

Abbots Ripton C of E Primary School Foundation Governor Report for Kings Ripton Parish Church Council

March 2025

General update on the school

Abbots Ripton Primary School has had an exceptionally successful academic year, highlighted by a highly positive Ofsted report following our June 2024 inspection. While this was an ungraded inspection, we were delighted that the school maintained its overall judgement of good. However, the evidence gathered suggests that the inspection grade might be outstanding if a graded inspection were carried out.

The feedback was overwhelmingly positive across all key areas, reflecting the school's commitment to excellence. Notable comments from the inspection report include:

- *"Pupils develop charisma, confidence, and curiosity."*
- *"Active participation in lessons enables staff to identify and support pupils who need extra help. As a result, many pupils excel, including in statutory assessment tests."*
- *"Kind and respectful behaviour is customary."*
- *"A focus on teaching values helps to nurture empathy among pupils."*
- *"Pupils' behaviour is exemplary. This is because the school fosters a strong sense of community, proactively builds relationships, and sets expectations from the start."*

The full report is available at on our website [here](#).

Looking ahead, we anticipate a graded inspection within the next year. However, with recent changes in government policy, the traditional one-word overall outcome will no longer apply.

End of academic year results

Once again, our Year 6 end-of-year data was outstanding, with the school surpassing national benchmarks across all areas. The full data report is available at: https://abbots-ripton.eschools.co.uk/storage/secure_download/ZjZmWnl2VTRrZTI6RUtzajJiNERZdz09

The *Hunts Post* recently featured an article celebrating our achievements, recognising Abbots Ripton Primary as one of the top-performing schools in Huntingdonshire. You can read the full article here: [Primary school league tables 2024 in Huntingdonshire ranked | The Hunts Post](#)

2024/25

The school started the new academic year with an intake of 14 into the Van Gogh Reception class with many of the children coming from Daisies nursery.

Charity support

- The children raised £190 for Comic Relief in Spring 2024
- The Salvation Army staff at Kings Ripton Court were extremely grateful for the Harvest donations of food that were collected once again.
- £269 was raised for Children in Need in November 2024.
- Poppies and other items were sold in school in support of the British Legion to mark Remembrance Day. £169 was raised and each child made a poppy whilst learning about the significance of Remembrance Day.
- £356 was raised at Macmillan coffee morning in the Autumn term of 2024/25.

Enriching the curriculum

As part of our commitment to providing enriching experiences beyond the classroom, Abbots Ripton Primary has welcomed a variety of visitors, trips, and special events throughout the year:

- In September 2024, Key Stage 2 students embarked on a residential trip to Grafham Water, where they took part in outdoor pursuits and team-building activities.
- Kandinsky Class visited Flag Fen to enhance their understanding of History.
- During the Autumn term, KS2 students attended a performance of *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* at the theatre in Kimbolton.
- In February, KS1 students enjoyed a theatre trip to see *The Gruffalo*.
- Van Gogh Class continued their exploration of nature through regular visits to the Wild Wood.
- Students represented the school in gymnastics, netball, basketball, tennis, and athletics competitions over the past year, while the Daily Mile remained a popular morning activity for children and their adults around the school field.
- In early February, KS2 students took part in the Young Voices concert at the O2, singing alongside thousands of children from across the country.
- At the end of the academic year, the School Council earned second place in the Rotary District Young Environmentalist competition after a year of encouraging the school community to reduce waste and become more environmentally conscious.
- Our school council took part in the Archbishops' Young Leaders programme. They completed 5 sessions throughout the academic year facilitated online by the Church of England young leaders team. These sessions explored with pupils how they can use their voices to enable flourishing. As a result, the children led a whole school initiative linked to sustainability.
- Years 5 and 6 attended another successful Careers Fair held at school, helping them explore future aspirations.
- KS1 students took a fun-filled trip to Hunstanton in the summer term to support their learning about coastlines.
- The entire school came together for a memorable trip to Warwick Castle at the end of the summer term.
- Our budding performers shone on stage with the KS2 production of *Cinderella and Rockerfella* to close the school year.

Faith Links

Reverend Fiona continues to lead a weekly collective worship in school which the children look forward to. We have held whole school celebrations in the church for Harvest, Christmas, Easter and end of term services.

The Governing Body

We continue to work hard to support the school in their mission to 'learn for life, achieve their best and grow in faith'.