



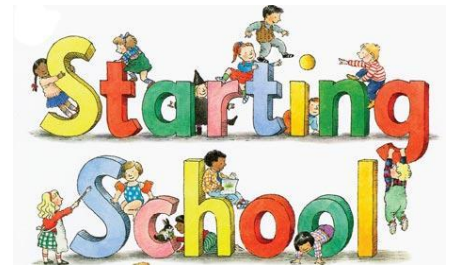
14th January

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.

Application to Primary School for 2022

Do you have a child, or do you know of someone, who has a child due to start school in September? The application process is live online and all applications need to be submitted to the admissions team at Cambridgeshire County Council by **January 15th 2022**. Further information is available from our website.



Parent Governor Election

Thank you to the parents who have nominated themselves for the Parent Governor role; it is so heart-warming that we have parents who are keen to be actively involved in the strategic work of the school. We will be sending ballot papers out on Monday with children. Please do return your vote by 9am on Wednesday 26th January.

Daisies Montessori Nursery

We are very pleased to announce that Daisies Montessori Nursery is now up and running! However, please can we remind parents that if you arrive at school after 8.50am and there is not a member of school staff at the gate, please ensure that you bring your child to the main front school gate. The doors into school are closed after children have arrived which means children may be on our site but unable to enter the building. In addition to this, when you arrive at the main front gate, please use the call 1 button as call 2 will dial the nursery. Please do not use the staff car park gate even if it is unlocked as it is important that we are aware that your child is on site. This is for the safety of your children.

Home learning

50 Recommended Reads for... Year 3 (ages 7-8) Which ones have you read?	
Charlie Changes into a Chicken Sam Copeland & Sarah Horne Chapter book	The Rhythm of the Rain Graham Baker Smith Picture book - non-fiction
The Iron Man Ted Hughes & Chris Mould Colour illustrated chapter book	Space Detectives Mark Powers & Diego Adelta Chapter book
Harley Hitch and the Iron Forest Vivian Harby & George Emms Chapter book	You're a Bad Man, Mr Gum! Andy Stanton & David Tazzyman Chapter book
The Nothing to See Here Hotel Steven Butler & Steven Lenton Chapter book	The Street Beneath My Feet Yael Zeman Non-fiction - book-out book
The Boy Who Grew Dragons Andy Shephard & Sarah Ogilvie Chapter book	The Wild Robot Peter Brown Chapter book
Vorjak Paw Sofie Black & Louise Milne Chapter book	Amazing Islands Sabine Weiss & Terry Hyndman Non-fiction
Interview with a Tiger Andy Seed and Nick Cole Non-fiction	After the Fall Dan Santat Picturebook story
The Creakers Tom Hatcher & Shane Davies Chapter book	Guardians of the Planet Clare Gilbert & Stephen Woodward Non-fiction

We have attached with this newsletter a list of the top 50 recommended books to read for each year group. This is newly published so many of the books are very current. This week's home learning on STARZ has a focus on reading and authors. We do hope you enjoy looking at the books that are recommended and you might even challenge your child to read all 50 and tick them off or for younger children you could read the books to them.

PE kits

Please can we remind you that our PE kit is a plain sweatshirt, plain black trousers/legging/shorts and a white t-shirt. We are seeing an increase of different coloured, patterned and logoed items being worn. Please support us with this and provide the correct items for your children to wear.

Thank you

Thank you to everyone who purchased something for school from the Amazon wish list sent out by STARS before Christmas. Thank you also for those who added an extra gift for the staffroom too!



Year 3/4 Trip to West Stow Anglo Saxon Site

We are delighted that we have arranged a trip to West Stow Anglo Saxon village in Suffolk on 15th March for Kandinsky Class. This will greatly support their learning in history this term. Letters have come home with the children today. Please return the permission slip and payment asap.

Payment plan and permission slips for Year 5/6 Residential

Picasso class now have the Residential trip to Stibbington for July confirmed too! Letters and permission forms were sent out before Christmas to gauge a response and we are delighted that everyone wanted to go. The letter and payment plans will be sent home with the children on Monday. The majority of families opted for school to arrange the transport so this is included in the costings.

Term dates 2022-2023

We have set our term dates for 2022-2023. Please find attached with this newsletter for your information.



Safer Schools newsletter

With this newsletter we have sent a Safer Schools newsletter from Cambridgeshire Constabulary. This aims to highlight key messages and advice to support families in remaining safe – particularly online. However, please do note that this newsletter is written for parents with both Primary and Secondary school aged children. We do hope that you find this useful.

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

Please see below the diary dates for the Spring 2022 term
Any new dates added in the future will be in bold and italics

Date	Event
<i>26th January</i>	<i>9am deadline for parent Governor ballot papers</i>
14 th – 18 th February	Half Term holiday
3 rd March	World Book Day
14 th – 17 th March	Bikeability for Year 5/6
<i>15th March</i>	<i>Kandinsky Trip to West Stow Anglo Saxon Site</i>
18 th March	Comic Relief Day
2 nd March	Parent Consultations 3.30pm – 7.30pm – booking details to follow
3 rd March	Parent Consultations 3.30pm – 5.30pm – booking details to follow
1 st April	Easter Church service - TBC
1 st April	End of Spring term 2022
19 th April	Teacher Training Day – school closed
20 th April	Summer term begins
2 nd May	Bank holiday – school closed
27 th May	Teacher Training Day – school closed
30 th May – 3 rd June	Half Term
6 th – 8 th July	Stibbington Residential – Year 5/6
21 st July	Summer term closes
22 nd July	Extra bank holiday – due to Queens Jubilee. School closed.