



15th September

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.

We have had a very busy start to the Autumn term! Picasso have been away on a residential trip to Grafham, Kandinsky have had a visit to the local solar farm and we have welcomed our new reception children and their families to school too!

Welcome to our new Reception children

All the children have made a brilliant start to the new academic year and last week we welcomed our new Reception children to our school family.

Samuel
Florence
Isidora
Ophelia
Eli

Willow
Vera
Annie
Rueben

Theodore
Ivy
Otilie
Anwyn

Ffion
Alex
Oliver
Martha

They have had a great first few days and we look forward to getting to know you and your families over the coming weeks.

Picasso Grafham Residential

An amazing time was had by all! We were so proud of all the children for trying new sports and really enjoying the experience. Mrs Jackson will upload more photographs to the class page over the next week so that the children can share these with their families too.



New staff member

We would like to welcome Mrs Mandy Cooper to our staff team as a cleaner and support at lunchtimes. The children have met her and she has settled in well this week.

Kandinsky Class visit to the Solar Farm

This week the children in Kandinsky Class have visited the local Solar farm and then had an exciting morning in class with their team. A report written by the children will follow in the next few weeks.



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. This half term's map was sent out on Monday and we hope that you find it useful.

We also sent the start of term class information PowerPoint which outlines key information including staff members, routines and expectations for each class. Again, we hope that this information is useful.

Smart Watches and Fitbits

We have seen an increase in the number of children coming into school wearing smart watches which have cameras and messaging facilities. We would kindly ask that these are left at home as they are not suitable in a school environment. A general FitBit type watch for counting steps etc. is allowable as long as there is no messaging, camera function. Please do support us with this. Many thanks.



Clubs

There are still spaces on some of our after school clubs. If your child is interested in a sports club, please book for the Primary Sports Stars clubs via the flyer (attached again for your reference). If your child would like to join singing club, please email the school office with permission to pass your email to the provider who will contact you directly. Lego club is full.

We have only had 6 people interested in the gymnastics club and having double checked with Amy's Acro's. Unfortunately, they are unable to run the sessions for less than 10 children, so this will not be available this term.

Also, a reminder that children should be collected at 4:20pm on the playground, not at front of the school.

Packed Lunches



Please can we remind everyone that we are a **nut free school** so please do not send your child with any form of nut-based products. This includes Nutella spread, peanut butter etc.

In addition, if you are sending a packed lunch with food that requires cutlery please can you also include this with their lunch box. This includes spoons for yogurts. Many thanks

Medical appointments during school time

We are aware that if your child requires a medical appointment for example a dental appointment, it is sometimes difficult to arrange these out of school hours. If you need to collect your child during the school day for an appointment, please forward a copy of the appointment letter/text to the school office so that it can be attached to your child's register marks.

STARS AGM

The AGM for STARS (Support Team for Abbots Ripton School) will be held at 7:30pm on Wednesday 27th September. This will be an opportunity to review the great work that has been done over the last year as well as to look forward to the year ahead. All parents are welcome to this meeting so please do come along!

Vision Screening for Van Gogh

Every year the Schools Healthy Child Programme come into school to offer a Vision Screening service for the Reception children. Letters with more information have been sent home with your child today. You only need to return the form if you **DO NOT** wish your child to take part. Please can any opt out forms be returned to the school by Friday 22nd September so we can share details with the team. Please note that the date for the visit is not until the summer term but forms are required this term.

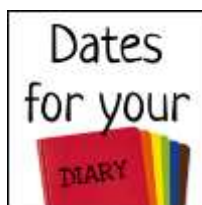


MacMillan Cake sale

On Friday 29th September the children in Monet class will organise and run a cake sale in school in aid of MacMillan Cancer Support. All children across the school will be able to purchase a cake

(we will cater for all allergies in school too) for a suggested donation of £1. We would like parents to make their donations online via our JustGiving page [here](#). Please add your child's name to the donation and please can we request that cash is not sent in on the day!

Many thanks and we do hope that you will support Monet class and this great charity who do the most amazing work.



Diary Dates Autumn 2023/Spring 2024

Date	Event
17 th September	Abbots Ripton Church Service – Pet Service 11:30am
27 th September	STARS AGM 7:30pm – all welcome
28 th September	Van Gogh parents phonic workshop 2:30pm
29 th September	MacMillan Coffee Morning – Cake Sale in school. More details to follow.
1 st October	Kings Ripton Church service – Harvest Service 11:30am
4 th October	Open Session to view for Foundation intake 2024~ 1:30pm – 2.30pm
9 th October	9:30am Harvest service in the church ~ parents invited
11 th October	Parent Consultations ~ 3:30pm – 7:30pm
12 th October	Parent Consultations ~ 3:30pm – 5:30pm
15 th October	Abbots Ripton Church Service – Harvest Service 11:30am
23 rd – 27 th October	HALF TERM
8 th November	Flu Vaccinations for all children. Opt out details will follow.
7 th November	Open Session to view for Foundation intake 2024 ~

	1:30pm – 2.30pm.
10 th November	Individual Pupil Photos
12th November	Kings Ripton Church service – Remembrance service 11:30am
13 th – 17 th November	Anti-Bullying Week
16 th November	Flu Vaccinations whole school – opting in/out information to follow
17 th November	Children in Need Day
19th November	Abbots Ripton Church Service – Morning Praise 11:30am
3rd December	Kings Ripton Church Service – Morning Praise 11:30am
5 th December	Open Session to view for Foundation intake 2024 ~ 1:30pm – 2:30pm
8th December	Whole School Christmas Decorating Morning. Parents invited. Please note date change
8th December	STARS Christmas Fair Please note date change
10th December	Woodwalton Church Service – Carol service 2:30pm
11 th December	Foundation/KS1 Nativity Performance ~ 2:15pm
12 th December	Foundation/KS1 Nativity Performance ~ 9:30am and 2:15pm
15 th December	Whole School Christmas Lunch including Christmas Jumper day
17th December	Abbots Ripton Church Service – Carol Service 6:00pm
20 th December	Christmas Christingle Service ~ 9:30am in the church
20 th December	End of term
21 st Dec 2023 to 3 rd Jan 2024	Christmas Holiday
24th December	Kings Ripton Church Service – Carol Service 5:00pm
25th December	Abbots Ripton church service – Christmas Praise 11:30am
4 th and 5 th January	Training day ~ School Closed
8 th January	Spring term 2024 begins
9 th January - 13 th February	Picasso Class swimming 1:30pm – 2:30pm