



19th November

Autumn Term 2021 News

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.

Covid Cases in school

As you will have seen from the email sent to all earlier today we have had another positive COVID case in school. We are aware that the children had their flu vaccination on Monday and the symptoms are very similar to the common reactions to this vaccination. However, please can we ask parents to book a PCR test and let us know the results as soon as you have them if your child shows any COVID symptoms. Identifying positive cases is vital in helping us to stop the spread in school. Many thanks for your support with this.

Children in Need – Fancy Dress Friday 19th November



We have had a lovely day today seeing what everyone chose to wear to support Children in Need. The children have learned about how the money is used to support children for a variety of reasons in the UK and we reflected on how difficult it would be for these children to 'learn for life and achieve their best' if they were not well supported. We also reminded the children of the parable of the mustard seed; their small act of donating a small amount can make a big difference to the lives of others.



If you have not made a donation yet for your Non-uniform/ Fancy dress (suggested donation of £1), you can access the Just Giving page [here](#). Alternatively, please use the QR code to direct you straight to our page.



Foundation/KS1 Nativity

We have made the difficult decision to not invite parents into the school to watch this year's Nativity play. As we did last year, we will record the performance and it will be uploaded onto our school YouTube channel for you all to view. A big thank you in advance to Mr and Mrs Ellison for offering to undertake the recording again this year. A link will be sent closer to the end of term.

Samaritans Purse – Operation Christmas Child



Thank you everyone for the donations received for the Operation Christmas Child boxes. Kandinsky class spent time sorting the donations and collating the items into the boxes ready to be sent. We have sent 40 full boxes which is amazing for a small school! Our thanks to any families who wrote letters about themselves as these have been included in the boxes too. We are able to track where our boxes will go at Christmas time and we will share this with you in the New Year. A HUGE thanks again for your generosity.



Rev'd Mandy

The children may have mentioned that they haven't seen Rev'd Mandy for a few weeks now in Collective Worship. Sadly, she will not be with us until after Christmas as she is unwell. We are being well supported by Rev'd Fiona who is an Associate Priest in the Northleightonstone Benefice and she is leading Collective Worship once a week for us. We are grateful to her for her support and I'm sure parents will join me in wishing Rev'd Mandy a speedy recovery and we hope to see her soon.



School photos

A quick reminder that if you wish to order photos then please ensure you have completed the on line order **before Monday 22nd November.**



Poppies

Thank you to everyone who made a poppy for the Remembrance display outside St Andrews church here in Abbots Ripton.

The WI put together a lovely display for everyone to see and were so grateful for your support.

Welcome

We would like to welcome Charlie and his family to our school community. Charlie joined us last week in Monet Class. We do hope you enjoy your time at Abbots Ripton.

Church Services in our Villages

Church services at Abbots Ripton

Christmas Carol Service 19th December at 6:00pm

Christmas Day on 25th December at 11:00am.

Church services at Kings Ripton

Sunday 5th December – Morning Praise at 11:00

Christmas Eve and Carol Service on 24th December at 6pm

STARS



Wreath making kits

Don't forget to order your wreath making kits via the STARS team. The flyer with the details was sent out last week.

PTA Events

PTA Events is the website that STARS use for most school event bookings. It now has an app which is very easy to use. Once set up, it goes straight to the school events making it a quick and convenient way to shop and checkout. You can download the app from your usual App Store / Play Store by searching PTA Events.



Silent Auction

Thank you so much for all the fabulous prizes that have been donated so far for the silent auction / auction of promises. We can accept donations of prizes until 26th November so if you have any gifts or vouchers for services that you are able to donate as a prize, they would be very much appreciated. We would also love to auction some "promises", so, if you have a skill or can spare some time we would love a donation of a promise. Perhaps you're a keen gardener or take beautiful photographs or can offer a babysitting voucher....we'd love to hear your promises! Thank you.

Our School Prayer

Dear Lord,

All together we are Abbots Ripton School

Bless each one of us this day

Bring joy to our lives

Open our hearts to peace

Together we pray to you our Father

Stand by us as we grow

May we

Reflect your goodness

In all that we do

Protect the world around us and

Take care of your creation

Our family and friends we trust to your care

Now and forever we say

Amen



Diary Dates Autumn 2021

All new dates are added in bold and italic.

Date	Event
22nd November	Deadline for school photograph orders
25th November	Parents invited to join us for lunch. More details and booking form to follow. Postponed
3rd December	Whole School Christmas Decorating Morning
6th December	Open Session for Foundation intake 2022 ~ 1:30pm
8th December	Foundation/KS1 Nativity Performance ~ 9:30am & 2:pm Recorded for parents
9th December	Foundation/KS1 Nativity Performance ~ 9:30am Recorded for parents
16th December	Whole School Christmas Lunch including Christmas Jumper day
17th December	Christmas Christingle Service ~ 2.30pm in the church In school - children only
17th December	End of term
18th Dec 2021 to 3rd Jan 2022	Christmas Holiday
4th January	Training day ~ School Closed
5th January	Spring term 2022 begins