

1st 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.

School structure for September 2022

As you are aware, we plan our school structure each year using a range of information including children's needs as well as staff expertise and experience. I am thrilled that there is no change in teaching staff and class structure for the next academic year. Therefore our structure remains:

Van Gogh class	Monet class	Kandinsky class	Picasso class
Reception	Years 1&2	Years 3&4	Years 5&6
Mrs Wilcock	Mrs MacLeod (3 days) and Miss Slater (2 days)	Mrs Hawthorne (3.5 days) and Mrs Whales (1.5 days)	Mrs Jackson

We are also saying a sad goodbye to Mrs Pollock and family who are moving to the Northampton area over the summer holiday. Mrs Pollock has worked at Abbots Ripton for 14 years! Juliana, from Kandinsky Class, had her last day with us today as she transitions to her new school next week. We wish you both lots of luck for the future and hope you will keep in touch. Mrs Pollock will be with us until the end of term. Mrs Murray who will be increasing her role within the school to include some office time will replace Mrs Pollock in the school office.

End of Year reports

Our school reports will be sent via email to everyone again this year. We will use the email address we hold on file for you. However, if this is a work email address and you would prefer it to go to a personal email then please can you let us know by Wednesday next week so we can update our records. The reports will be emailed to you next Friday. These will include the end of year results for any statutory testing such as the phonic check and Year 6 SATs tests.



Summer Fair tomorrow

A huge thank you to everyone on the STARS team for organising our Summer fair tomorrow. Do come along to join in. The fair starts at 1pm until 4pm. There are still a few slots on stalls that need volunteers and if anyone is able to stay to help clear away your help would be very much appreciated. We look forward to seeing you there.



The Summer reading challenge

Please see below the link to this year's reading challenge 'Gadgeteers' run by the Reading Agency and delivered in partnership with local libraries. This is a great opportunity for your children over the summer holidays and we always enjoy celebrating those who take part when they return in September. For more details click [here](#).

Open Afternoon

On Monday 11th July we would like to invite parents to visit the school at any time between 2pm and 3pm. This is an opportunity for your child to share their learning with you by spending time looking through their workbooks. They can also take you to their new classroom and introduce you to their new teacher if they have one.

Also, if when you receive your child's end of year report, you have anything that needs further discussion, appointments can be made to meet with teachers from 3:30pm on this day. Please email the office if you would like an appointment along with a brief description of what the query or question is regarding.

Stibbington Residential for Picasso Class

The children are getting excited about their trip next week to Stibbington. The PowerPoint that Mrs Matthews presented to parents is available on the school website, under the Latest News section, for your information. The weather looks like it will stay fine so fingers crossed for a wonderful week.

Message for Kandinsky Parents

Kandinsky class are exploring architecture in their art lessons this half term. **On Friday 8th July 2022 please could your child bring a carrier bag of clean and dry materials from your recycling bin at home.** Paper, cardboard and plastics would be perfect. The more the better! Thick cardboard and plastics will be difficult to manipulate and cut, so thinner items would be more suitable, thank you. Please send in on the day and not before as it is difficult to store the materials!

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. For the uniform sites click on the links below:

YourSchoolUniform.com and SchoolTrends.co.uk

Travelling book fair

Thank you to everyone who came and purchased books from our Travelling book fair. We were able to select lots of books for school from the commission.



Covid Vaccination Programme

Covid Vaccinations are available for anyone over the age of 5, please see the attached poster for details. Your nearest venue might be a local pharmacy or outreach venue so please do check on the links provided to find the most convenient location for your family.

Free School Meal Entitlement

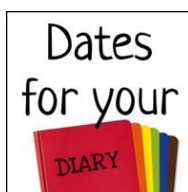
All children who are eligible for Free School meals are also eligible for free holiday activity clubs in the summer holiday. We would strongly encourage any parent who thinks they might be eligible to follow the link to complete a brief online application at www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals from where you will receive an instant response as to your eligibility status.



Are you entitled?

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).



Diary Dates

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

Date	Event
2 nd July	STARS Summer fair 1pm ~ 4pm
5 th July	2.00pm – 3.00pm New Reception children taster session 2
6 th – 8 th July	Stibbington Residential – Year 5/6
<i>11th July</i>	<i>Open afternoon 2pm ~ 3pm</i>
13 th July	Change Over Morning – meet your new teacher
13 th July	11.00am – 12.30pm New Reception children taster session 3 including lunch
19 th July	Year 6 Leavers Celebration 9.30am
21 st July	Church Service – everyone welcome
21 st July	Summer term closes
22 nd July	Extra bank holiday owed due to Queens Jubilee. School closed.