



# At A Glance

## School News Update

Summer term 2025

*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.*

### Welcome

Welcome back after our Easter holidays – we do hope everyone has had a lovely break and is returning to school refreshed!

We are delighted to welcome Thomas who started today in Monet class in Year 1 – he is joining his older sister who started with us before the holidays.

### Collective Worship

Our Collective Worship Value this half term is, 'Truthfulness'. We will be learning about the importance of telling the truth both to others and to ourselves. We will use stories from the Bible to help us to reflect on times when we have stood up for the truth in a difficult situation, and to think about being trustworthy through honesty.

With this newsletter we have sent home our Home School Values link letter which we hope you will find useful in reflecting on this important value at home.

### Diary Dates

We have added some new dates to the diary; do please have a look at what is coming up this term.

### Class photos

On Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April we are having the class photographs taken for you to purchase if you so wish. Details on how to order will be sent home on the day. Note for Kandinsky Class – please can children come to school dressed in their normal school uniform and bring their PE kit with them in a named bag to change into.



### School Day



The school day runs from 8:50am – 3:20pm. Please ensure that your child has arrived in time to be in their classroom by 8:50am **at the latest** rather than at the gate at this time. This enables the children to start the day promptly; it can be very unsettling for children when they arrive after their peers.

### Can your child ride a bike?

Through the National Bikeability Scheme we are able to offer bespoke cycling lessons for any children in Kandinsky or Picasso class who are still unable to ride a bike without stabilisers. If you would like your child to take part, please do let us know by Monday 28<sup>th</sup> at the latest.

## A few new term reminders



### **Contacting members of staff**

When contacting a member of staff, whether it is to make an appointment, or just with a query, please ensure that you do so through the main office and not directly to a member of staff's email. This is so we can make sure that if an appointment etc. needs to be organised/changed we are aware of it.

Also, please can we remind you again that the email account that the newsletters are sent from is **not** checked. The **ONLY** email address to contact us on is:

[office@abbotsripton.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:office@abbotsripton.cambs.sch.uk)

### **PE kits**

Please see below for the days this term that your child will need to come into school in their PE kit. Some lessons will be gymnastics or dance so will require indoor kit e.g. t-shirt and shorts but please ensure that your child wears tracksuit bottoms too so they can stay warm enough for the day.

Van Gogh: Monday (indoor) and Friday (indoor)

Monet: Wednesday (outdoor) and Friday (indoor)

Kandinsky: Tuesday (outdoor) and Friday (indoor)

Picasso: Thursday (outdoor) and Friday (indoor)

### **Monies owed to school**

Please could we ask that any outstanding dept for dinners and/or Rise and Shine invoices be paid properly.



### **Lunches**

The first half of the Summer 2025 term is 22 school days, therefore the cost for dinners will be £57.20. Meals are charged at £2.60 a day for Kandinsky and Picasso children, however Van Gogh and Monet children are entitled to Universal Free School Meals so there is

no charge. A polite reminder that lunches must be paid for in advance as the school does not have the cash flow to allow debts to accrue.

If you are paying direct into the bank account then please follow this up with an email to school with the amount paid and for whom. Also, please put your child's name on the bank transfer for reference.

### **Uniform**

Please can you check that ALL uniform, including coats and hats are labelled with your child's full name, not initials, especially any new items that you have bought. This is particularly important for cardigans and sweatshirts as children tend to remove these regularly.



We have noticed that some children are frequently not adhering to our uniform policy. Please support us with ensuring that your child has the correct uniform including black school shoes on non-PE days. This includes not wearing jewellery with the exception of small stud earrings and also nail varnish. Many thanks.

## Update of contact details

Please let us know via email if you have changed any of your contact details e.g. mobile telephone number, just so we can update our records. Thank you.

## Support for Families

With this newsletter we have included some fliers from Katie, our link family worker. As well as the popular bitesize workshops, she is also offering transition workshops for the families of our Year 6 children as well as for our new intake for EYFS.

Katie is also offering short online drop ins every week for advice and signposting as well as a non-bookable lunchtime drop in which is perfect for working families. Please do see her fliers for more details.

## Summer term Clubs

Details of all after school clubs were sent home prior to the holidays except for Amy's Acro on a Tuesday. Attached with this flier are the details to sign up for this club.

