



NEWSLETTER



Issue 3: Thursday 25th September 2025



On **Friday 3rd October**, children and staff will be going to church for this year's Harvest Festival.

On this day we ask that children bring a contribution from the list to help support local families through the foodbank and Feed Up Warm Up. Your donations will be very gratefully received, especially with the current cost of living crisis and the winter months approaching which could be difficult for many.

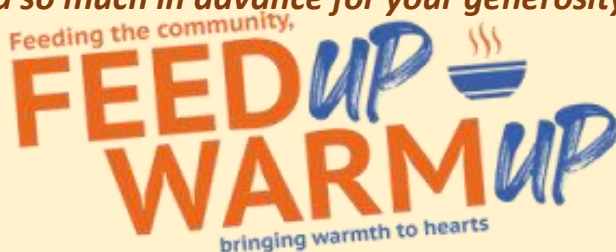
We are also supporting **The Bishop of St Albans Harvest Appeal**, 'Rewrite their future', in partnership with Mission Direct.

At a time when 250 million children globally are not in school, this is one small but vital way we can help change that reality.

We will be collecting monetary donations towards this at our harvest festival. You could send a food donation, a monetary donation in an envelope, or a combination of both if you feel able to.

The list is not exhaustive but gives you some ideas of what to donate. *Please make sure any donations are unopened and in date.*

Thank you so much in advance for your generosity.



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The Bishop of St Albans' Harvest Appeal 2025

Rewrite Esther's Future

and the future of thousands of other children.

Support Mission Direct's work to increase access to education in Uganda and Zambia.

Scan to make a donation

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Most needed donations

- Cereals
- Porridge oats sachets
- Crackers
- Microwavable pasta meals
- Tinned tomatoes/ pasta sauce
- Lentils, beans and pulses
- Tinned meat – for example curry, hot dog sausages, stew, tinned pies etc
- Tinned soup
- Baked beans
- Tea/coffee
- Tinned fruit
- Biscuits
- UHT milk
- Long life Fruit juice or squash
- Toiletries, sanitary products, nappies, toilet roll

The Bishops' Harvest Appeal 2025



We will be collecting donations for the Bishop's Harvest Appeal at our Harvest Festival on Friday 3rd October.

The appeal is focused on building schools and improving access to education in some of the world's most under-resourced communities. After one year, these schools supported by Mission Direct will serve over 2,945 children, of which 1,170 will be benefitting from new classrooms —and over the next 20 years, 23,400 children will gain access to education that would otherwise be out of reach.

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Thank you!

OPEN SESSION NEXT WEEK

MONDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER 3.30-5.00PM

For those parents and families new to the school, Open Session is when you are invited to come with your child to visit their classroom after school, meet the teacher, see your child's books and ask any questions you may have. It is an informal afternoon; you do not need an appointment and can 'drop-in' any time during the session and stay as long as you want. *It isn't a one-to-one discussion with the teacher about your child's progress* – these take place in Parent Consultation appointments later in the term.

Classes 3, 5, and 6: Use the Class 5/6 doors

Classes 1, 2 and 4: Use the main entrance

Please be aware that buggies and prams cannot be brought into the building.

We do hope you can come along and that you will enjoy seeing your child's new classroom, their books and teacher. You are welcome to bring grandparents/family members too, and please feel free to look around different parts of the school at displays etc.



NO DOGS

A reminder about dogs

Please be reminded that **dogs should not be brought into the school grounds (main school site and the sports field)**, even if held in your arms. The exception to this is official assistance dogs.

Please also reiterate to your children about not approaching dogs to fuss them. Thank you.

Y6 Parents: A date for your diary

On **Wednesday 8th October at 6pm**, Miss Walker will be holding an information evening for Y6 parents and children about the 2026 Key Stage 2 assessments (SATs). You will be able to find out all about what the tests entail, look at past papers and find out how best you can support your child with their learning over the coming months.

