



11th 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.



Welcome

We would like to welcome Violet and her family to our school. Violet joins the Van Gogh class. We look forward to getting to know you in the coming weeks.

Harvest Donations

Thank you so much for the donations you sent in for the Harvest festival. Sadly, Kings Ripton Court will no longer allow us to visit them with children, but a representative from Kings Ripton Court is coming on Monday to collect them. They asked that we pass on their huge thanks for your generosity.

Macmillan Coffee morning

Thank you again for coming along to the MacMillan coffee morning. The cash raised on the day was £269.00 and online was £87.00 so **£356 altogether!** This is a staggering amount for a small school.

Thank you everyone who donated a cake to sell and to our Governors who organised the event.

If you still wish to donate to this fantastic charity then please do so via the QR here.



School Photos

Please note that we have had to change the date of the school photographer. This is now going to be on Thursday 24th October in school. We will organise in school sibling photos too. Your child will bring home a card with ordering information on the day.

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 2024. Please ensure that your application has been completed online by this date.

Parent Consultations

Slips have been sent home with your child today confirming your appointment time. We look forward to seeing you all next week and sharing with you your child's progress.



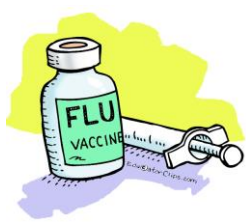
Screening for Diabetes study

We will have a representative from the Diabetes study at Parent Consultations on Tuesday evening for anyone who wishes to find out more about the offer and how to sign up your child/ren if you haven't already.

Height and Weight check for Year 6 and Van Gogh (Reception) children

Please find attached a letter regarding the height and weight check for children in Year 6 and Reception.

If you are happy for your child to be measured, you do not need to do anything. If you do not want your child's height and weight to be checked, please email eh.ncmp.healthyyou@nhs.net with your child's official name, date of birth, school and year group confirming you would like to opt out your child. The deadline for opting out is Friday 25th October 2024. You will receive an email from the NCMP Team confirming that your opt out has been received. Please also note that on the day, children will not be made to take part if they do not want to.



Flu vaccinations form – all year groups

With this newsletter we have included a flyer for parents regarding the Flu Vaccination programme. Please read the information and **click the link on the form to opt in your child. If you do not opt them in by the date requested, they will not be given the vaccine.** The date booked for the team to visit the school is 5th November.

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 them 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.
- Any morning messages should be passed to the member of staff on duty at the gate – usually Mrs Matthews. Messages will then be passed to class teachers or the office as necessary. It is very difficult for teachers to speak to parents at the beginning of the school day but we do recognise that these messages are important to share.

Carpark and driving around the school

Please can we remind everyone to be patient and mindful with one another when driving on the roads around the school and in the car park. There are lot of vehicles for a small area and supporting each other would be greatly appreciated.

Again, can we also remind you not to use the Rectory Farm Close, opposite the school, for turning round or parking as this is a private road.



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 2024/Spring 2025

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

Date	Event
15 th October	Parent Consultations ~ 3:30pm – 7:30pm
16 th October	Parent Consultations ~ 3:30pm – 5:30pm
22 nd October	Screening for Diabetes
24th October	School individual photos – NOTE DATE CHANGE
28th October – 1st November	HALF TERM
5 th November	Flu Vaccinations for all children – see attached information
6 th November	Open Session to view for Reception intake 2025 ~ 1:30pm–2.30pm.
8 th November	STARS campfire cook out 5pm ~ details to follow
11 th – 15 th November	Anti-Bullying Week
15 th November	Children in Need Day
15 th November	Van Gogh Nursery Rhyme session – parents invited 3:00pm
2nd December	Picasso visit to Kimbolton School Theatre to see <i>The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe</i> – details to follow
3 rd December	STARS Wreath making 7pm ~ details to follow
5 th December	Open Session to view for Reception intake 2025 ~ 1:30pm – 2:30pm
6 th December	Whole School Christmas Decorating Morning. Parents invited.
13 th December	STARS Breakfast with Santa 8am (for children) ~ details to follow
13 th December	STARS Elfridges Christmas shop (for children) ~ details to follow NOTE DATE CHANGE
16 th December	Reception/KS1 Nativity Performance ~ 2:15pm
17 th December	Reception/KS1 Nativity Performance ~ 9:30am and 2:15pm
18 th December	Whole School Christmas Lunch including Christmas Jumper day
18 th December	Santa dash – running a mile in Christmas jumpers
20 th December	Christmas Christingle Service ~ 9:30am in the church
20 th December	End of term
21 st Dec 2024 to 5 th Jan 2025	Christmas Holiday
6 th January 2025	Training day – school closed
7 th January 2025	Spring Term Opens
3 rd February 2025	Young Voices 2025 at the O2
11 th February 2025	Vision screening for Van Gogh Class
12 th February 2025	Van Gogh and Monet trip to the theatre to see <i>The Gruffalo</i>
17 th February –21 st February 2025	Half-Term
27th February	Year 6 Rotary Quiz 7pm
4 th April 2025	Spring term Closes
22 nd April 2025	Training day – school closed
23 rd April 2025	Summer Term Opens
5 th May 2025	May Day Bank Holiday – school closed
26 th May –30 th May 2025	Half-Term
2 nd June 2025	Training day – school closed
23 rd July 2025	Summer Term Closes