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# Harvest FESTIVAL

Tomorrow, children and staff will be going to church for this year's Harvest Festival. We ask that children bring a contribution of non-perishable food to help support local families through Feed Up Warm Up, or a contribution to the Bishop's Harvest Appeal (or both!) *Thank you so much in advance for your generosity.*

# OPEN SESSION THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who came along to Open Session on Monday. It was wonderful to see so many parents and families enjoying looking around the school and sharing the children's learning. We hope you enjoyed it!

A date for your diary: the next Open Session will be on **Monday 2nd February 2026.**

## Road crossing campaign

We have been informed that traffic and pedestrian safety surveys are planned to take place near Stevenage road / Blackhorse Lane during October/November (exact dates are not publicised in advance). The surveys will include automated counters and, on Stevenage Road, a day of in-person observations.

To ensure the survey data reflects the school community's needs, families are encouraged to make use of the crossing points wherever possible when travelling on foot. This will help provide an accurate picture of how the area is used during the school day.

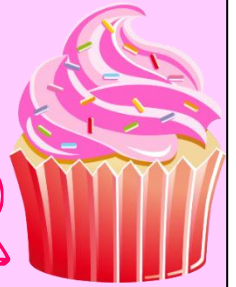
# Arbor

Please remember to inform us if any of your child's details or your emergency contact details have changed. This can be done via your Arbor App. If you are having difficulty in accessing the Arbor App, please email the office – [admin@stipps.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@stipps.herts.sch.uk) and we will do our best to assist you. Thank you.



# CLASS 6 CAKE DAY!

## FRIDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER



Dear Class 6 parents,

The PTA are holding a cake sale on 17<sup>th</sup> October to raise funds for school. This time it is the turn of Class 6 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 a minimum of 15 small 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.

Thank you! from The PTA

## Class 6 Assembly Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October 9.15am

Class 6 parents are warmly invited to come and watch the Class 6 assembly on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October. 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.** We hope you can come!

### Y6 Parents: SATs evening

Next **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October at 6pm**, Miss Walker will be holding an information evening for Y6 parents and children about the 2026 Key Stage 2 assessments (SATs).

This session works best when the child and parent attend together. It starts at 6pm in the main hall.

### Scooters & bikes

A reminder that scooters, bicycles, skateboards etc are **not allowed to be used on site.**

If your child uses one of these on the way to school, they must be dismounted before entering the school grounds. This is to keep everyone safe; thank you for your cooperation.



# NHS

# FLU VACCINATIONS

WEDNESDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> OCTOBER

Shortly you will receive an email with information about this year's flu vaccination programme. Please read the letter and follow the instructions to accept or decline the vaccination for your child.

If you have any queries please contact Mrs Islam in the office.



STEVENAGE GOLF  
& CONFERENCE CENTRE

everyone ACTIVE

## Golf Festival

On Tuesday, a group of children from across KS2 went to Stevenage Golf Centre for a fantastic morning of golf activities. They practised a variety of skills, used the driving range and even had some coaching from the golf professionals at the centre. It was a wonderful experience for them all, well done everyone! 😊

**PE KITS:** A reminder that children need both indoor and outdoor PE kits at this time of year. You might also want to put a lightweight waterproof jacket/cagoule in their PE bag for outdoor lessons on drizzly days. Thank you!



# PUPIL JOURNALIST

*Felicity Year 6*

## OPEN SESSION

I hope your parents are proud and impressed with all the wonderful work they would've seen on Monday when it was open session. I'm sure they would have loved the new, amazing displays that have kindly been put up.

## LET'S DIVE DEEPER INTO WHAT CLASS 4 HAVE BEEN LEARNING

In English, class 4 have been learning all about the Amazon River.

Jasper says,

"The Amazon River is my favourite thing we are learning about, did you know, the Amazon River holds the most amount of water out of any other river in the world."



That sounds fun, just like what they are doing in art, where they're using charcoal.

This is what Sophie thinks,

"Art is my favourite, because it's so fun to use charcoal instead of pencils."

It sounds like there's some lovely topics people are enjoying, that's great.



## FACT OF THE WEEK

Did you know, an octopus has three hearts!