



# NEWSLETTER

Issue 8: Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2025



# WELCOME BACK

**Welcome back to the second half of the autumn term!** I hope you all had an enjoyable half-term break. This time of year is always a very busy one in school, with lots to fit in as we head towards Christmas. At the end of this newsletter, you will find an updated list of diary dates with all the latest information.

The PTA are already hard at work planning our Christmas Fair, which is always one of our most valuable fundraising events of the year. Over the coming weeks, there will be requests for help, donations and support in a variety of ways. Please do consider offering a helping hand if you can—it's a big event and its success really depends on more than just a small group of volunteers. Thank you in advance!

## REMEMBRANCE 2025

We are now selling Remembrance items in aid of the Royal British Legion. In addition to traditional poppies, we also have a range of other poppy merchandise. Any money to buy poppy items should be brought in an envelope or purse please. We are unable to give change because the money goes into the sealed charity collection box. Keep an eye out for the children's poppies appearing along the school fencing; well done to them all for their thoughtful reflections.

### Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November

We will be holding our whole school Remembrance Day commemorations for children and staff in Church, led by the children in Young Worship.

**Children who are in uniformed groups such as brownies, rainbows, beavers, bubs, cadets etc are invited to wear their uniforms for school on this day too.**

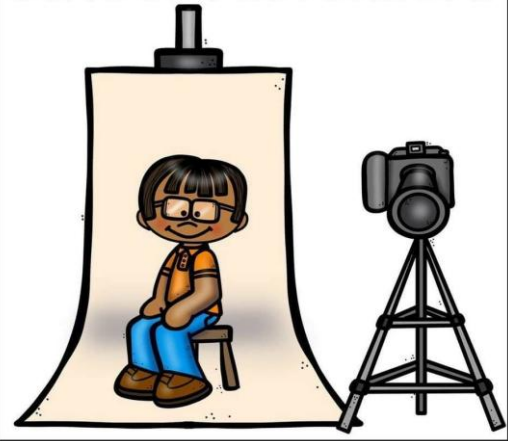


## Link to Hope 2025

**Our boxes are being collected tomorrow.** Thank you so much to everyone who has supported this year's shoebox appeal!



## SCHOOL PICTURE DAY



## School Photos tomorrow

The school photographer will be here **TOMORROW** to take individual and sibling group portraits (children in school only).

All children/families will have their photo taken and you will receive an email with details of how to view the proofs of their pictures.

*Placing an order is optional.*



*Together, we can*  
**MAKE A DIFFERENCE**

## Children in Need

### Friday 14th November 2025

To support Children in Need, this year children are invited to go 'dotty and spotty' in return for a small donation to the appeal. **Children are still expected to wear school uniform** but can accessorise it – for example, Pudsey ears, a spotty tie instead of a school tie, spotty socks, spotty hair bands, a bandana, spotty stickers etc. (Please remember that participation is optional and there is absolutely no need to go and buy anything specifically!)

## AUTUMN ASSESSMENT WEEK & PARENT CONSULTATIONS

**This term's assessment week will take place next week from Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November.**

Parent consultations will then take place in the week commencing 24<sup>th</sup> November. We will be offering face to face appointments in the hall on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November, or you may choose to have a phone call 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 to. Details will come home via email soon and bookings will be made via Arbor.

**Bookings open on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November at 8am**

## CHRISTMAS BAUBLES 2025!

This year we are once again running the popular 'personalised bauble' fundraiser. For those of you who are new to the school, the children can purchase a bauble which is decorated with their name and 'St Ippolyts School 2025'. These are then used to decorate the school Christmas tree in the hall. It's always great fun as the children try hard to spot their own name on the tree. At the end of term, the baubles are taken home to add to your trees at home.

**Please see the separate letter coming home today for more information and to order your baubles asap!**



## RECEPTION 2026 APPLICATIONS: siblings

Applications for places in Reception starting September 2026 can now be made until January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Parents are asked to apply online at [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions) and the Supplementary Information Form (SIF) should be returned directly to our school office.

## Class 5 Assembly Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November 9.15am

Class 5 parents are warmly invited to come and watch the Class 5 assembly on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> 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!

The next Little Recyclers Collection is on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2026. If you are having a clearout before then, don't forget to bag up your items!

