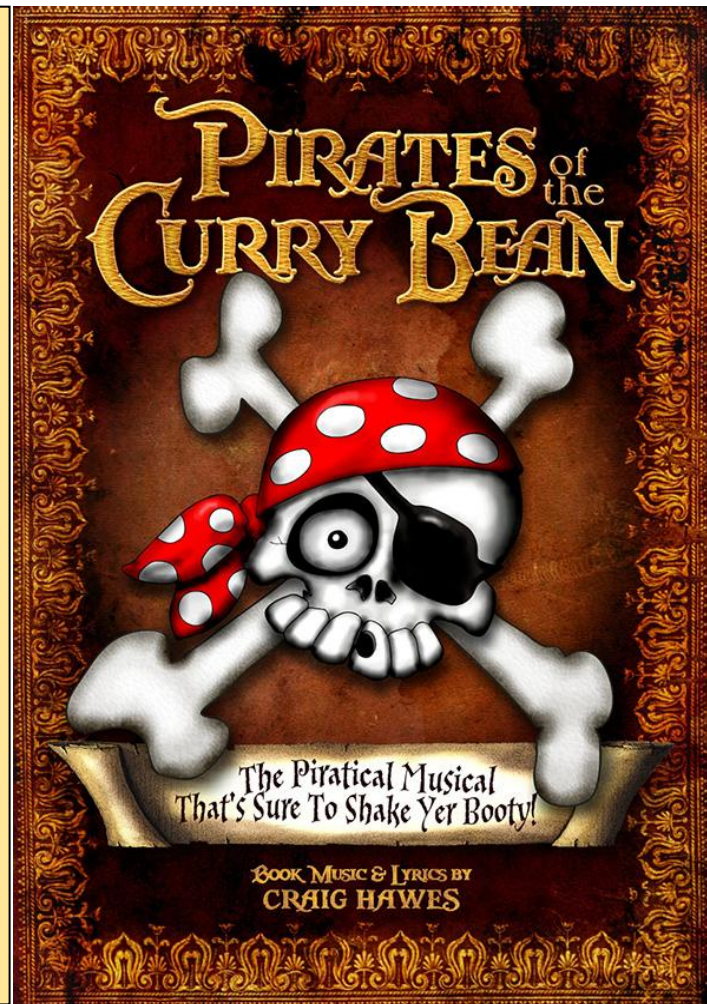
Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July: matinee 1.30pm

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July: morning 9.30am

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July: evening 6pm

Babies/pre-school siblings can come along to the matinee or morning performances. The evening show will be adults only. KS1 children will be watching the show in school time.

All children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be in all three performances. Ticket information will come home closer to the time.



## PGL meeting for parents TONIGHT

An information evening for Y5 & 6 parents (not children) about our upcoming trip to PGL Bawdsey Manor 6pm in the school hall.



## Class 1 Assembly Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June 9.15am

Class 1 parents are warmly invited to come and watch the Class 1 assembly on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June. 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.** Hope you can come!

## Summer term assessment weeks

After half term: w/c 2<sup>nd</sup> & w/c 9<sup>th</sup> June Y1,2,3,4,5

The children in Years 1-5 will be carrying out their summer term assessments after half term. Year 1 children will be carrying out their Phonics screening check, and Y4 will be doing the times tables assessment. They will be taking place over a couple of weeks due to class trips and other events. Please avoid absence during the assessment period. Many thanks.

## Willows Farm

Classes 1 and 2 had a fantastic day out at Willows Farm. The children were thrilled to watch a real cow being milked and cheered on their favourite during the exciting sheep race. Everyone sang and danced along at the entertaining Peter Rabbit show, and loved feeding the donkeys, sheep, goats and cows. A highlight for many was the bumpy tractor ride – especially when it splashed through a massive puddle! The children also enjoyed cuddling guinea pigs, riding on plastic horses, and exploring the brilliant play area, complete with trampolines, zip wires and bouncy castles. It was a fun-filled, memorable day for everyone.



## Year 3 visit to St Ippolyts Bowls Club

Last Friday, the children in Year 3 visited St Ippolyts Bowls Club. They had a wonderful time learning the skills for a new sport. To find out more about the club, visit [www.stippolytsbowlsclub.org.uk](http://www.stippolytsbowlsclub.org.uk)

We are very grateful to the club for inviting our children to try this new activity!



