



18th November

Autumn Term B 2022 News

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.



Children in Need day – 18th November

Thank you so much for your donations. We've collected £200 so far which is an amazing amount! The fancy dress ideas were so creative and the staff and children looked brilliant!

If you haven't yet sent in your donation (suggested donation of £1 to come to school in fancy dress/non-uniform) our Just Giving page for your donations can be accessed [here](#). Alternatively, please use the QR code to direct you straight to our page.



Picasso and Kandinsky Faith Tour

The Faith tour for Kandinsky and Picasso takes place on 29th November. Given that we will visit 3 different places of worship, it is important that we all respect the religious and cultural traditions of these places of worship. Therefore, please could we ask that all children:

- Dress in school uniform which includes clothing to cover legs e.g. long trousers, tights worn with dresses/skirts
- Wear suitable coverings on their feet e.g. socks or tights as they will be asked to remove their footwear before entering the Mosque and Gurdwara
- Bring a packed lunch that is strictly vegetarian with no meat, fish or eggs
- Bring something suitable as a headscarf to cover their head e.g. a scarf. This should not be a hat. Headscarves must be worn by everyone who enters the Gurdwara (there are spares at the entrance for those who forget). Females also need to wear a headscarf in the Mosque.

This multi-faith day is a wonderful experience for the children and we are delighted to be joined by Rev'd Mandy for the day.

Goodbye and hello

Today we said goodbye to Siobhan, our cleaner, who has been with us for 9 years. She was presented with some cards made by the children in Celebration Assembly. We wish her every success in her new role. We are delighted to welcome Jacquie Wilson to our team.



Year 4 Football Festival

The Year 4 Football festival is on 1st December. They will need to wear their PE kit, with trainers (football boots are not required), warm layers are suggested, and they will need a waterproof coat. Please also ensure they have a packed lunch and water bottle with them. We will return in time for the end of the school day.

Wet weather clothes

If you have any waterproof trousers or waterproof coats that your child has grown out of, we would be pleased to receive them for our Van Gogh children. Sizes up to about age 7 would be useful as the children wear these waterproofs over school clothes. Alternatively, if your child is in Van Gogh and you are able to purchase waterproof clothes to leave at school, this would be appreciated.

School absence

A reminder that if your child is absent from school to please let the school office know. This can be via telephone (please leave a message on the answerphone if no one is available) or by emailing the school office on office@abbotsripton.cambs.sch.uk. Emails and the answerphone are checked regularly throughout the school day. Many thanks.

Chicken Pox and Shingles

We have been informed that a child at school has been confirmed with a case of Chicken Pox and a member of staff has also contracted Shingles. Please be aware if you are in a vulnerable group.



STARS News

Campfire Cookout

We hope you enjoyed the Campfire Cookout. It was a good fun evening and the weather held up for us which certainly helped. We raised £357.12 on the night which is wonderful. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped set it up, run it and clear up afterwards. Special thanks to Sam, Lee, James, Holly & Mrs Matthews.

We are always looking for ways to improve the events we run so please do give us any feedback you may have.

EGM - Stars meeting to elect a new Chair

Mrs North has stepped down from her role as Chair of STARS. I'm sure you will agree that she has led STARS through a brilliant year of events, including a very successful Summer Fayre and the recent Campfire Cookout. Sam has invested a lot of time and given freely of her boundless energy and enthusiasm. We are all grateful to her for all her efforts. Thank you, Sam. We are now searching for a new person to fill the position. It is an enjoyable and fulfilling role and you'll have the support of an eager and passionate committee. We will be holding a meeting on MS Teams to elect a new Chair this Wednesday, 23rd November at 7pm. If you would like to stand for election, have any questions about the role, or would like to attend the meeting, please contact Kags Alexander-Cahill (kags@mac.com) or any other STARS committee member at the end of the school day on the playground. *You don't need to have Microsoft Teams to join as you can click the [link here](#) to direct you to the meeting.*

Christmas is coming!

It's the most wonderful time of the year and we have plenty of events for children and parents to look forward to and get involved in. The money raised at this year's Christmas Fayre will be used for playground markings - we would like to re-surface the compass in the centre of the playground and Monet and Van Gogh would like a number line snake on the playground floor!

Silent Auction

The auction will go live on 25th November! Do take a look!

We have all sorts of fantastic gifts and promises to auction to suit all budgets and tastes. Thank you to everyone who has donated. Some of the highlights include:

- Two tickets to the Secret Garden Party
- A gin-tasting session for up to 10 people at Roundwood Gin
- A visit from superstar Sammy The Pony
- A shopkeeper experience at the Abbots Ripton village shop
- An amazing morning of childcare from Mrs Matthews, featuring a trip to the cinema and a visit to McDonalds!

