



17th September

Autumn Term 2021 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 to our new Foundation children

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

Harriet
Elise
Ethan

Coen
Lena
Martha

Elsie
Orzora
Sophie

Roman
Elliot

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

Reading Workshop – Year 1 and 2 parents – 21st September at 1:30pm

Please join us for our Year 1 and 2 reading workshop on Tuesday 21st September at 1.30pm via zoom. The link, for the zoom, will be emailed to all parents in Monet Class on Monday.

The workshop will be focusing on gaining the most from structured reading books.

We will examine and share a range of strategies that children can apply in different combinations.

Following on from this we will look at the breadth of assessment criteria in becoming an effective reader and how best you can help your child with comprehension, both literal and inferential.

Phonics Workshop – Wednesday 29th September at 1:30pm

This workshop is for parents of our Foundation children and any Monet parents who would like a refresher! Again this will be via zoom and a link will be sent out to all on Monday 27th September. Mrs Wilcock will share the resource that we use for teaching phonics, 'Storytime Phonics' and she will go over what we teach in each phase. She will also share the ways in which you can support your child at home with this important skill in learning read.



No Nuts Please

Just a reminder for the new term that we are a **nut free school**. Please do not send your child into school with any nut based products in their packed lunch. This includes Peanut butter spread or Nutella spread in sandwiches. Thank you for your support.



Flu Vaccinations

We have been informed that the Flu vaccinations will be available to every year group again this year. The provider has changed this year so the consent forms are in hard copy rather than via a portal as last year. We have sent home a copy with each child today for you to complete and return to school.

The vaccine is given as a nasal spray and it is vital that all parents complete and return the form to the school so we know whether your child will be participating or not. Please return your form by Friday 1st October, The School Vaccination Session date is 15th November 2021.

Harvest Donations

We are delighted that Rev. Mandy will be leading our Harvest Thanksgiving Service on Tuesday 21st September at 2.30 pm via zoom. Please click on the link below to join us.

Description: School Harvest Service - Tuesday 21st September at 2.30pm
Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85247808004?pwd=NDN4ZmJYalRYN0l0akh6RG4zRTk3dz09> Meeting ID: 852 4780 8004 Passcode: 273775



Any donations this year will be taken to the Salvation Army's Kings Ripton Court in Huntingdon. Kings Ripton Court is a Salvation Army Lifehouse based in Huntingdon that supports young people aged 16-25 years experiencing homelessness.

Through your generosity in donating food produce they are able to provide new residents with a food parcel on arrival as part of their 'welcome pack' so that they can focus on settling in during their first few days. Donations enable the team to provide emergency food provision to any residents who may be struggling financially and also use the produce as part of their Lifeskills Programme which helps the young people develop skills needed for independent living.

They would particularly appreciate donations of dried pasta, long life milk and tinned food (e.g. tuna) Donations can be brought into school from Monday via your child. Sadly they are unable to accept fresh produce.

Thank you to everyone who has already sent in a donation. Please can your donation be sent into school by Tuesday 21st September so we can arrange delivery with Kings Ripton Court.

Free School Meal Entitlement

We understand that the times we are currently living in are both uncertain and challenging. Alongside this many families are facing changes in their financial circumstances.

If your circumstances have changed, and you believe that you now meet the following criteria, please complete an online application at www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals where you will receive an instant response as to your eligibility status.



The criteria includes anyone claiming the following:

- Income Support.
- Income Based Job Seekers Allowance.
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance.
- Child Tax Credit - but no element of Working Tax Credit - and have an annual income (as assessed by HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC)) that does not exceed £16,190.
- If you are supported under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.
- Guarantee element of State Pension Credit.
- Working Tax Credit during the four week period immediately after your employment finishes or after you start to work less hours per week.
- Universal Credit with an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400 (as from 1 April 2018).

News from STARS



S.T.A.R.S (Support Team for Abbots Ripton School) is the PTA (Parent Teacher association) for Abbots Ripton C of E Primary School and we start the year with the Annual General Meeting where we discuss the previous year and make plans for the coming year. The STARS AGM this year will be held via Zoom at 7pm on Wednesday 22nd September.

The Zoom meeting details are as follows:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83140608985...>

Meeting ID: 831 4060 8985

Passcode: 373112

We have sent a separate email with lots of information about the STARS team, including how you can get involved.

All parents are automatically members and are therefore invited to join the meeting. If you have any ideas for how to raise vital funds for the school in a virtual way or in a way that means we won't breach current guidance, then please do join to share your ideas. STARS do a fantastic job to support the school by raising funds for projects, equipment and extra opportunities that enhance the learning environment for all of our children.

Our School Prayer

Dear Lord,

All together we are Abbots Ripton School

Bless each one of us this day

Bring joy to our lives

Open our hearts to peace

Together we pray to you our Father

Stand by us as we grow

May we

Reflect your goodness

In all that we do

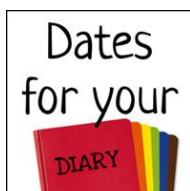
Protect the world around us and

Take care of your creation

Our family and friends we trust to your care

Now and forever we say

Amen



Diary Dates Autumn 2021

All new dates are added in bold and italic.

Date	Event
21 st September	Reading Workshop for Parents of Year 1 and 2 ~ 1:30pm via Zoom
22nd September	STARS AGM 7:00pm – via zoom
29 th September	Phonics Workshop for Foundation Parents ~ 1:30pm via Zoom
30 th September	Outdoor Learning Day ~ Parents invited. More information to follow.
4 th October	Open Session for Foundation intake 2022 ~ 1:30pm
8 th October	School photos – individual and in school siblings
20 th October	Parent Consultations ~ 3:30pm – 7:30pm
21 st October	Parent Consultations ~ 3:30pm – 5:30pm
25 th – 29 th October	HALF TERM
1 st November	Teacher training day ~ school closed
2 nd November	Term starts again
4 th November	Special lunch for Diwali. Booking form to follow.
8 th November	Open Session for Foundation intake 2022 ~ 1:30pm
11 th November	Parents invited to join us for lunch. More details and booking form to follow.
11 th November	Remembrance Day ~ Church service 2:30pm
15 th November	Flu Vaccinations for all children
18 th November	Van Gogh Nursery Rhyme Time ~ 9.15am. Parents invited.
18 th November	Parents invited to join us for lunch. More details and booking form to follow.
25 th November	Parents invited to join us for lunch. More details and booking form to follow.
3 rd December	Whole School Christmas Decorating Morning
6 th December	Open Session for Foundation intake 2022 ~ 1:30pm
8 th December	Foundation/KS1 Nativity Performance ~ 9:30am and 2:00pm
9 th December	Foundation/KS1 Nativity Performance ~ 9:30am
16 th December	Whole School Christmas Lunch including Christmas Jumper day
17 th December	Christmas Christingle Service ~ 2.30pm in the church.
17 th December	End of term
18 th Dec 2021 to 3 rd Jan 2022	Christmas Holiday
4 th January	Training day ~ School Closed
5 th January	Spring term 2022 begins