



St Ippolyts CE (Aided) Primary School

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# NEWSLETTER



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St Ippolyts CE Primary School



Easter Service 2022

This morning, children, staff and governors came together at church for our annual Easter service. It was a truly lovely and meaningful occasion, with contributions from every class. The singing was brilliant throughout, and our Young Worship group shared the Easter story beautifully through poetry. Class 1 and Class 2 added a joyful touch by waving palm branches, and we were treated to a special performance from the Ukulele Club and choir. It was a reflective and uplifting service—well done to everyone!



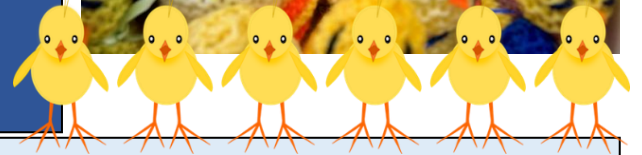
## Red Nose Day

## Thank you!

We were a blaze of red last week for Comic Relief! Thank you for all your donations, we raised over £200!

Thank you so much for all your support of this year's Charlie Chicks appeal for the Garden House Hospice.

We raised an amazing £412!



## Parent Governor Vacancy

After Easter, we will be inviting parents to stand for election as a Parent Governor on our Governing Body. If you think you might be interested and would like to find out more about the role and the time commitment involved, please do come and have a chat with Mrs Peddie, although there is also a summary of information below which may be helpful.

**Parent governors are representative parents, rather than representatives of parents.**

To effectively fulfil the role, parent governors:

- Attend half termly governing body meetings and committees
- attend training sessions
- guide parents regarding appropriate lines of action and procedures
- present a balanced view of issues, representing different sections of the community
- make themselves known to the parent body
- support school activities, fundraising and events

Parent governors play a vital role on governing bodies, holding the unique position of having a parental viewpoint of the school. Through the children, they have a first-hand experience of the delivery of the curriculum, and how the school is perceived from the 'consumers' point of view. This enables parent governors to bring a different perspective to the strategic management of the school.

Although being available to advise parents on appropriate routes of action is a very important aspect of the role, it is vital that parent governors do not personally become involved in individual concerns. Apart from the possibility of this jeopardising appropriate complaints and appeals procedures, no governor has the authority to act individually on behalf of the school.

Although this is a very delicate role, there is ample support and training available. Effective parent governors will find working alongside the other members of the governing body both interesting and rewarding in that their efforts will ensure that the work of the governing body fulfils its duties to all children.

# SUMMER SCHOOL UNIFORM AFTER EASTER

After the Easter holidays we change to summer uniform:

white and blue **checked** dress (pale blue, not navy) *culottes style permitted, but not the short 'hot-pants'*

**white** socks

navy cardigan

sun hat/cap

**OR**

grey shorts

white shirt

school tie

navy V-neck jumper, **not sweatshirts**

grey socks

sun hat/cap



Closed toe sandals are permitted in summer. Shoes can be black or navy.

***School fleeces are outdoor wear only after Easter***

During the summer months, we may have additional PE sessions as we prepare for sports day so it is important that your child has PE kit in school every day.

**Summer PE kit is shorts/t-shirts, not long trousers/joggers.**

## Attendance Letters

Tomorrow, attendance letters will be coming home for children whose attendance is currently falling below expectations.

We completely understand that during the winter months many children experience coughs, colds, and other illnesses, and we appreciate how challenging this can be for families. At the same time, we have a duty to keep parents informed about attendance levels and to support children in attending school as regularly as possible.

The expectation for attendance is 95%. Attendance below 90% is officially categorised as 'persistent absence', and this can have a significant impact on a child's learning, progress, and sense of belonging at school.

If you receive a letter and would like to discuss your child's attendance or need support, please do not hesitate to contact the school — we are here to work with you.

Thank you for your continued support in helping your child to attend, learn, and thrive.



# PUPIL JOURNALIST

*Felicity Year 6*

## YOUNG WORSHIP TRIP TO WESTMINSTER ABBEY

On Tuesday, the young worship pupils put on a performance all about their trip to Westminster Abbey all the way in London. It was lovely to watch and very interesting even though they only had one week to learn all their lines independently!

Here is what some of the young worship members said.

Georgina says, "My favourite part of the trip was when we reenacted the coronation, because it was really interesting finding out all the different steps."

Sophie says, "The trip was really fascinating, and I was happy to show the school a bit about it."

Pip says, "I found the grave of the unknown warrior really fascinating because no one actually identified who the soldier was, it's kind of sad but interesting how it represents all the brave men who gave up their lives for their country."

Well done young worship for performing a lovely show! Thank you to all the adults who came as well for letting young worship have a brilliant trip, it sounds like everyone enjoyed it!

### FACT OF THE WEEK

Despite looking light and fluffy, clouds can weigh over a million tonnes!