Early Bird Club

Payments for Early Bird Club are due at the time of booking. 'No-shows' are not refundable unless your child is absent from school due to illness. If you need to cancel a booking, please notify the office by 4 pm the previous day; otherwise, the session will still be charged.

Early Bird sessions must be booked in advance. Please ensure you hand your child over to a member of staff—do not drop them off without checking in. Many thanks.





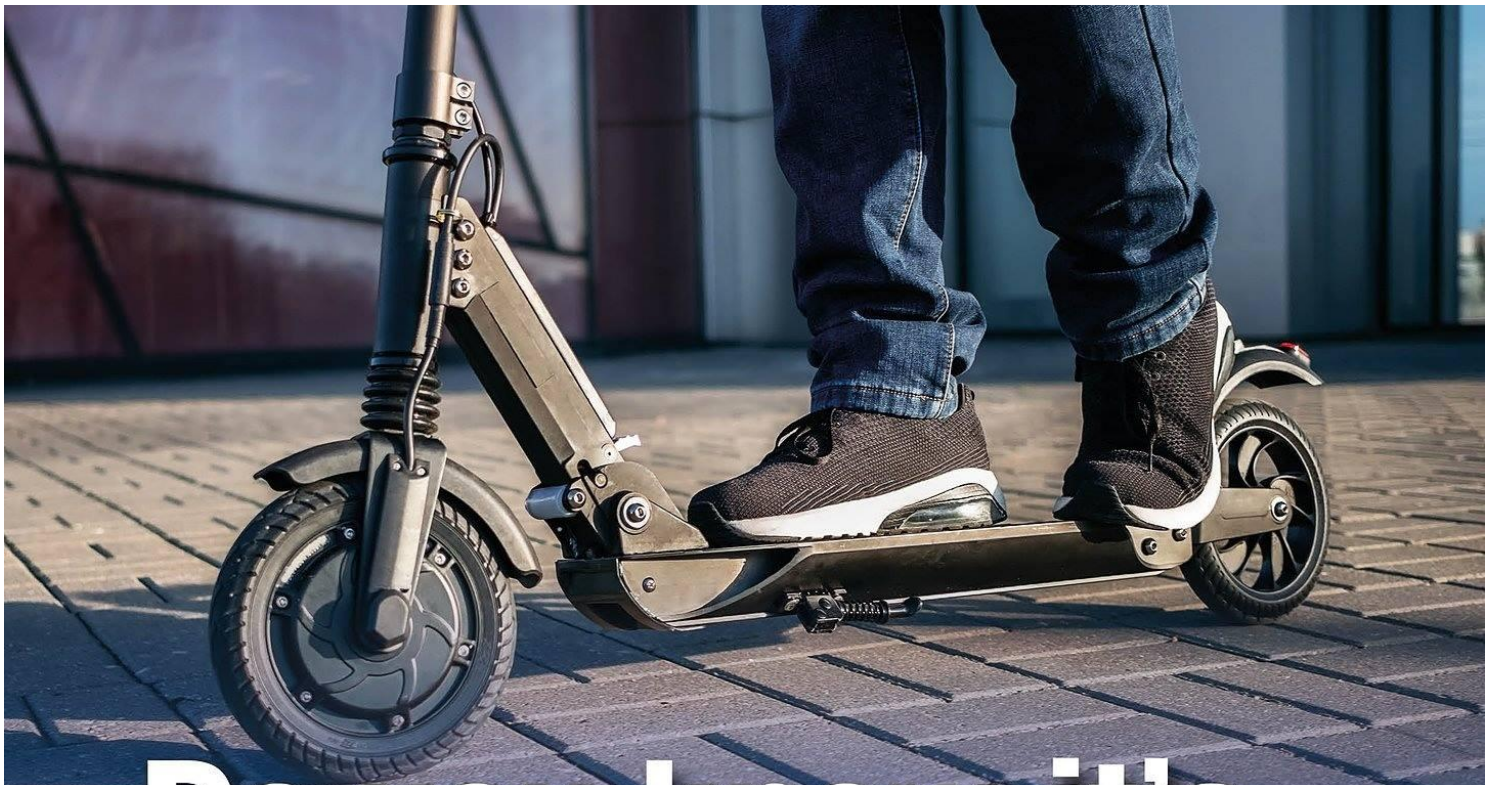
Cross Country

The sporting season got off to a flying start yesterday with the first event of the year - cross country. Everyone gave it their all and came in with some impressive times. The boys team finished third overall and the girls came in first place in both the team and the individual category - very well done everyone!



