



NEWSLETTER

Issue 7: Thursday 23rd October 2025



FAMILY & ELDERLY SHOEBOX APPEAL



Once again, this year we are joining in with churches, faith organisations and other schools across the town to support 'Link to Hope', providing shoebox gifts to families, children and elderly people living in poverty in Ukraine, Romania, Moldova and Bulgaria.

On Monday, Rev Henton-Pusey from Walsworth Road Baptist Church came along to our collective worship to tell us all about the appeal.

You should have already received a leaflet explaining all about the project and how you can take part if you would like to. Shoeboxes will be collected from school on **Friday 7th November**, but they can be brought in any time before then.

We have some spare leaflets at school if you need more than one.

If you cannot donate a complete shoebox but would still like to participate, you could send in a couple of individual items off the list which we will then use to make up some boxes. Thank you so much.

You can read more here: <https://linktohope.co.uk/>

School Photographer

The school photographer will be here on **Friday 7th November** to take individual and sibling group portraits (children in school only).

All children/families will have their photo taken and you will receive proofs of their pictures. **Placing an order is optional.**



Picture Day!



Winter footwear

A reminder that our school uniform consists of **shoes not boots or ankle boots** for both boys and girls. Children are most welcome to wear boots or wellies to travel to and from school and wear at playtimes, but they need to have their usual school shoes to change into in school. Please make sure footwear is named and it is also really useful to provide your child with a peg to clip their boots together in the cloakroom. Looking ahead, if we have snow, we still have outdoor play but only if children have wellies/boots so that they don't end up with wet, cold feet all day.

AUTUMN ASSESSMENT WEEK & PARENT CONSULTATIONS

This term's assessment week will take place during the week commencing **Monday 10th November.**

Parent consultations will then take place in the week commencing 24th November. We will be offering face to face appointments in the hall on Monday 24th November, or you may choose to have a phone call or video meetings with your child's teacher on the other days that week. You will also be able to book an appointment with Mrs Stewart and Mr Jefferies should you wish too. Details will come home via email soon and bookings will be made via Arbor.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE WILL BE NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS DURING THE WEEK OF PARENT CONSULTATIONS

Class 5 Assembly Friday 21st November 9.15am

Class 5 parents are warmly invited to come and watch the Class 5 assembly on Friday 21st November. 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!



CLASS 6 CAKE DAY RAISED

£89.60 ~ THANK YOU!





PUPIL JOURNALIST

Felicity Year 6

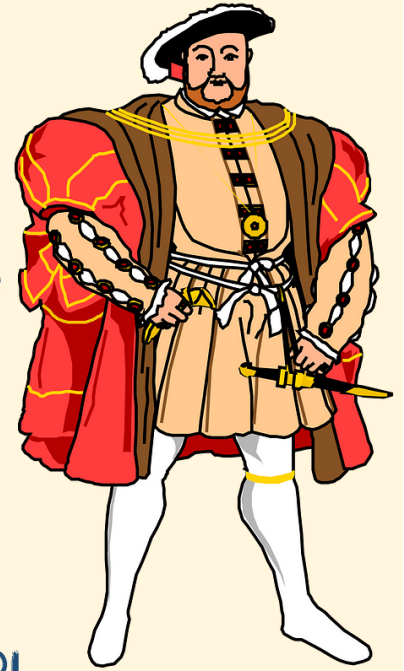
CLASS 5'S LEARNING

In History, class 5 have been learning about Henry VIII and his wives, a fun topic they all enjoy.

Aaron says, "Learning about Henry VIII's wives has been my favourite topic, and my favourite piece of work I've done is an information sheet about all the wives."

In English class 5 have been reading a book called 'Cloud Tea Monkeys'. The children like reading this book.

Alice says, "This is my favourite topic because I loved writing a diary entry in Tashi's point of view, the main character."



THE FIRST CLASS ASSEMBLY OF THE YEAR!

Class 6 have been working hard practicing lines all week for their class assembly on Friday. The costumes are ready, lines are learnt and hopefully they all have the courage to show everyone how great they can be. We wish them the best of luck and we're sure they will give an impressive performance to the rest of the school.

It's amazing how it doesn't seem that long ago when we had our first assembly in class 1 when we were just 4 or 5 years old, and now it's our very last one in year 6.

FACT OF THE WEEK

Did you know that the durian is the smelliest fruit in the whole world.





St Ippolyts
School
PTA

EVERYONE
WELCOME!

CHRISTMAS FAIR PLANNING MEETING

MONDAY 3RD NOVEMBER 8PM

The Bird in Hand, Gosmore

Please help us make this year's Christmas
Fair fundraiser a great success!



SAVE THE DATE!

CHRISTMAS FAIR 2025

FRIDAY 5TH DECEMBER 3.30PM – 5.30PM

SECONDARY APPLICATIONS 2026

Please be aware that the deadline for applications to secondary and upper schools is fast approaching.

Parents will need to make an application online or on paper by the closing date of Friday 31st October 2025. However, we recommend that parents complete it earlier, so that if there are any queries, they can be dealt with by the Admissions Team ahead of the deadline.



Hertfordshire



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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St Ippolyts CE Primary School



**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!

Contact Us:

St Ippolyts CE Primary School
Ashbrook Lane, St Ippolyts SG4 7PB
01462 432080



New Pre-School Opened January 2025

Providing child care and education
Age 2 years to reception class



Sessions on offer

Session 1: 9am -12pm / Session 2: 9am - 3pm / Session 3: 9am - 5pm



Services we offer:

- A term time provision.
- Open Monday - Friday 9am until 5pm.
- For children age 2 until reception.
- Offer both two-year-old funding.
- Three/four-year-old funding available for age 3+
- Paying parents /carers welcome.
- Available 30 hour funding for working parents.

We provide:

- A safe & secure environment.
- A play-based learning approach.
- An inside and outside set up that allows children's interests to be extended.
- Qualified management staff with lots of experience.
- All staff safeguarded and 1st aid trained along with relevant updated courses.
- Working in partnership with Parents / Carers & outside agencies if required.
- Promoting healthy eating & oral health including self-grown fruit and vegetables cooking and tasting.

Tel: 07566 272720

Email: prestonvillagepreschool@gmail.com



Bonfire Night

Friday 7th November

From 6pm

**Join us at Iris Court Care Home
for bonfire night.**

Come along and enjoy our firework display. Light a sparkler or two and try our delicious hot chocolate and marshmallows.

Everyone is welcome.

Iris Court Care Home

Hitchin Road, Gosmore, SG4 7QH

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My First Library Adventure



Reception children:

Looking for a free activity to enjoy together this half term? Visit your local library and take part in My First Library Adventure, by bringing the special bookmark (which came home from school) with you. If you have lost yours don't worry. Just ask at the library for a new one.

Choose from hundreds of picture books, fact books and beginning to read stories to share at home.

Complete the Adventure to enter the special prize draw. Fifty lucky Hertfordshire Reception pupils will win a personalised, signed book from author/illustrator Ged Adamson with two overall winners enjoying an author visit with their whole class. Find out more here: <https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/libraries-and-archives/news-and-campaigns/startingreception>