



# At a glance

## Autumn Term 2025 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.



Welcome back to another new school year! We hope you all had a lovely summer break and are now ready for a busy Autumn term.

We would like to warmly welcome our new staff: Mr Heather joins Abbots Ripton from Fourfields as our new Head of School and Mrs Blyth also comes from Fourfields to be Executive Head of both schools. The office welcomes Mrs Sharp who joins our team as Office Manager. Finally, Miss Handscombe, who taught Dance across the school last academic year, joins Monet class as a Teaching Assistant. We are hoping to benefit from her expertise in Dance this year too.

### Collective Worship Values

The values that we focus on during our Collective Worship are an important part of sustaining and developing our school's Christian ethos. Children are able to explain why these values are important, and how we can live our lives following these values. Each half term, we will focus on a different value and our Value for this half term is Faithfulness.

### Picasso Residential to Grafham

We are very excited about the Picasso trip to Grafham tomorrow! We hope that the children are too! Please remember to send Picasso Class with a packed lunch and a water bottle!

Just a reminder that if you have outstanding payments, these need to be received asap.

### PE kits

We will continue to ask the children to wear PE kits on their PE days. PE will start the first week back for all classes.

This term these are as follows:

Van Gogh ~ Friday indoor PE kit

Monet ~ Tuesday outdoor PE kit and Friday indoor PE kit

Kandinsky ~ Wednesday indoor PE kit and Thursday outdoor PE kit

Picasso ~ Monday outdoor PE kit (their other PE unit this term is covered at Grafham)

Please do remember that as the weather gets colder, the children will need to come to school wearing a warm layer over their indoor PE kit – we suggest that they wear their black tracksuit bottoms over the top of their PE shorts.

### **Collecting children at the end of the school day**

In order to encourage independence, we will continue to allow our KS2 (Year 3-6) children to leave their classroom at the end of the school day without their teacher. They will be responsible for finding the person who is collecting them and they will be expected to go to a teacher on the playground if the person who is collecting them is not there. Children will know that they should NOT leave the school grounds without an adult and your support with reinforcing this message is very much appreciated.

If your child is in Year 5 or 6 and you would like them to be allowed to leave the site unaccompanied i.e. they are allowed to walk home from school, please do let the office know so that you can sign the permission form.

We would also like to remind parents that they should wait for their child in the last 2 thirds of the playground so it is easier for staff to make sure the children get to the correct adult.

Can we also politely remind you that the school grounds must be vacated by **3.30pm at the latest** and that the field and playground equipment (including trim trail) is not to be used at the end of the day. Again, your support in reinforcing this message is very much appreciated.

### **Dinner Money**

As you are aware the Governors have reviewed the cost of providing school meals and have increased the cost of school meals from £2.50 to £2.60 per day. This is due to the huge cost increase that we have incurred over the last few years. Meals are still great value at this price given the quality of the food served by Jo. She continues to cook on site with fresh ingredients each day. There is also a selection of fruit and vegetables each day in addition to the set meal. The Government acknowledges the huge benefits of having a hot meal at school and are therefore continuing to fund a free school meal for our younger children. If your child is in Van Gogh or Monet, there is therefore no charge for their meal.



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 £96.20 (37 days @ £2.60 for Kandinsky Class) and £91.00 (35 days @ £2.60 for Picasso Class due to the residential trip). If you wish to pay weekly the cost is £13.00.

Please forward cash or cheque payment to the school office in a **sealed and named envelope**. Cheques made payable to Abbots Ripton CE Primary School. Direct payments can now be made – please contact the school office for the details.

A polite reminder that meals **must be paid for in advance** as we do not have the cash flow to manage debts in school.

### **Dinner menu**

The menu will continue as before, until October half term. Therefore, the choice made by parents of children in Reception and Year 1 last year, will continue unless you let us know of any changes needed. Parents of children in Reception (Van Gogh) starting with us next week will receive a link to a Google Form to complete the menu choices for their child. Please complete this by Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September at the latest.

If your child has moved from Year 2 into Year 3, they will now have the opportunity to choose their meal each day at morning registration. Attached with this newsletter is a copy of the menu with updated dates – please note that we will be starting the menu for Thursday and Friday this week on week 2 and for the first full week back on week 1.