### We Accept\*:

- ✓ Good quality clean clothing (adult's, children's, baby)
- ✓ Shoes (paired)
- ✓ Bags
- ✓ Hats & scarves
- ✓ Belts
- ✓ Fashion accessories
- ✓ Swimwear
- ✓ Jewellery
- ✓ Lingerie
- ✓ Bras
- ✓ Perfumes



### We Can't Accept:

- ✗ Uniforms
- ✗ Dirty, wet, ripped, damaged clothing
- ✗ Traditional clothing
- ✗ Underwear & socks
- ✗ Duvets & pillows
- ✗ Carpets, rugs, mats, curtains
- ✗ Linen, towels, bedding
- ✗ Single shoes
- ✗ Furniture, mattresses
- ✗ Stationery, hangers
- ✗ Workwear
- ✗ Hygiene items, diapers
- ✗ Baby stuff (prams, baskets, etc.)
- ✗ Food, medicines
- ✗ Books, CDs, DVDs
- ✗ Bric-a-brac, kitchen utilities (pots, pans, etc.)
- ✗ Electrical appliances
- ✗ Soft, hard toys



# Fabulous Football!

The football season is now well underway with teams playing in two tournaments this week. Two teams across Y3 and Y4 played in the rural schools rally on Tuesday, narrowly missing out on a top 3 place but playing brilliantly nonetheless. Well done!

Then, on Wednesday, the team put on a fantastic performance at the ESFA Rally, claiming the top spot - congratulations!



## Just a little reminder about PE kits...

Children need to have both indoor and outdoor PE kits in school every day, please. Occasionally, there are unexpected timetable changes, which means PE lessons may take place on different days. Lessons may also be held either in the hall or outside, so children need to be prepared for all eventualities (and all weather conditions!) Many thanks.





# PUPIL JOURNALIST

*Felicity Year 6*

## WELCOME BACK

I hope everyone has had a fantastic half term, hopefully everyone has enjoyed their well-earned rest from the great learning we all did last term.

The amazing start to the year has brought an abundance of impressive work and I think the teachers are looking forward to hopefully another half term full of enthusiastic learning and lovely pieces of work. Welcome back everyone, it is great to see everyone again.

## CLASS 6 TRIP

On Tuesday Class 6 went on a trip to take part in a Crucial Crew event at a school in Letchworth. At Crucial Crew we learnt about important issues such as internet safety, healthy and unhealthy relationships, railway safety, alcohol and what to do if someone is in cardiac arrest.

Going round to each station and gathering information and facts was a really fun way to learn important life lessons for when we go off to secondary school.



## FACT OF THE WEEK

**Did you know there is a lesser-known holiday this time of year on 1st November called All Saints Day. It was invented in Roman times by Pope Gregory III to commemorate all the Saints including those who were martyred for their faith and those without a specific individual feast day.**



St Ippolyts  
School  
PTA



JOIN US FOR OUR

# CHRISTMAS

## FAIR!

SCHOOL CHOIR

VISIT FATHER CHRISTMAS

SECRETS ROOM

TOYS AND BOOKS

HAMPER RAFFLE

FUN AND GAMES

REFRESHMENTS

FRIDAY 5 DEC 2025

3.30 - 5.30PM



# PTA Christmas Fair Please read...

**FRIDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 3.30PM - 5.30PM**

The Christmas Fair is one of the biggest fundraising events of the school year and we can't do it without lots of help, before, during and after the fair. Today you should receive a paper letter with a form to fill in offering a little bit of your time. Please send these back to school asap. Thank you so much in advance – the more offers we get, the bigger and better our fair can be!

## Sshhhhh! Secrets Room

As usual we have the secrets room – this is where children can go and buy gifts for their family and have them wrapped ready for Xmas day.

We would be most grateful of any donations of unwanted gifts that would make good presents for mums, dads, grandparents and siblings –

Please drop off any secret room gifts to box in reception. Thank you!

## Christmas Jumpers

We will be running again a pre-loved Xmas jumper stall – please send in any outgrown/unwanted Xmas jumpers that are in good condition. We are hoping to have a selection of adult and children's jumpers – please ask your friends and family too as it's a great way to recycle! Please drop off in reception. Many thanks!



## Toys and Books

Back again by popular demand – the **second-hand toy and book stall!** An ideal opportunity to have a clear out before Xmas. Please drop off items to school week starting **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December** as storage space at school is limited. Please make sure that donated items are in good condition – for example puzzles and games must have all the correct pieces etc. Thank you.