## Upcoming class trip dates:

Class 3: Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June

Class 5: Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June

Class 6: Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> June

Class 4: Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June



# RSHE lessons after half term

Next half term, Children in Year 1 - 6 will be taught the RSE elements of our RSHE curriculum.

To allow us to teach what is advised as appropriate for each age, we will teach these lessons in straight year groups. All our lessons come from a scheme designed to match the Science curriculum objectives as well as what is in the RSE guidance. Lots of parents like to know what is taught so they can support at the same level home or answer any further questions children might come home with:

Year 1: Families, growing & changing (basic body parts)

Year 2: Differences between male and female animals.

Naming body parts (Scientific names)

Year 3: Male and Female body parts (Scientific names)

Personal space

Year 4: Body changes and puberty

Healthy relationships

Year 5: Puberty and the reproductive system

Year 6: Puberty and reproduction

Conception and pregnancy

## Gold for the Golfers!

A big well done to the children who took part in the SSFT golf tournament on Tuesday. They played brilliantly and came in first place - congratulations!



This week's article from Pupil Journalist, Amy

# St Ipps has got Talent!

Tomorrow is a really exciting day at St. Ipps because it's finally time for St. Ipps Got Talent! The talent show is taking place on **Friday the 23rd of May**, and everyone's been getting ready for weeks. There are going to be all kinds of acts like singing, dancing, comedy, magic tricks and maybe even some surprising ones we're not expecting!

Lots of students are performing and it's going to be so much fun to watch. Some people are even wearing costumes for their acts. But there's one important rule: **you're not allowed to wear your costume to school in the morning.** If you're in the show and have a costume, **you must bring it in a bag and get changes at school before the performance.** Don't forget it!

The talent show will take place in the school hall, and the stage is already up. Thanks to all of the teachers for making it look amazing!

Everyone who gets up on stage is already super brave and talented so even just being in the show is a great achievement!

Make sure to be a great audience, and support everyone!

**Good luck to all the performers!** We can't wait to see what you've got. St. Ipps really *does* have talent!

***"DON'T TRY TO LESSEN YOURSELF FOR THE WORLD. LET THE WORLD CATCH UP TO YOU," - Beyoncé.***

THAT MEANS WE SHOULD BE PROUD OF WHO WE ARE AND SHARE OUR TALENTS WITH CONFIDENCE!



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Dear All

May 2025

Your school is one of four primary schools in Hitchin that has signed up for a really exciting and creative project that we at Walsworth Road Baptist Church are arranging this summer term called "AHEAD". In short, "AHEAD" will be an exhibition of artwork expressing the personal insights of local children about things they are feeling and thinking, perhaps about finding their place in a competitive world, perhaps about the things that are coming up, whether a delight to look forward to, or indeed a daunting challenge to be faced.

All the children's pictures will be submitted through their schools, and must be submitted, please, by Wednesday 25 June. The artwork will be passed on to us at the church, where we will then host the exhibition open to all families and indeed to the general public – with free admission to all! - during the weekend of 5-6 July. As promised in the school assembly, every piece of artwork that complies with the instructions here will be included in the display. The "AHEAD" Exhibition will be open on Saturday 10.00am - 5.00pm (and indeed forms part of our church's community open day, called One Fine Day!), and again on Sunday 2.00 - 5.00pm; refreshments will be available. The exhibition is also listed, we understand, in the Hitchin Festival programme guide this year.

As an extra incentive to take part, we are delighted that a panel of local artists will be reviewing all the pictures, and that prizes will be awarded for the best artwork created by children in each of Key Stage 1 & 2.

#### What you need to know:

You can use any form of picture-making using your own creativity (no A.I. please!), except that entries must be on **a sheet of A4 paper** (design can be Portrait or Landscape).

Please ensure your name, school and year group is written **on the back of your artwork**, so that we can contact you if you are a winner!

Please submit only one piece of artwork per person, please.

Hand in the artwork to your school **by Wednesday 25 June** – display in the exhibition cannot be guaranteed to entries received later than this.

Please come along to the Exhibition during the weekend 5-6 July to see all the artwork on display! And please note too, as we said in the assembly, we are unable to return the artwork after the exhibition.

Following a number of previous such exhibitions (since 2008, and most recently *Hitchin Hearts*), we are looking forward again to showing off all the artistic skills and talents of local children. So we are really grateful to the primary schools for their participation and encouragement in organising this, and to the children for taking part too, and indeed for your support at home too.

If you have any questions or concerns about this art project, please do get in touch with me rather than your school – see my contact details above.

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