Buddy PE: Our Reception and Year 6 buddies love having PE lessons together!





Do you know it's illegal to use an electric scooter in a public place?

You can only use an e-scooter on private land with the landowner's permission.

If you ride in public - on roads or pavements - your scooter may be seized by police and you may face a fine and/or penalty points on your licence.

Full details of the government's legislation on e-scooters can be found on the gov.uk website.



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Please visit: <https://www.herts.police.uk/advice/advice-and-information/rs/road-safety/advice-escooters/> for more important advice and information.



PUPIL JOURNALIST

Felicity Year 6

Hello!

I hope you have all had a wonderful summer and we'd love to hear all about them, but now I'm afraid it's back to school! It's exciting isn't it also a bit nerve wracking though, all the new stationery and clothes (that are often too big for you)! Well hopefully we've all settled in comfortably and looking forward to all the interesting topics you'll learn about. It's not just your friends you are seeing again though, there's also some delightful new students that have joined a variety of classes and we ought to give them a warm welcoming. Not only are there new students, but also new teachers, Ms Russell, Miss Casey and Mr Andrews! Settling in is one thing, we'd love to hear is going well, along with making friends and generally having a spectacular time.

Class 5 and 6

As some people have already noticed, throughout this summer Mr. Dickens has been working extremely hard, painting, decorating and building to make class 5, 6 and their cloak rooms look amazing! So if you have a chance (like Mrs. Peddie has been talking about). Please say a huge thank you to Mr. Dickens for this new and improved, lovely space.

Chances

In collective worship, we've been discussing all about chances.

We take chances all the time and most of the time you don't even notice, people don't really talk about chances, that is until just recently. Here's something to ask yourself, when was the last time you took a chance?

I bet you've seen someone play with someone they usually don't play with, or offered to help with something. That's what we've been talking about. And think how pretty the display will be with all the butterflies when it's finished.

Wrapped up warm for the colder weather?

This time of year is wonderful, from the falling leaves to glistening frost, I just love it all. It's fascinating how the leaves turn to gold, red and brown! Before gracefully fluttering off to the ground. Well, I hope everyone has had a promising start to the year.

Fact of the week

Did you know, the great white shark has around 300 teeth lined in rows, throughout their lifetime, they can go through over 1000 teeth.

Little Stipps



FREE to attend, starts September 2025



Half termly 'stay and play' sessions in the school hall for parents with babies and toddlers.



1.30pm - 3.00pm

22nd September 2025

17th November 2025

12th January 2026

2nd March 2026

20th April 2026

15th June 2026

You don't have to have a child at the school, everyone is welcome!

Activities Include:

- Storytime and singing
- Arts and crafts
- Toys and play
- Tea and chat for grown ups!

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Secondary school applications for September 2026 now open

hertfordshire.gov.uk/Admissions



ST IPPOLYTS CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

RECEPTION ADMISSIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2026

Applications open 1st November 2025

We are a vibrant and successful school where every child is celebrated as a unique individual. Nestled in the beautiful village of St Ippolyts, on the outskirts of Hitchin, we are proud of our warm, nurturing ethos and rich primary curriculum that enables every child to flourish.

CONTACT US TO BOOK A TOUR
We really look forward to meeting you!



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Hitchin Police Station OPEN DAY

**Saturday 27 September
from 10am to 2pm**

**Come and meet your local officers
and cadets. Look around a police car
and quad bike.**

Take part in a children's colouring competition,
try finger printing and ID card making.

We hope to see you there.

**Discuss local issues, get crime prevention
advice, tell us what matters to you and sign up
to receive free local policing updates.**

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