



3rd October

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.

Harvest Donations

Our Harvest Thanksgiving Service will be on **Tuesday 21st October** at 9:30am in the church. Parents are invited to join us, but if you have a child in Van Gogh Class we would be grateful for your support in walking with the children to the church – just 1 adult per child please to be at school for 9:15am if possible. All other adults can meet us at the church!

Details about donations will be sent out next week.



Macmillan Cake Sale

Thank you for your support in raising money for Macmillan. The cake sale was able to raise a fantastic **£265** for the charity. This is a brilliant amount for a small school. A special thank you to Jo in the kitchen for making shortbread men for all the children and the staff for donating cakes to sell.

Midday Assistant Needed!

We are very sad to be losing our brilliant midday assistant, Natalie. This means that we will soon be looking to hire somebody to join our team here at Abbots Ripton for 1.5 hours each day. Details will be out next week – if you think you might be interested, please contact the school office.

Menu Change

We have a menu change next week. Instead of Gammon on Wednesday 8th October, we will be serving chicken.

Transition to Secondary School

A quick reminder that the closing date for 'on time' applications for transferring from Primary to Secondary school closes on the 31st October 2025. Please ensure that your application has been completed online by this date.



Parent Consultations

As you are aware, we have been rolling out our new booking system for parent consultations. This seems to have worked smoothly and will hopefully be a quick and easy way to book. We are always looking at new systems to introduce to help both families and staff, so watch this space for things to come!

Morning routines

Just a few reminders about our morning routine!

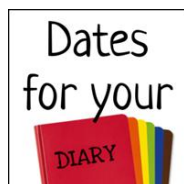
- The morning mile will not take place on wet days. Please ensure that your children do not enter the site if the gates are still closed as there is not a member of staff on duty. If you arrive early, please remain with your children until 8:40am which is the official school start time; this includes siblings of children arriving early for interventions.
- If your child is happy to walk from the gate to their classroom without an adult, please encourage them to do so. This may be in stages initially for example stopping on the playground or part way around the path.
- If dropping a child in Van Gogh class, and you are walking around with them, please encourage your child to leave you at the gate to the outside area or the path in this area. If too many adults are gathered around the classroom door, it can be difficult for children to enter independently.
- Please try and have children through the gate by 8:50am. The gates need to close at that time. If you are after 8:50am, please enter school via the front entrance.

Coats

We are entering the time of year where the weather isn't as welcoming as it has been. Please ensure your child has a coat in school so that they are able to enjoy break and lunch times if it is raining or cold.

Outstanding debts

If you have any outstanding payments for dinner money or trips etc. then please, please do ensure that it is given to the school or paid into the bank as soon as possible. We are a small school and we are finding it increasingly challenging to carry parent debts. Your support with this is appreciated.



Diary Dates Autumn 2025

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

Date	Event
Wednesday 8 th October	Open Session to view for Reception intake 2026 – 1:30pm-2:30pm
Wednesday 15 th October	Parent Consultations ~ 3:30pm – 7:30pm
Thursday 16 th October	Parent Consultations ~ 3:30pm – 5:30pm
Friday 17 th October	STARS Camp Fire Cook Out
<i>Saturday 18th October</i>	<i>Make Do and Mend</i>
Tuesday 21 st October	Harvest Festival at Church
<i>27th October – 31st October</i>	<i>HALF TERM</i>
Monday 3 rd November	School Open
Tuesday 4 th November	Flu Vaccinations for all children. Opt out details will follow.
Tuesday 4 th November	Open Session to view for Reception intake 2026 – 1:30pm -2:30pm
Tuesday 11 th November	Remembrance
Friday 14 th November	Children in Need Day
Thursday 4 th December	Open Session to view for Reception intake 2026 – 1:30pm-2:30pm
Friday 5 th December	Whole School Christmas Decorating Morning. Parents invited.
Monday 15 th December	Reception/KS1 Nativity Performance
Tuesday 16 th December	Reception/KS1 Nativity Performance
Wednesday 17 th December	Whole School Christmas Lunch including Christmas Jumper day
Friday 19 th December	Christmas Christingle Service ~ 9:30am in the church
Friday 19 th December	End of term
<i>22nd Dec 2025 to 6th Jan 2026</i>	<i>CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY</i>
Monday 5 th January	Inset Day – no children on site
Tuesday 6 th January	School Open