**Happy Easter holidays everyone!**

Have a wonderful break and I shall look forward to writing in the summer term! (I can't believe how fast it has come!)



Revd Tricia and Revd Ginni so enjoyed assembly this week talking about Palm Sunday and Easter. We thought about what it feels like to be misunderstood, what Jesus must have been thinking as he rode into Jerusalem knowing that he was going to die, and the astonishing resurrection. Ginni took a huge bite out of an Easter egg, which helped us to imagine the cave in which Jesus was laid!

**We'd love to see you at St Ippolyts Church on Palm Sunday or on Easter Day for our 9.15 services where you would be most welcome.**

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April 9.30am-10.30am**

**Children's Easter Workshop - St Ippolyts Church**

**Come and hear the Easter Story, make an Easter Garden, craft activities and refreshments. All welcome**

Know our prayers for you throughout the Easter break that you feel blessed and find joy, as well as having a rest. With love,

*Rev Tricia*





# Supporting Every Child:

senco@stipps.herts.sch.uk

Mrs Stewart

## Supporting Emotional Regulation at Home

We all experience big feelings, and children are still learning how to manage them. You can help at home by:

- Naming feelings together (e.g. “It looks like you’re feeling frustrated”)
- Keeping calm and offering reassurance
- Encouraging simple strategies like taking deep breaths, having a short break, or talking things through

These small steps help children feel understood and build confidence in managing their emotions. You can help them by supporting them with how to manage the size of the problem. Building resilience is where we want to direct them too.

Children often show feelings through behaviour because they can’t always explain them. At school we encourage children to ‘find the words’ or even try drawing what happened.

What to remember:

- Big feelings → big behaviours
- Look for the emotion behind the behaviour

If you would like further support with how to support children with their emotional literacy then this could be a topic we could cover at a coffee morning or do drop an email.

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St Ippolyts School PTA

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

**VOLUNTEERS FOR THE  
SUMMER FAIR!**

Help us prepare an  
**AMAZING SUMMER FAIR!**

We need people to help source raffle prizes,  
set up stalls, and more. If lots of people just  
give a little time, we can make our  
fair **AWESOME!**

**Can you spare a little time  
to help?**

Contact the PTA if you  
can assist with:

- Sourcing raffle prizes
- Setting up the fair

**Email [pta@stipps.herts.sch.uk](mailto:pta@stipps.herts.sch.uk) or speak  
to Mrs Casero-Wilson or Mrs Dungay**

St Ippolyts School PTA presents



# BREAK THE RULES DAY!

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March

Do you dare to break the rules?!

Break as many of the rules below as you like for a  
(suggested) donation of 50p per rule!

- Have squash in your water bottle!
- Bring an unhealthy (nut free) snack!
- Don't follow the uniform rules!
- Have crazy hair!
- Wear nail varnish!
- Wear make-up!
- Have temporary tattoos!
- Wear jewellery!
- Trade cards at break time!
- Bring in a cuddly toy!

Donations can be made in advance online at  
<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/stipps/> or in cash on the day.



Please email any questions to  
[pta@stipps.herts.sch.uk](mailto:pta@stipps.herts.sch.uk)



# SCHOOL FUNDRAISING

More clothes -  
more funds for  
your organisation.

1 kg = £0.45

YOUR COLLECTION IS  
ARRANGED ON:

**WEDNESDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2026**

FILL ANY BAGS WITH CLOTHING AND  
BRING THEM TO SCHOOL/ORGANISATION  
WE WILL COLLECT AND WEIGH THEM

WE ACCEPT

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

WE DON'T ACCEPT

- Uniforms
- Dirty, wet, ripped, damaged clothing
- Traditional clothing
- Duvets & pillows
- Single shoes
- Toys, stationery
- Bric-a-brac & electrical items
- Books, CDs, DVDs
- Workwear
- Carpets, rugs, mats, curtains
- Hygiene items, diapers
- Linen & towels

PLEASE NO UNIFORMS & DUVETS!

RAISE MONEY FOR YOUR SCHOOL BY GIVING  
AWAY YOUR UNWANTED CLOTHES

# DIARY DATES

*updated*

## MARCH

20 <sup>th</sup>	Red Nose Day	Charity Fundraiser
23 <sup>rd</sup> – 26 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Consultations	
24 <sup>th</sup>	Young Worship assembly to parents	9.15am
26 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Service	
27 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Break the rules day End of term 2pm	

## APRIL

13 <sup>th</sup>	INSET Day	School closed to children
14 <sup>th</sup>	Summer Term begins	
15 <sup>th</sup>	Little Recyclers clothing collection	Bags on the green by 9am please
20 <sup>th</sup>	Little Stipps	

