



3rd July

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.

Week 5!

We have once again enjoyed the Zoom calls with our home learners this week and the children have enjoyed show and tell as well as stories read by their teachers.

I am sure that many of you will have seen in the news yesterday that guidance for schools opening to all pupils in September was published by the Government yesterday. We are busy digesting this and planning for what this might look like in our school. We will inform parents of our plans for September, but we know that it will include all children returning to us, full time, which we are thrilled about. We do need to continue to be vigilant and some of the current changes and procedures for example around dropping and collecting children will remain in place. More details will be shared as soon as we are able and guidance for parents from the DfE can be found on the link towards the end of this newsletter.

Leading Learners

This week our worthy winners are:



Picasso class

We now have all of our Year 6 learners back at school and they have decided to celebrate their learning as a group in school.

Kandinsky class

Elidi (Yr5) - For her diligence and hard work! She has completed all tasks set each week and the quality of the work is amazing. Well done Elidi!

Edie May (Yr4) - For her excellent report writing about sharks. Lots of thought, care and attention to make her writing the very best it could be. Brilliant!

Monet class

Henry (Yr3) - For such an amazing start back to learning in school. We are really impressed with your commitment to learning in whatever you do. You are amazing!

Alice (Yr3) - For the fabulous and touching message of hope that you wrote in response to the Black Lives Matter lesson. Also for your desire to constantly do your best and to take on board improvement points. We are so proud of you.

Van Gogh class

Georgie (YrR) - For showing real perseverance when learning to understand and then use comparison symbols in maths. She is now confident and applying her knowledge to her meal times by comparing the number of carrots and peas on her plate!

Layla (YrR)- For trying really hard at her learning this week. She has asked lots of questions which shows that she is thinking carefully. Well done!

End of term

Following our survey sent to families who currently have children in school, we can confirm that our end of term for all bubbles will be Wednesday 22nd July.

Year 6 'Lockdown Leavers Service'

We would like to invite our Year 6 parents to a special Leavers Service on Tuesday 21st July at 1:30pm. This will take place outside and we will share our social distancing guidelines with you in a letter next week. Look out for the letter which will require a response from all Year 6 families.

Financial support

With this newsletter we have shared a letter regarding applying for Free School Meals. We have had confirmation that eligible families will receive a voucher for £90 per child to support with food shopping during the Summer holidays. If you are eligible to apply, please do (see the attached letter and information below) as there is still time for you to apply and become eligible to receive the supermarket voucher this summer. To find out if you are eligible please fill out the simple online application form at www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals where you will receive an instant response as to your eligibility status. If you are eligible we will be informed within 3 days and can then apply for the vouchers on your behalf.



Families who are already in receipt of Free School Meals do not need to reapply and your vouchers will be emailed to you as soon as I receive them; hopefully before the end of term!

Zoom calls for learners at home

Please see details below about the calls next week.

Please ask your children to message their teachers with ideas for things to do during their Zoom call next week. Teachers will add this to their class page so your child knows what to expect! Mrs Wilcock has asked that the children be ready to play some zoom games! Come either dressed up or wearing a hat or wings. Please support them with preparing for this. The **Zoom calls** will be as follows:

Reception & Year 1 children	Tuesday 7 th July	1:00pm
Year 2 children	Tuesday 7 th July	1:40pm
Year 3 children	Tuesday 7 th July	2:20pm
Year 4 children	Friday 10 th July	1pm
Year 5 children	Friday 10 th July	1:30pm

Please do look out for the email to be sent on Monday with details of how to join. If you do not wish your child to take part, please do let us know and if you're happy to share the reasons why, that would be useful feedback as we may be able to support in different ways. Many thanks.



End of Year reports

Our thanks to those parents who have responded to our email about end of year reports. If you haven't yet done this please do as soon as possible. Also, if any details (email addresses, mobile phone numbers etc.) have changed since school closure, please do let us know as soon as possible.

Summer holiday

We have collated the survey responses about Home Learning in the Summer holidays and will make a decision about how we will try to meet the needs of our families over the next week. More details to follow.

Reminders/new information for families with children in school

- Please could all children have a coat in school every day as we will try to be outside even if it is a little wet.
- Please send in a fresh bottle of water on Monday and a break time fruit snack each day even if your child is having a school lunch.

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As mentioned previously, the DfE has continued to update its guidance document for parents and carers. The most recent version was updated yesterday (2nd July) with details about what parents and carers need to know about the wider opening of schools in the Autumn term so is well worth reading. It can be found [here](#).

Uniform

Our uniform suppliers have contacted us to recommend that if you need to order new items ready for the new school year that you do this sooner rather than later. It might be worth trying on any uniform you have to see if it still fits especially if it has not been worn since March! We anticipate the need to limit the items brought into school in September so if you are considering purchasing new school bags and/or pencil cases please could we ask that you delay doing this until we have further information.

For the Uniform sites click on the links below:

[YourSchoolUniform.com](https://www.yourschooluniform.com) and [School Trends.co.uk](https://www.schooltrends.co.uk)

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