



24th February

Spring Term B 2023 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.

Curriculum maps

We have sent home the curriculum maps for this half term today. We hope you find these useful in giving you an overview of what the children will be learning. As always, if you have any resources or an expertise in any area of our curriculum, please do let us know.

Cycle Ready Bikeability for Picasso class

We were so proud of the children in Picasso class who took part in the Cycle Ready course this week. The instructors were very complimentary about the children's attentiveness, abilities and manners. Well done.



Tennis

We were delighted to welcome Jasmine, from the Huntingdon Tennis Club, to school on Wednesday. She spent time with Monet and Kandinsky Classes during the afternoon. All the children enjoyed their time with her. We have been asked to share the information below.



This Saturday 25th Feb 2-4pm Huntingdon Tennis Club would like to invite any pupils and families from Abbots Ripton Primary along to our FREE Open day. This is a fantastic opportunity to come along to our tennis club and learn some skills that you might not have used before. Over this week our coaches are visiting a number of schools in the area to open tennis up to the local community.

If you and your family / child or friend would like to come along Saturday to give tennis a go then please book on via the following link. You can register for LTA Youth Start (5-9) years, Cardio Tennis (Adults and Teens - Lots of movement involved) Tennis Xpress (Adult beginners / improvers) Junior Tennis (9years +) Or just come along and have some free play.

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/HuntingdonTennisClub/Events/Event/1138bce1-723e-4b88-a4c7-eb8e8d1d78b8>

Any questions please email admin@huntingdонтennis.org.uk

Well done!

A few weeks ago, Henry in Year 6 competed in the OUCC (Oxford University Computing Challenge). This is an invitation challenge for talented UK students to solve computational thinking problems. Only those who score in the top 10% nationally during the earlier UK wide competition (which we do in our school curriculum time), are invited to participate. It was incredibly tough and we are very proud of Henry for his achievement.

Year 2 Football Festival ~ 7th March



The Year 2 Football festival is on Tuesday 7th March. The children 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. Please return the permission slip to let us know whether your child will be taking part.

As the Year 3 festival was postponed, they will be going along to the Year 2 festival on 7th March too. We will use the permission already provided.



Year 6 Rotary Quiz

The Year 6 Rotary quiz was held last night and we were so proud of the children who took part. They achieved a total score of **120 out of 150** questions which is amazing. Well done to you all.

Change of shoes for playtimes

Please can we ask that you provide your children with a change of shoes to wear outside at lunchtime play. The field is incredibly muddy at the moment so it would help both the footwear of your children and our carpets! Please send in the change of shoes in a named plastic carrier bag. If your child already has wellington boots in school, they will use these.

Barracudas Holiday Club voucher code

With Easter only 5 weeks away, we have been given an exclusive discount code, which you can use to get **£20 off our Barracudas local camp with the code SCHOOL20**.

Parents can secure their booking with a deposit now and pay the rest in equal instalments up to the balance due date. As they are Ofsted registered, they also accept ALL Childcare Vouchers and Tax-Free Childcare.

To book a place please visit www.barracudas.co.uk or call 01480 467 567

Reminders



Fairtrade Fortnight 2023 ~ Donations in by Monday 27th February

We would be grateful if you could collect any empty, clean packaging which clearly shows the Fairtrade logo and also donations of Fairtrade caster sugar, cocoa and/or syrup as we will be baking Fairtrade products with the children during Fairtrade Fortnight.



World Book Day ~ Friday 3rd March Dress Up

The official World Book Day falls on Thursday 2nd March but we will celebrate on **Friday 3rd March**. Kandinsky and Monet will have their PE lesson on Thursday 2nd instead of Friday 3rd for this week.

We do look forward to seeing what the children (and staff!) arrive dressed as!

This year we would again like to invite the children to come to school dressed as a character from a book.

Each child will receive a £1 book day voucher which we will give to them on World Book day – these may be spent at our upcoming Book Fayre as well as in local shops.



Parent Consultation ~ Wednesday 8th and Thursday 9th March.

An email has been sent home today to register your availability for Parents Evening. Please respond to office@abbotsripton.cambs.scg.uk by Wednesday to allow us time to sort and arrange times for everyone.

STARS news

Please do look at the dates below that have been added to the diary for the coming term.



Diary Dates Spring / Summer 2023

All new dates are added in bold and italic.

| Date | Event |
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| 27 th Feb – 12 th March | Fairtrade Fortnight |
| 3 rd March | World Book Day – dress as a book character |
| 7 th March | Year 3 and Year 2 Football Festival |
| 8 th March | Parent Consultations 3.30pm – 7.30pm |
| 9 th March | Parent Consultations 3.30pm – 5.30pm |
| 10 th March | Eucharist service – 2.30pm in school |
| 11th March | STARS Make do and Mend |
| 17 th March | Comic Relief Day |
| 17th March | STARS Mother's Day shop and cake sale |
| 20 th – 24 th March | Book Fair in school |
| 31 st March | Easter Service in St. Andrew's Church – 9:30am |
| 31 st March | End of Term |
| 17 th April | Teacher Training Day – School closed |
| 18 th April | Summer Term begins |
| 20th April | STARS Bags to School Collection – more details to follow |

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| 1 st May | May Bank Holiday – school closed |
| 2 nd May | Class Group Photographs |
| 4 th May | Year 1 Football Festival |
| 8 th May | Extra Bank Holiday for the coronation of King Charles 111 – school closed |
| 9 th – 12 th May | Year 6 SATS week |
| 26 th May | Kandinsky Bikeability |
| 29 th May – 2 nd June | Half Term |
| 5 th June | Teacher Training Day – school closed |
| 6 th June | Summer Term begins |
| 16th June | STARS Father's Day shop |
| 8th July | STARS Summer Fair |
| 19 th July | End of summer term |