



At A Glance

School news Update

Our church school creates a firm foundation where together, with God's help and with the help of others, we learn for life, achieve our best and grow in faith.

Happy New Year to you all and welcome back to the Spring Term 2022. We hope that you all had a lovely break over Christmas. We are looking forward to another busy term.

Collective Worship Theme - Peace

During our Collective Worship this half term we will think about the Christian value of Peace; we will reflect on inner peace, peace between each other, in our world and finally what it means for Christians to be at peace with God. Children will learn that peace has a range of meanings, from silence to the ending of a war and we will reflect on these meanings together. They will also learn about the qualities of a peacemaker.



Clubs – Rise and Shine and After School Club booking

The morning Rise and Shine club is now being booked directly via St Ives Town FC rather than through the school office and the booking form for this is available via our school website [here](#). Anyone who currently attends should have already been contacted by Mr Clarke for their information. Moving forward if you wish to book your child on adhoc days then please liaise directly with Mr Clark to check availability and to book your place. His contact details are available on the booking form.

Feedback from the children was that they prefer the multi-skills sports clubs rather than a specific club e.g. football or netball as it enables them to experience a range of sports. They vote as a group for the focus on the following week which again they like doing. Therefore we will be offering a Multi Skills after school club but again in class groups for Monet, Kandinsky and Picasso classes. Please see attached the new booking form to complete and return if you wish your child to take part in the After School Clubs this term.

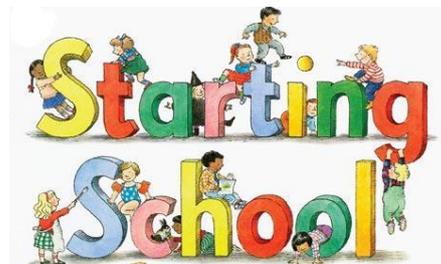
A quick reminder – Year 5/6 Swimming starts on Tuesday next week!



Year 5/6 start their swimming sessions on Tuesday 11th January. Please ensure that you send your child into school with their swimming kit to change into.

Application to Primary School for 2022

Do you have a child, or do you know of someone, who has a child due to start school in September? The application process is live online and all applications need to be submitted to the admissions team at Cambridgeshire County Council by **January 15th 2022**. Further information is available from our website.



Do you have what it takes to become a School Governor?

We currently have a vacancy for a Parent Governor to join our hard working Governing Body. Information about this important role and the process for applying has been sent home today. Please can all nominations be sent to the Clerk to Governors (clerk@abbotsripton.cambs.sch.uk) by Friday 14th January. If you have any questions about this role, again please feel free to email the clerk on the address above.

Dinner Money – Payment required for any children in Year 3- 6



The menu for this half term is attached. If your child is having a school meal and they are in KS2 (Years 3-6), the cost of meals this half term will be **£67.20 (28 days @ £2.40)**. If you wish to pay weekly the cost is £12.00. Cash or cheque payments made payable to Abbots Ripton CE Primary School. Direct payments

can now be made for dinner money. Please contact the school office for more details.

No Nuts!

Just a reminder that we are a **Nut Free School**. Please ensure that if you provide a packed lunch it contains no nut based products such as peanut butter, nutella etc.

Contact details

Please let us know if you have changed any of your contact details e.g. telephone numbers etc. It is very important that we have the correct information on file for your child in case of emergency.



COVID update

We have sent a letter home today from the Director of Education and the local Director of Public Health which outlines some important messages about the current situation and the guidance which schools are following. We have not made any additional changes to our measures that were introduced during the outbreak before Christmas and will avoid reintroducing others where we can e.g. staggered start and end times. However, we will monitor cases and will follow advice from public health if we see another outbreak in school. A polite reminder that all adults should wear a face covering when on the school site and if possible please maintain social distance from other families.



Diary Dates

Please see below the diary dates for the Spring 2022 term
Any new dates added in the future will be in bold and italics

Date	Event
5 th January	Spring term 2022 begins
11 th January	Picasso Swimming starts (5 weeks)
13 th January	Height and Weight checks for Reception and Year 6
14 th – 18 th February	Half Term holiday
3rd March	World Book Day
14 th – 17 th March	Bikeability for Year 5/6
18th March	Comic Relief Day
2nd March	Parent Consultations 3.30pm – 7.30pm – booking details to follow
3rd March	Parent Consultations 3.30pm – 5.30pm – booking details to follow
1st April	Easter Church service - TBC
1 st April	End of Spring term 2022
19th April	Teacher Training Day – school closed
20th April	Summer term begins
2nd May	Bank holiday – school closed
27th May	Teacher Training Day – school closed
30th May – 3rd June	Half Term
6 th – 8 th July	Stibbington Residential – Year 5/6
21st July	Summer term closes
22nd July	Extra bank holiday – due to Queens Jubilee. School closed.