



End of Term News

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.

Another end of year!

I know that I have said it before but a year seems to fly by so quickly....and what a year we have had!

We have had another busy year with so much to celebrate, not least our OFSTED inspection which judged that we remain 'good' but with evidence suggesting that if we had received a graded inspection, we may have achieved 'outstanding'. This is a huge achievement and my sincere thanks to everyone for their overwhelming support. We hope to see inspectors returning at some point in the next academic year!

The children have a great deal to be very proud of; our attainment data remains significantly above national and children have represented us in several competitions, achieving highly. So many of our young people strive to be their very best each and every day and for this they should be congratulated. Our school values remain an integral part of our school life and I am always so delighted to see these values being lived out by the children; they show respect, compassion, courage and hope along with so many other values.

We send our love and blessings to Year 6 who are leaving us for the next, exciting stage of their academic journey. They're all more than ready for Year 7 and we wish them all every success. They are such a delightful group who will be missed by the whole school community but we know that they will go on and achieve greatly.

As a small school we rely heavily on so many willing and able parents and members of the school community; please know that your support makes such a difference to us and to the children – thank you!

We have said a sad farewell to Mrs Richardson and Mrs Whales; we will miss them both greatly but know that they will stay in touch. We wish them both all the very best.

Lastly, I remain in awe of the staff team here at Abbots Ripton; they care so deeply and give their best every single day. They are dedicated and hardworking and every single one of them plays an important part of what makes our school so special - thank you!

I hope you all have a safe and sunny summer break and I look forward to seeing you all in September.

Mrs Matthews

Warwick Castle

We had an amazing day at Warwick Castle!! The children were so animated about what they had seen and done. From the Princesses in the tower, the Zog experience, The War of the Roses jousting, Falconer Quest show, the trebuchet launch to climbing the ramparts, watching an archer and then a trip around the maze. We were so proud of all the children and have heard that many wish to go back again for another visit with their families.



Token Reward – Water fun (and ice lolly treat!)

The children all enjoyed the opportunity to join in with the winning token reward of Water Fun!! There was a lot of giggling, laughing and smiles finished off with an ice-lolly treat donated by the STARS team.



Careers fair

Thank you to all parents, family and friends who volunteered to come along and take part in last week's Careers Fair. It was a huge success with the children learning so much about the world of work and roles which many of them had never heard of! You were all inspirational in what you shared so thank you for giving up your time.



Get Activated this summer

Families across Cambridgeshire are in for a treat this summer. Local organisations are teaming up to offer free and low-cost activities all over the county. Look out for #GetActivated for fun and healthy activities run by the county council, district councils and their partners. There will be many options for play, cycling, walking, sports, crafts and other activities to keep families busy and having fun over the summer.

For more information on the hundreds of activities on offer click [here](#).

Abbots Ripton School Council

The Abbots Ripton School Council have been very busy this year. We started the year with fundraising. We arranged a sponsored walk and we raised about £1,000! We also organised a Christmas art competition and some of the entries were shown at the Christmas fair.

The School Council also entered the Rotary Club's competition to reduce waste and we came 2nd! We won a £30 Amazon voucher that we decided to give to our school librarians to buy new books.

We have also funded a library competition and bought new play equipment.

Throughout the year, we have also been involved in The Young Leadership Course.

Our biggest impact was our environment focus during the Spring term. We made posters to encourage people to turn off the taps and lights we have also taken part in the big plastic count. We have introduced green food waste bins that get emptied into compost, encouraged soft plastic recycling, arranged litter picking groups and held an assembly about recycling.

Written by Pippa (Year 6)

Secondary school Transition workshop offer

The EIFA service are offering two additional transition workshops over the holidays 'Supporting your child with transition to secondary school' on 13th August 6-7pm and 20th August 10.30-11.30am. Please see attached flyer for booking details.

School Meals

Due to the ever rising cost of food, the Governors have taken the decision to increase the price of a school meal to £2.60. This is still great value for the quality and quantity of food provided each day. Our meals meet the School Food Standard and are of a high quality – alongside fruit offered each day as well as bread which is often home made.

As a reminder, if your child is moving into Year 3, they will no longer receive a free meal at lunch time and they will also be able to make their own choice each day. We would encourage you to continue with hot meals as we believe that this is the best option for children.

Our current menu will remain in place until October half term.

Moving On Up

On our website we have some documents which parents might find useful if they would like to support their children with some home learning over the summer holidays. These packs have been designed to support your child in preparing to move up to their new year group in September. For both Maths and English there is a 'Moving on Up to Year 1', 'Moving On Up to Year 2' and so on. The activities included have been selected to encourage children to practise and develop a range of skills in fun and motivating ways. To access these resources please click [here](#).

E-books

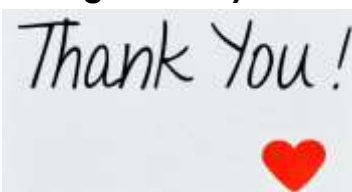
If your child has been accessing their reading books through the e-book system, these will remain available over the summer holidays. Please do try to encourage your child to re-read some of these books just to keep their reading practise familiar to them.

Summer Reading Challenge

We had a visit from a librarian based at Huntingdon Library who told the children all about this year's Summer Reading Challenge. Please do encourage your child/ren to take part as we will celebrate all children who do in September. Do pop along to any local library to sign up or click [here](#) for further information about how to take part.



A huge thank you



Once again, staff have been so overwhelmed by the generosity of parents; both in their gifts as well as in your words in the cards and emails which you have shared. Every single member of staff has been touched and wished me to share a heartfelt **THANK YOU** to every single family.

Autumn Term 2024

School re-opens for children on Thursday 5th September – we look forward to seeing you all then – Happy Holidays!



Attendance update

The Department for Education has issued new statutory guidance for attendance called Working Together to Improve School Attendance. This comes into effect on the 19th August 2024. It details what schools, parents and Local Authorities should do to improve pupils' attendance at school. Please see further details attached with this newsletter.

Dairy Dates Autumn 2024

Date	Event
19 th July 2024	End of summer term
20 th July – 2 nd September 2024	Summer Holiday
3 rd September 2024	Training day – school closed
4 th September 2024	Training day – school closed
5 th and 6 th September	Picasso Residential Graham Water
5 th September 2024	Autumn Term Opens
12th September 2024	STARS AGM 7.30pm
28 th October – 1 st November 2024	Half-Term
5th November 2024	Flu vaccinations
8th November 2024	School Photos
20 th December 2024	Autumn Term Closes
6 th January 2025	Training day – school closed
7 th January 2025	Spring Term Opens
17 th February – 21 st February 2025	Half-Term
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
26 th May – 30 th May 2025	Half-Term
2 nd June 2025	Training day – school closed
23 rd July 2025	Summer Term Closes