## MAY

1 <sup>st</sup>	Class 2 Cake Day	
4 <sup>th</sup>	Bank Holiday	School closed
8 <sup>th</sup>	Class 2 Assembly	9.15am in the hall for Class 2 parents
11 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 SATs week	
15 <sup>th</sup>	Class photos	
20 <sup>th</sup>	Sports Day	
21 <sup>st</sup>	PGL meeting for parents	6pm in the hall
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Finish for half term	

## JUNE

1 <sup>st</sup>	Back to school	
2 <sup>nd</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup>	Summer assessments Y1,2,3,4,5	
5 <sup>th</sup>	Class 1 Assembly	9.15am in the hall for Class 1 parents
12 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup>	PGL Newby Wiske	Year 5 and 6 children
15 <sup>th</sup>	Little Stipps	
19 <sup>th</sup>	Non Uniform day for summer fair donations Disco after school	
26 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Summer Fair	3.30-5.30pm
29 <sup>th</sup>	PGL assembly	9.15am in the hall for Class 5/6 parents

## JULY

2 <sup>nd</sup>	New parents information evening	6pm
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Class 1 Cake Day	
6 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 Production - morning	
7 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 Production - matinee	
8 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 production – evening	
9 <sup>th</sup>	Transition Day	
15 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 Leavers Service in church 2pm & picnic	
16 <sup>th</sup>	End of term 2pm	



# RECONNECT AND THRIVE

Understanding and supporting Emotionally Based School Avoidance.

A warm, supportive space for children, young people, and their parents/carers to explore EBSA together.

Monthly sessions are relaxed, collaborative, and focused on emotional wellbeing, confidence-building, and gentle school-related support.

Thursday 26th March 2026

Location - The POD at Northfields Infant School

Run by Letchworth Family Support Team  
Scan QR code for details and booking



Hello

## Easter Holidays!

Longer days, lighter mornings and a fresh little window to reset as a family. This Easter break, let's move more, eat well, and feel good together with no pressure, just progress. Here's a few tips to get you started;

### Activity 1:

#### Get active as a family

Park trip, bike ride, or follow along movement video



### Activity 2:

#### Try a mini "mission"

A nature walk, screen free hour, new fruit/veg, or learn some new dance moves



### Activity 2:

#### Keep it simple with food

Why not bake something wholesome together like Easter carrot cupcakes or wholemeal hot cross buns



Our free Beezee Families programme is here to help you feel healthier and happier as a family. Hop into a healthier you this Easter holidays and see the difference all year round!

#### Want more healthy lifestyle support?

Check out our website to find out how we can help your family.\*



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**Our FREE 12 week in-person programme**

**starts on 27th April 2026, with an intro call beforehand**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
HATFIELD Birchwood Avenue Primary School, AL10 0PS 5:00 - 7:00pm	CESHUNT Oakview Primary School EN7 6LB 5:00 - 7:00pm	STEVENAGE Oval Community Centre SG1 5RD 5:00 - 7:00pm	WATFORD Chater Junior School WD18 0ND 5:00 - 7:00pm
** NO SESSION **	HEMEL HEMPSTEAD Hobletts Manor Junior School HP2 5JS 5:00 - 7:00pm	BOREHAMWOOD St Michael's & All Angels Church Hall WD6 5EQ 5:00 - 7:00pm	** NO SESSION **
ONLINE (10 weeks) (ages 5 - 8) 5:30 - 6:30pm (ages 9 - 12) 6:30 - 7:30pm	ONLINE (10 weeks) (ages 5 - 8) 5:30 - 6:30pm (ages 9 - 12) 5:30 - 6:30pm (ages 9 - 12) 6:30 - 7:30pm	ONLINE (10 weeks) (ages 9 - 12) 5:30 - 6:30pm	** NO SESSION **

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Scan to find our online timetable!



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Our programmes are for children above their ideal weight, see our website for more information.



**Beezee**  
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## Ready to unlock the secrets of healthy eating on a budget?

Date:

Wednesday 15th April

Time:

6 - 7pm

Join us for a **FREE** one-hour workshop to get practical tips from our nutritionists. During your time with us you can:

- Discover low-cost healthy swaps
- Understand the importance of meal planning
- Get tips to stick to your shopping list and budget
- Learn about different cooking methods
- Ask questions and get free resources!



Secure your

FREE spot today

Click me  
to sign up



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Sign up to our **FREE** masterclass

How to support children with a limited diet?

**Date:** **Wednesday April 8th** **Time:** **6 - 7pm**

This one hour session will be led by our nutritionists who can help you understand more about limited diets and offer their expert support. By signing up, you can:

- Share challenges and tips with liked-minded parents/carers
- Join an informal, inclusive and non-judgemental atmosphere
- Get lots of practical tips you can use for your family

This is available to all parents, whatever your child's age.

Secure your

**FREE** spot today

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