### **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 or Nutella etc.

### **Cool Milk registration**

All children can have milk at school each day and this is provided by 'Cool Milk'. You will need to register and pay online if you wish your child to receive milk each day (with the exception of the reception children as this has already been done.) [www.coolmilk.com](http://www.coolmilk.com) It takes up to two weeks from registration to milk being allocated due to delivery times.

### **Rise and Shine Club**

This year, our Rise and Shine Club for children in Reception and Year 1 will be run by Daisies Montessori. If your child is coming in to Reception and you have not already booked a place, please do so as soon as possible. If your child is moving into Year 1, and you have booked a place at Rise and Shine, they will begin at Daisies from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September. Children should be dropped directly at Daisies door. For the next two days, Rise and Shine will run for all in the school hall.

If your child is joining our morning club, Rise and Shine (either in school or at Daisies), please could we ask that they arrive no earlier than 8am but before 8:10am. All previous bookings will be kept the same for this year, unless parents have informed us of any change.

If your child does not currently attend and you would like them to join, then please contact Mrs Sharpe in the school office who can book them in for a regular slot or just on an ad hoc basis if spaces allow. Payment is by invoice and is charged at £3.00 per session.

### **Morning Mile**

The **Morning Mile** will start again at the beginning of every day. However, this will not run if the weather is wet. Please wait with your child until a member of staff has opened the gate before entering the school grounds via the car park gates.

### **Bus timetable**

Please can you confirm via email to the school office the pattern for your children's bus timetable for the new term. This includes the Anchor After School bus.



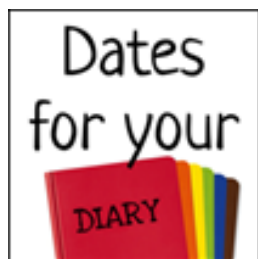
## Clubs

Clubs will start week beginning 8<sup>th</sup> September. All sports clubs run from 3.20pm – 4.20pm. Please collect your children from the playground as normal. The school are just waiting for confirmation from Daisies Montessori and Primary Sports as to their programmes for this term. None of the clubs will run if there are insufficient numbers to make them viable.

Therefore please see below details:

Day	Provider	Focus	Years	How to book
Monday	Primary Sports Stars	Team Games & Ball Skills	Years 1 - 6	TBC
Monday	Daisies Montessori	Construction	Years R - 1	TBC
Tuesday	Amy's Acro	Gymnastics	Years 1 - 6	£9.40 per week See attached flyer
Tuesday	Daisies Montessori	Puzzling	Years R - 1	TBC
Wednesday	Primary Sports Stars	Netball/Basketball	Years 3 - 6	TBC
Wednesday	Daisies Montessori	Art/Craft	Years R - 1	TBC
Thursday	Talent Dance Academy	Dance club	Years 1 - 6	£5.50 per week See attached flyer
Thursday	Daisies Montessori	Board games	Years R - 1	TBC
Thursday	Primary Sports Stars	Multi-skills	Years 1 - 6	TBC

## Diary Dates



Please find attached the diary dates for the Autumn term 2025. We do try to set as many dates as we can well in advance to support parents so please do make a note of these events so that you do not miss something!

A reminder that new dates added in future newsletters are in **bold italics** to make it easier for you to identify anything new.

We do ask that younger siblings do not attend meetings/workshops that are held throughout the school day as this can be disruptive to the children's learning. Many thanks in advance.

## Contacting us

If you wish to contact the school then please do so on [office@abbotsripton.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:office@abbotsripton.cambs.sch.uk) or give us a call on 01487 773318.

## **School Prayer**

Our school prayer is an important part of our worship in school and is a way of demonstrating our togetherness as a family in school.

Dear Lord,

**A**ll together we are Abbots Ripton School

**B**less each one of us this day

**B**ring joy to our lives

**O**pen our hearts to peace

**T**ogether we pray to you our Father

**S**tand by us as we grow.

May we

**R**eflect your goodness

**I**n all that we do

**P**rotect the world around us and

**T**ake care of your creation,

**O**ur family and friends we trust to your care

**N** and forever we say

Amen.