



At a glance

Autumn Term 2024 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.



Welcome back to another new school year! We hope you all had a lovely summer break and are now ready for a busy Autumn term.....Christmas will be upon us before we know it!

We would like to warmly welcome our new staff; Ms Goodwin who joins Kandinsky Class as class teacher and Mrs Contessa who is joining us as Teaching Assistant in Monet Class as well as Rise and Shine coordinator. Mrs Wilson has sadly decided to leave us to take up a role in another school. We wish her well for the future.

Collective Worship Values

The Values which we focus on during our Collective Worship are an important part of sustaining and developing our school's Christian ethos. Children are able to explain why these values and learning about how to live our lives following these values, is important. Each half term, we will focus on a different value. Our Value for this half term is Hope.

Picasso Residential to Grafham

We are very excited about the Picasso trip to Grafham tomorrow! We hope that the children are too! Please remember to send your child with a packed lunch and a water bottle!

Just a reminder that if you have outstanding payments, these need to be received asap.

PE kits

We will continue to ask the children to wear PE kits on their PE days. PE will start the first week back for all classes.

This term these are as follows:

Van Gogh ~ Friday indoor PE kit

Monet ~ Wednesday outdoor PE kit and Friday indoor PE kit

Kandinsky ~ Tuesday outdoor PE kit and Friday indoor PE kit

Picasso ~ Friday indoor PE kit (their other PE unit this term is covered at Grafham)

Please do remember that as the weather gets colder, the children will need a warm layer over their indoor PE kit – we suggest that they wear their black tracksuit bottoms over the top of their PE shorts.

Collecting children at the end of the school day

In order to encourage independence, we will continue to allow our KS2 (Year 3-6) children to leave their classroom at the end of the school day without their teacher. They will be responsible for finding the person who is collecting them and they will be expected to go to a teacher on the playground if the person who is collecting them is not there. Children will know that they should NOT leave the school grounds without an adult and your support with reinforcing this message is very much appreciated.

If your child is in Year 5 or 6 and you would like them to be allowed to leave the site unaccompanied i.e. they are allowed to walk home from school, please do let the office know so that you can sign the permission form.

We would also like to remind parents that they should wait for their child in the last 2 thirds of the playground so it is easier for staff to make sure the children get to the correct adult.

Can we also politely remind you that the school grounds must be vacated by **3.30pm at the latest** and that the field and playground equipment (including trim trail) is not to be used at the end of the day. Again, your support in reinforcing this message is very much appreciated.

Dinner Money

As you are aware the Governors have reviewed the cost of providing school meals and have increased the cost of school meals from £2.50 to £2.60 per day. This is due to the huge cost increase that we have incurred over the last few years. Meals are still great value at this price given the quality of the food served by Jo. She continues to cook on site with fresh ingredients each day. There is also a selection of fruit and vegetables each day in addition to the set meal. The Government acknowledge the huge benefits of having a hot meal at school and are therefore continuing to fund a free school meal for our younger children. If your child is in Van Gogh or Monet, there is therefore no charge for their meal.



If your child is having a school meal and they are in KS2 (Years 3-6) the cost of meals this half term will be £96.20 (37 days @ £2.60 for Kandinsky Class) and £91.00 (35 days @ £2.60 for Picasso Class due to the residential trip). If you wish to pay weekly the cost is £13.00.

Please forward cash or cheque payment to the school office in a **sealed and named envelope**. Cheques made payable to Abbots Ripton CE Primary School. Direct payments can now be made – please contact the school office for the details.

A polite reminder that meals **must be paid for in advance** as we do not have the cash flow to manage debts in school.

Dinner menu

The menu will continue as before until October half term. Therefore the choice made by parents of children in Reception and Year 1 last year, will continue unless you let us know of any changes needed. Parents of children in Reception (Van Gogh) starting with us next week will receive a link to a Google Form to complete the menu choices for their child. Please complete this by Tuesday 10th at the latest.

If your child has moved from Year 2 into Year 3, they will now have the opportunity to choose their meal each day at morning registration.

Attached with this newsletter is a copy of the menu with updated dates – please note that we will be starting the menu for Thursday and Friday this week on week 2 and for the first full week back on week 1.



No Nuts!

Just a reminder that we are a **Nut Free School**. Please ensure that if you provide a packed lunch it contains no nut based products such as peanut butter or Nutella etc.

