



8th November

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.

Welcome back – we hope you had a lovely half term! We are into a very busy half term as we move towards Christmas. We have some exciting things happening this term and the children will be extremely busy – do have a look at the diary dates attached for more information.

School lunches

We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who provided a packed lunch for their child this week; it really was appreciated! Jo will be back with us on Monday so we will be starting our menu on week 2.

If your child is in Van Gogh or Monet and you have still not completed their menu choices please do so before Monday.

The cost of school lunches for this half term (minus last week) is £78.00 (30 days at £2.60).

Curriculum Maps

Every half term each class teacher writes and sends home a Curriculum Map which gives you an overview of what your child is learning during the half term. The maps for this half term were sent out today and we hope that you find it useful.

Remembrance Day and Poppies

Poppies and other items will be on sale again on Monday. If you wish your child to purchase a poppy or other items available then please send any money in a named wallet or envelope. It would be greatly appreciated if siblings could have separate money as this will avoid children disturbing other classes during the day. We only have a limited stock of each item and sadly once they are gone, they are gone. We are not able to give change so please send what you are happy to donate. Suggested donations are as follows:

- Poppy – any donation
- Reflective Tag - £1
- Zip Pull – £1
- Silicon Wristband – £1.00
- Snap Band- £1.50



Open Sessions for Prospective Parents

Please can you spread the word to anyone you know who is looking for a school place for their child to start in September 2025. We are holding our last Open Session for parents to come and view the school on Thursday 5th December ~ 1:30 – 2:30pm. Please encourage them to contact the office to book in.

Parking on the road by the school

We now have up to 4 mini buses/taxis collecting children at the front of the school every day. Please do not park on the road close to the school entrance, as they do not have anywhere to park and this causes congestion along the road.

Anti-Bullying Week

Nationally, Anti Bullying week is Monday 11th - Friday 15th November. The theme encourages people to make small, everyday choices to show respect, such as standing up against bullying, appreciating different cultures, and helping those in need. The goal is to create a world where respect is the norm.



World Nursery Rhyme Week: Week commencing 11th November

Van Gogh class are going to be taking part in World Nursery Rhyme week.

This is a free initiative to celebrate and promote the benefits of singing rhymes. Nursery rhymes play an important role in early childhood by helping children master key skills such as language and communication and social, physical and emotional skills. For more information please click [here](#).

Each day the class will be learning a nursery rhyme and we would be delighted if you could join us briefly on Friday 15th at 3pm for a presentation of what we have learnt.



Children in Need – Friday 15th November

Friday 15th November is the BBC Children in Need day. This year's theme is **Make Life Lighter for children.**

We are inviting children to come to school in non-uniform which includes something light and/or bright. For example, glow in the dark t-shirt, fluorescent hair bobble, white trousers etc. for the suggested donation of £1.00. Please be mindful that it is a PE day too!
Please do not send in cash, click [here](#) for our just Giving Page.



Collective Worship

Our value for this half term is Compassion and with this newsletter, we have sent an overview of how you could support the development of this value at home. The children will learn that compassion is empathy but with an action; when being compassionate we take action to help others. We will listen to stories about when Jesus showed compassion for others and reflect on the many examples of Jesus healing others. The children will learn about the idea that true compassion means 'suffering with' someone and putting yourself in someone else's shoes, experiencing what they experience. This leads to a desire to act.



STARS news

Thank you so much to the STARS team for organising this evenings Camp Fire Cookout. We hope you all have a great time. Thank you to Jacquie for making Jo's Amazing Macaroni cheese!!

There are lots of events happening over the next few weeks; from a Wreath Making evening to Elfridges shop as well as the new Elf Workshop event (which is replacing this year's Christmas Fair) – posters attached. Do join in to support our school.



Diary Dates Autumn 2023/Spring 2024

Dates highlighted in grey are local Church services and not school church services.

Date	Event
11 th – 15 th November	Anti-Bullying Week
15 th November	Children in Need Day
15 th November	Van Gogh Nursery Rhyme session – parents invited 3:00pm
29th November	Elf Workshop Experience – See attached poster for more information
2 nd December	Picasso visit to Kimbolton School Theatre to see The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe – details to follow
3 rd December	STARS Wreath making 7pm ~ details to follow
4 th December	Kandinsky trip to Flag Fen
5 th December	Open Session to view for Reception intake 2025 ~ 1:30pm – 2:30pm
6 th December	Whole School Christmas Decorating Morning. Parents invited.
11 th December	Height and Weight check for Year 6 and reception
13 th December	STARS Breakfast with Santa 8am (for children) ~ see attached poster for more information
13 th December	STARS Elfridges Christmas shop (for children) ~ see attached poster for more information
16 th December	Reception/KS1 Nativity Performance ~ 2:15pm
17 th December	Reception/KS1 Nativity Performance ~ 9:30am and 2:15pm
18 th December	Whole School Christmas Lunch including Christmas Jumper day
18 th December	Santa dash – running a mile in Christmas jumpers
20 th December	Christmas Christingle Service ~ 9:30am in the church
20 th December	End of term
21 st Dec 2024 to 5 th Jan 2025	Christmas Holiday
6 th January 2025	Training day – school closed
7 th January 2025	Spring Term Opens
3 rd February 2025	Young Voices 2025 at the O2

11 th February 2025	Vision screening for Van Gogh Class
12 th February 2025	Van Gogh and Monet trip to the theatre to see The Gruffalo
17 th February –21 st February 2025	Half-Term
27 th February	Year 6 Rotary Quiz 7pm
4 th April 2025	Spring term Closes
22 nd April 2025	Training day – school closed
23 rd April 2025	Summer Term Opens
5 th May 2025	May Day Bank Holiday – school closed
26 th May –30 th May 2025	Half-Term
2 nd June 2025	Training day – school closed
23 rd July 2025	Summer Term Closes