And so much more!

Bibbing opens on 25th November and closes 9th December.



Christmas Fayre

Friday 2nd December

3.30pm - 5.30pm Abbots Ripton Village Hall

After a two year Covid-imposed hiatus we are delighted to announce that the Christmas Fayre will be making its much anticipated return. It's a

wonderfully sparkly, fun-filled afternoon of games, gift stalls for all ages, tastes and budgets, refreshments, Santa's Grotto and a surprise guest appearance. Entry is free. Come along to try your hand at Santa Hat hoopla, decorate a Christmas Cookie, buy a book for the school, sample our luxury hot chocolate (or a glass of Prosecco for the adults only!) and support our wonderful school. Family and friends welcome.

How you can help.....

Christmas hampers

We will be holding a non-uniform day on Friday 25th November in exchange for a gift to be added to a hamper. The 4 hampers each have a colour theme and all gifts are made into a hamper to be



won on the Christmas raffle. The colours were chosen by the children today in Celebration assembly as follows:

Green gifts - Picasso Class

Red gifts - Kandinsky Class

Gold gifts - Monet Class

Silver gifts - Van Gogh Class

Get creative with your gifts - as long as they are the correct colour! Please bring these to school on Friday 25th November.

Raffle Tickets

Each family has been sent home with 2 books of Raffle Tickets today as we only received half the delivery! We will send more when they arrive. Please do try to sell as many as you can and then return any monies with sold stubs or unsold tickets to school by Thursday 1st December.

It's Jam Jar Time

The Jam Jar tombola is always a favourite! Please can you donate filled jam jars with sweets and little gifts for the Jam Jar Tombola stall. Please drop them off in the plastic crates by each gate in the car park. If you have any spare empty jars then please let Mrs Nixon know.

Cakes, cakes, cakes

Next week we will send home a cake plates for you to fill with goodies for the refreshments stall. Please can you bring these into school no earlier than Thursday 1st December.

Events after the Christmas Fayre include:

Wreath making will take place on Monday 5th December in 2 sessions; 1:30pm to finish in time for the end of the school day and the other at 7pm. All equipment to make your beautiful wreath will be provided, we just ask that you bring along a pair of secateurs. Places are limited as this event will be held in the school hall so make sure you buy your ticket early! Details on how to buy your ticket will be available next week.



Santa's Breakfast is on Friday 16th December from 8am - 8.50am in the school hall.

Father Christmas will join the children for breakfast too! We hear that he will be advising on what to do to stay on the nice list.

Elfridges Gift Shop is also on Friday 16th December! Visiting Elfridges Gift Shop gives the children a chance to buy little gifts for parents, grandparents and loved ones. Children can bring cash to school or amounts can be pre-paid via PTA Events, details to follow.



Diary Dates Autumn 2022 / Spring 2023

All new dates are added in bold and italic.

Date	Event
21 st November	Deadline for school photo orders
23 rd November	STARS meeting via Microsoft Teams – 7pm
25 th November	Non-uniform day in exchange for a hamper gift
29 th November	Kandinsky and Picasso Classes ~ Multi-Faith tour
1 st December	Year 4 Football festival
2 nd December	Whole School Christmas Decorating Morning. Parents invited.
5 th December	STARS Wreath Making ~ 1:30pm and 7:00pm in the school hall
5 th December	Open Session to view for Foundation intake 2023 ~ 1:30pm – 2:30pm
8 th December	Rose Cottage Care Home residents joining us for lunch
12 th December	Foundation/KS1 Nativity Performance ~ 2:15pm
13 th December	Foundation/KS1 Nativity Performance ~ 9:30am and 2:15pm
14 th December	Whole School Christmas Lunch including Christmas Jumper day
20 th December	Whole School trip to Dick Whittington Panto
21 st December	Christmas Christingle Service ~ 9:30am in the church
21 st December	End of term
22 nd Dec 2022 to 5 rd Jan 2023	Christmas Holiday
4 th January	Training day ~ School Closed
5 th January	Spring term 2023 begins
11 th January – 8 th February	Picasso Class swimming 1:30pm – 2:30pm
12 th January	Family worker meeting for Van Gogh parents 2:30pm
19 th January	Young Voices concert at the O2
24 th January	Year 3 Football festival
W/C 20 th February	Picasso Bikeability