Cool Milk registration

All children can have milk at school each day and this is provided by 'Cool Milk'. You will need to register and pay online if wish your child to receive milk each day (with the exception of the Reception children as this has already been done.) www.coolmilk.com It takes up to two weeks from registration to milk being allocated due to delivery times.

Rise and Shine Club

This year, our Rise and Shine Club for children in Reception and Year 1 will be run by Daisies Montessori. If your child is coming in to Reception and you have not already booked a place, please do so as soon as possible. If your child is moving into Year 1, and you have booked a place at Rise and Shine, they will start to go to Daisies from Monday 9th September. Children should be dropped directly to Daisies.

If your child is joining our morning club, Rise and Shine (either in school or at Daisies), please could we ask that they arrive no earlier than 8am but before 8:10am. All previous bookings will be kept the same for this year, unless parents have informed us of any change.

If your child does not currently attend and you would like them to join, then please contact Mrs Nixon in the school office who can book them in for a regular slot or just on an ad hoc basis if spaces allow. Payment is by invoice and is charged at £3.00 per session.

Morning Mile

The **Morning Mile** will start again on Thursday at 8:30am. However, this will not run if the weather is wet. Please wait with your child until a member of staff has opened the gate before entering the school grounds via the car park gates.

Bus timetable

Please can you confirm via email to the school office the pattern for your children's bus timetable for the new term. This includes the Anchor After School bus.



Mobile Phones on site

Following a safeguarding review last term, we have decided to trial a 'no mobile phones on site' policy. Please could we ask that mobile phones remain in your car or pocket/bag whilst you are on the school site. This will help us to ensure that adults are not photographing or recording children on our site. This is a trial and we will ask for feedback later in the term to ascertain whether this has caused challenges

Clubs

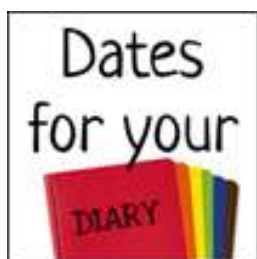
Clubs will start week beginning 9th September. We are sorry to say that Mrs Scrase has other commitments this term so will be unable to run the Singing club after school on Mondays. We do hope that she will be able to return in the future. All sports clubs run from 3.20pm – 4.20pm. Please collect your children from the playground as normal.

For Daisies Montessori please see attached letter for timings available and collect from their unit. None of the clubs will run if there are not sufficient numbers to make them viable.

Therefore please see below details:

Day	Provider	Focus	Years	How to book
Monday	Primary Sports Stars	Team Games & Ball Skills	Years 1 - 6	£5 per week See attached flyer
Monday	Daisies Montessori	Construction	Years R - 1	See attached letter
Tuesday	Twisters Gymnastics	Gymnastics	Years 1 - 6	£8.90 per week See attached flyer
Tuesday	Daisies Montessori	Puzzling	Years R - 1	See attached letter
Wednesday	HSSP	Netball/Basketball	Years 3 - 6	Flyer to follow – email your interest to the school office
Wednesday	Daisies Montessori	Art/Craft	Years R - 1	See attached letter
Thursday	Talent Dance Academy	Dance club	Years 1 - 6	£5.50 per week See attached flyer
Thursday	Daisies Montessori	Board games	Years R - 1	See attached letter
Thursday	Primary Sports Stars	Multi-skills	Years 1 - 6	£5 per week See attached flyer

Diary Dates



Please find attached the diary dates for the Autumn term 2024. We do try to set as many dates as we can well in advance to support parents so please do make a note of these events so that you do not miss something!

A reminder that new dates added in future newsletters are in **bold italics** to make it easier for you to identify anything new.

We do ask that younger siblings do not attend meetings/workshops that are held throughout the school day as this can be disruptive to the children's learning. Many thanks in advance.

Contacting us

If you wish to contact the school then please do so on office@abbotsripton.cambs.sch.uk or give us a call on 01487 773318.

School Prayer

Our school prayer is an important part of our worship in school and is a way of demonstrating our togetherness as a family in school.

Dear Lord,

All together we are Abbots Ripton School

Bless each one of us this day

Bring joy to our lives

Open our hearts to peace

Together we pray to you our Father
Stand by us as we grow.
May we
Reflect your goodness
In all that we do
Protect the world around us and
Take care of your creation,
Our family and friends we trust to your care
N and forever we say

Amen.