Also, a reminder that all clubs start next week with the exception of Daisies who start today.

We have also attached a flier regarding Daisies provision as they also provide a light afternoon tea as well as a sibling discount.

Start date	Day	Provider	Focus	Years	How to book
28/04	Monday	Primary Sports Stars	Team games & Ball-Skills	Years 1 to 6	£5 per week. This club will run from 28 <sup>th</sup> April (3 weeks)
28/04	Monday	Daisies Montessori	Construction	Years R,1 &2 (and older siblings)	Email <a href="mailto:anna@daisiesnurseryschool.co.uk">anna@daisiesnurseryschool.co.uk</a> to book – see attached flyer
29/04	Tuesday	Amy's Acro	Gymnastics	Years R to 6	£8.90 per week (£97.50 for 11 weeks) 29 <sup>th</sup> April to 15 <sup>th</sup> July See attached flier
29/04	Tuesday	Daisies Montessori	Puzzling	Years R,1 &2 (and older siblings)	Email <a href="mailto:anna@daisiesnurseryschool.co.uk">anna@daisiesnurseryschool.co.uk</a> to book – see attached flyer
30/04	Wednesday	HSSP	Rounders & Cricket Club	Years 1 to 6	£4.00 per session (£40.00 for 10 sessions) Starting 30 <sup>th</sup> April to 9 <sup>th</sup> July
30/04	Wednesday	Daisies Montessori	Lego	Years R,1 &2 (and older siblings)	Email <a href="mailto:anna@daisiesnurseryschool.co.uk">anna@daisiesnurseryschool.co.uk</a> to book – see attached flyer
1/05	Thursday	Talent Dance Academy	Dance Club	Year 1 to 6	£5.50 per week 1 <sup>st</sup> May – 17 <sup>th</sup> July
1/05	Thursday	Primary Sports Stars	Multi-Skills	Year 1-6	£5 per week. This club will run from 1 <sup>st</sup> May (4 weeks)
1/05	Thursday	Daisies Montessori	Board games	Years R,1 &2 (and older siblings)	Email <a href="mailto:anna@daisiesnurseryschool.co.uk">anna@daisiesnurseryschool.co.uk</a> to book – see attached flyer



### Diary Dates

Please see below the diary dates for the Summer 2025 term  
***Any new dates added in the future will be in bold and italics***

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Training day – school closed
23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Summer Term Opens
29 <sup>th</sup> April	Class Photographs
5 <sup>th</sup> May	May Day Bank Holiday – school closed
<b>8<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b><i>VE Day celebration – details to follow</i></b>
9 <sup>th</sup> May	Library bus visit – please bring your cards!
<b>12<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b><i>Year 6 SATs week</i></b>
<b>20<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b><i>Picasso class Solar Power workshop (in school)</i></b>
26 <sup>th</sup> May – 30 <sup>th</sup> May	Half-Term
2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Training day – school closed
<b>5<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b><i>Sports Day – everyone welcome 1.15pm start</i></b>
<b>9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b><i>Year 1 Phonic Screening Check week</i></b>
<b>12<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b><i>Sports Day reserve – everyone welcome 1.15pm start</i></b>
<b>12<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b><i>New Reception parent meeting 7pm</i></b>
13 <sup>th</sup> June	Library bus visit – please bring your cards!
<b>13<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b><i>STARS Father's Day shop</i></b>
<b>26<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b><i>Year 6 Abbey College transition days</i></b>
30 <sup>th</sup> June	Kandinsky Faith tour – mosque and cathedral – details to follow
<b>1<sup>st</sup> -3<sup>rd</sup> July</b>	<b><i>Year 6 Hinchbrook transition days</i></b>
<b>5<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b><i>STARS Summer fair</i></b>
<b>9<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b><i>Changeover session for children to meet their new teachers</i></b>
11 <sup>th</sup> July	Library bus visit – please bring your cards!
<b>15<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b><i>Year 6 Sawtry transition days</i></b>
<b>17<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b><i>Year 6 St Peters transition days</i></b>
21 <sup>st</sup> July	Whole school to Whipsnade Zoo
22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Year 6 Leaver's Celebration 9:30am
23 <sup>rd</sup> July	End of term church service 9:30am
23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Summer Term Closes