



NEWSLETTER



Issue 37: Thursday 3rd July 2025

ST IPPOLYTS PRIMARY SCHOOL
parent teacher association

Summer Fair!

bouncy castle Grand Draw
inflatable obstacle course
refreshments stalls & activities
and much more!

**FRIDAY
4TH JULY
2025**

**3.30-
5.30PM**

**AT THE
SCHOOL FIELD
IN FOLLY LANE**

Thank you for all
your generous
donations for
non-uniform day
last week!

Please make sure
you have returned
raffle ticket stubs
and money (or
unsold tickets) by
tomorrow morning.

TOMORROW AT THE FIELD!

- **PARKING:** Please park sensibly and safely - **no parking along Folly Lane, by the school gates or obstructing residents.**
- **HOMETIME:** Children will be dismissed from their usual places as normal. Please collect your child and then walk up to the field.
- The Fair does not open until 3.30pm, so there is no need to rush

Annual reports 2025

Today you should receive your child's annual report along with an explanatory letter about next year's classes. The teachers will be sending these via email sometime after school; if for some reason you don't receive it by tomorrow morning, please let us know.

Attendance records will be sent as a paper copy in your child's bookbag.

Assessment results

Reception: EYFS assessments will be sent as a PDF attachment.

Year 1: Phonics check results will be sent as a PDF attachment.

Year 4: Multiplication Check results will be sent as a PDF attachment.

Year 6: SATs results not yet in; these are due in next week and will be sent home ASAP.

A big thank you to the teachers who invest many hours of work compiling the children's reports. Please email the class account to acknowledge receipt of your child's report. Many thanks.



Transition day: Thursday 10th July

Next Thursday will be a day of all change!

We will be welcoming our new Reception children into school for the morning and our Year 6 children will be spending the day at their secondary schools.

All the other children will be spending time in their new classes, getting to know their new teachers, classrooms and classmates, and we will also be welcoming our new staff – Mr Andrews, Miss Casey and Ms Russell to the St Ippolyts team. We hope they will be very happy with us!



Year 6 Leavers Service

Parents of Year 6 children are invited to join us in Church on **Thursday 17th July at 2.00pm** for our traditional Leavers Service. As there is very limited seating available, please be aware that it may be a tight squeeze! We ask that parents wait outside church until we have all the children seated, and then you are welcome to file in behind us. A reminder also that photos/video cannot be taken during the service itself, although there is plenty of opportunity after the service outside church. After the service we do hope lots of families will come up to the field for the end of year picnic.

Class arrangements for next year: a reminder of how classes are organised

While I usually explain this in detail during guided tours for new parents, I understand that our class structure can sometimes be a little tricky to grasp.

Our arrangement is slightly unusual due to our admissions number—20—which is set by the local authority. This means we usually have mixed-age classes, a structure common in many village schools. Occasionally, we are allocated more than 20 children in Reception (these are known as "bulge years"), which is why the sizes of our year groups can vary quite a bit. At present, our year groups range from 18 to 32 children.

When we create mixed-age classes, pupil placements are carefully considered based on each child's individual needs. Factors include age, academic ability, emotional maturity, behavioural needs, confidence, self-help skills, and more. These decisions are made thoughtfully by our Senior Leadership Team using all our knowledge of each child as an individual.

We never use terms like "moving up" or "staying down" because, regardless of which class a child is placed in, they will be taught the appropriate curriculum for their year group. Our teachers are highly skilled at delivering learning objectives for two different year groups within one class. Our curriculum also runs on a rolling programme to ensure that no topics are repeated.



Director of Education visit

On Wednesday, we were delighted to welcome the Hertfordshire Director of Education, Mr Tony Fitzpatrick to St Ippolyts. He took time to tour the school, watching lots of different lessons and chatting to children along the way. It was a great opportunity to showcase our lovely school and wonderful children!

Dinner money & other outstanding payments:

Please ensure ALL dinner money debts and other payments are cleared by Monday 14th July. Thank you.





PIRATES of the CURRY BEAN

For the evening performance on Wednesday, all children need to be back at school by 5.30pm. At each performance, the PTA are selling refreshments and there will be a collection at the end.

Please note that evening tickets are fully booked.

If you have booked evening tickets but find that you won't be using them, PLEASE let us know asap because we have a waiting list. It causes upset if on the night we have empty seats that families would have loved to use.

SAFEGUARDING

PLEASE COULD ALL PARENTS NOTE THAT PHOTOS AND VIDEOS ARE NOT PERMITTED DURING THE PERFORMANCES.

AT THE END OF THE SHOW, THERE WILL BE AN OPPORTUNITY TO PHOTOGRAPH YOUR OWN CHILD ONLY. Thank you!

DISCO NEWS!
THE DISCO RAISED AN INCREDIBLE
£1024!

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



County Cricket

Well done to the cricket team who competed in the county finals. They played so well in all their matches, only losing one match over the whole event, but narrowly missing out on making it through to the semi finals. It is a fantastic achievement to even get to play in a county round, so a big congratulations to them all!



Silver medals for lacrosse

Well done to all the children who attended the lacrosse events last week. Children in Years 3 and 4 took part in an enrichment festival, learning lacrosse skills ready for next year.

Children in Year 5 competed in the tournament, playing brilliantly and finishing in second place and coming home with silver medals – well done everyone!



A great week for Rounders!

Teams of Year 1 and 2 children competed in the KS1 rounders tournament; they played so brilliantly that it was a St Ipps V St Ipps final, meaning they came back with gold and silver medals!

Year 3 and 4 children had an equally successful tournament, finishing in first and third place!
A big well done to everyone!