# NON-UNIFORM DAY FOR HAMPER DONATIONS

## Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November

The Grand Draw at the Christmas Fair is always very popular with lots of lovely prizes to be won. This year we will be doing the **Hamper Raffle** that has been so popular in the last few years. There will be lots of different hampers to win, for example: Festive Food, Sweet Treats, Pamper Hampers, Winter Warmers, 'Bottoms Up' and children's treats.

We are asking for contributions to help us make up our hamper collection and will be holding a non-uniform day in exchange for hamper donations on **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November.**

Please bring items from the class lists below

(examples are just to give you an idea, please make sure food items are in date and do not require refrigeration.)

Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5	Class 6
<p><b>Things suitable for the children's hampers (KS1, age 4-7)</b> eg colouring books, games, activities, small toys, arts and craft packs, jigsaw, board game etc</p> <p><b>Anything chocolate</b> eg boxes of chocs, chocolate tree decorations etc</p>	<p><b>Men's and Women's Toiletries for the 'Pamper Hampers'</b> eg bubble bath, shower gel, body lotion, moisturizer, body scrub, scented candles, soaps, body spray, shaving foam, make up etc etc etc! <i>All items must be new and unused for hygiene reasons</i></p>	<p><b>Festive Foods</b> eg small Christmas cake, Yule Log, Christmas pudding, Christmas biscuits, savoury snacks/crackers, after eights etc etc</p> <p><b>Sweet Treats</b> eg Christmas candy, sweets, fudge, cookies etc</p>	<p><b>Things suitable for the children's hampers (KS2 age 8-11)</b> eg puzzle books, games, activities, small toys, arts and craft packs, jigsaw, board game etc)</p> <p><b>Anything chocolate</b> eg boxes of chocs, chocolate tree decorations etc</p>	<p><b>Winter Warmers</b> eg fancy tea bags, coffee, hot chocolate, marshmallows, coffee syrups, herbal teas, etc)</p> <p><b>Anything chocolate</b> eg boxes of chocs, chocolate tree decorations etc</p>	<p><b>Bottoms Up!</b> eg wine, beers, spirits, mixers etc to make drinks hampers for grown-ups!</p>

## Raffle tickets

will be sent home ahead of the fair; please do your best to sell them to friends and family. The Hamper Raffle will be drawn at the Christmas Fair



# St Ippolyts CE Primary School

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!

Contact Us:

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





# 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.**

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**Iris Court Care Home**

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# UPDATED DIARY DATES



## AUTUMN TERM 2025

**New dates highlighted**

Date	Event	Information
<b>NOVEMBER</b>		
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Back to school	
7 <sup>th</sup>	School photos	Individual portraits and sibling groups (of children in school)
7 <sup>th</sup>	Shoeboxes being collected	
w/c 10 <sup>th</sup>	AUTUMN ASSESSMENTS	
11 <sup>th</sup>	Remembrance Day	Service in church for children and staff
14 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Consults bookings open 8am	
14 <sup>th</sup>	Children in Need	Charity fundraising day – wear spots!
17 <sup>th</sup>	Little Stipps	Stay and Play for parents with babies/toddlers 1.30-3.00pm
19 <sup>th</sup>	Deadline for book fair competition	
20 <sup>th</sup> & 21 <sup>st</sup>	Book Fair	Before and after school in the hall
21 <sup>st</sup>	Class 5 Assembly	Assembly for C5 Parents at 9.15am
w/c 24 <sup>th</sup>	PARENT CONSULTATIONS	A blend of face to face and telephone appointments will be on offer.
28 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Non Uniform Day for Christmas Fair donations	
<b>DECEMBER</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup>	PTA Movie and Munch	After-school fundraiser, finishes around 5pm
5 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Christmas Fair	3.30-5.30pm
10 <sup>th</sup>	C6 Trip to Houses of Parliament	
11 <sup>th</sup>	Class 1 Nativity	2pm in the hall for Class 1 parents
12 <sup>th</sup>	Class 5 Cake Day	Class 5 are asked to provide the cakes to sell at breaktime. All children can bring money to buy a cake instead of their usual snack.
16 <sup>th</sup>	Carol Service	In church for children and staff
17 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Dinner	
18 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Parties (afternoon)	Children can wear non-uniform/ Christmas outfits for the day
19 <sup>th</sup>	End of term 2pm	