



# 19th 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.*

As we settle into the new school year, I want to thank you all for your patience and support while I get to grips with new systems and processes. The weather has been kind to us so far, and it has been a pleasure to enjoy these (mostly) sunny mornings at the gate, where I have had the opportunity to speak with many of you. These conversations have been invaluable in helping me learn more about the wonderful community here at Abbots Ripton School.

Looking ahead, there may be some changes to how newsletters are delivered - but rest assured, nothing will change until those pesky email gremlins are fully sorted!

Thank you once again for your continued support.

Warm regards,

**Mr Heather**

### **School Photographer**

The school photographer is in school on **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September**. Please could we ask that all children come to school in their uniform with a jumper or cardigan.

Please can **Picasso** class bring their PE uniform in a bag to school so they can change prior to their PE lesson.

### **Van Gogh Parents Phonics Workshop**

On Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September between 9-9.30 Van Gogh parents are welcome to join Mrs Wilcock in the cabin for a phonics workshop. This is an opportunity for parents to understand how the school teaches phonics and the support that parents can give at home.

## Macmillan Cake Sale

Next week, on **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September**, we will be holding a fundraising drive for **Macmillan cancer support**. This year, the children will have an opportunity to buy a cake or shortbread in school time.

We will be asking for a donation towards the cake/s, which we will send to Macmillan Cancer Care - a very worthwhile cause. The children can **bring in a cash donation**, or there is the option of **donating online (see below)**.

Any unsold cakes will be available to purchase at the end of the school day.

**Every pound and every penny raised helps Macmillan do whatever it takes to help people living with cancer.**

Scan this QR code to make a donation



## Menu Change

We have a menu change next week. Instead of Gammon on Wednesday we will be serving chicken.

## Admissions Information

### Reception 2026

Do you have or know someone who has a child due to start school in September 2026

The booking portal for a place in our Reception Class in September 2026 is now open.

Please help us to promote our school! We are holding open sessions for prospective parents for Reception intake 2026 on the following dates:

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October - 1:30pm-2:00pm or 2.00pm – 2:30pm

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November -1:30pm-2:00pm or 2.00pm – 2:30pm

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December - 1:30pm-2:00pm or 2.00pm – 2:30pm

Please contact the school for more information. Booking is required.

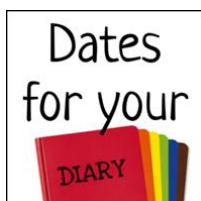
### Healthy Eating

Please note that our Key Stage 2 children can bring a healthy snack for break time, this should be a piece of fruit or vegetable, please do not send crisps, biscuits etc.

### Wet weather Reminder

Please could we remind parents about sending their children in to school **every day** with a coat. Too many children do not have a wet weather coat and we do try to keep children outside as long as possible so a coat really is needed. Similarly, we have lots of children without a change of shoes (old trainers or wellies) and this mean that they are only allowed to play on the playground. Some children find this tricky if their friends are allowed to play on the field as they have a change of shoes.

Please send these in as soon as possible in a named bag.



### Diary Dates Autumn 2025/Spring 2026

**All new dates added since the previous newsletter are in bold italic**

Date	Event
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>STARS Welcome picnic for ALL families - 3:20pm</b>
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September	School Photographer on site
<b>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>Reception Parents Phonics Workshop 9am-9.30am</b>
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	MacMillan Cake Sale
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> October	Open Session to view for Reception intake 2026 – 1:30pm-2:30pm
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> October	Parent Consultations ~ 3:30pm – 7:30pm
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	Parent Consultations ~ 3:30pm – 5:30pm
<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>STARS Camp Fire Cook Out</b>
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	Harvest Festival at Church
<b>27<sup>th</sup> October – 31<sup>st</sup> October</b>	<b>HALF TERM</b>
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	School Open
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	Flu Vaccinations for all children. Opt out details will follow.
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	Open Session to view for Reception intake 2026 – 1:30pm - 2:30pm
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Remembrance
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need Day
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Open Session to view for Reception intake 2026 – 1:30pm-2:30pm
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole School Christmas Decorating Morning. Parents invited.
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception/KS1 Nativity Performance
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception/KS1 Nativity Performance
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole School Christmas Lunch including Christmas Jumper day
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Christingle Service ~ 9:30am in the church
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	End of term
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> Dec 2024 to 6<sup>th</sup> Jan 2025</b>	<b>CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY</b>
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	Inset Day – no children on site
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	School Open