



1st December

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.

Sad goodbye and hello!

Miss Slater is leaving us at the end of this term! She has worked at Abbots Ripton for 7 years teaching several different year groups over her time but is now leaving to spend more time with her young family. We are sad to see her go and she will be greatly missed. We are delighted to welcome Mrs Oakins to our Monet class team. She will be visiting before the end of term to meet the children and is looking forward to joining us in January.

Tickets for this year's Nativity are now on sale!

Rehearsals are under way for this year's nativity performance which will be performed on **Monday 11th and Tuesday 12th December**. Booking forms for tickets have been sent home today. Tickets are allocated on a first come first served basis and seats are numbered. If you wish to book tickets please return the form to the school office by **Friday 8th December**. If we have any spare tickets after this date we will let you know.

Christmas Decorating Morning – Friday 8th December

We are really looking forward to the Christmas decorating session next Friday morning. You are very welcome to join us from 9:30am -10:30am to participate in the fun! The children will be making a variety of Christmas decorations to put on the whole school tree in the corridor. The children will be in their classes rather than in sibling groups as the decorations are age appropriate. Tea and coffee will be available in the hall for you to help yourself to. Ideally please avoid bringing younger siblings if you are able to. Please come to the main school entrance to sign in on arrival. We look forward to seeing you there!

Christmas Cards

The Christmas post box is out now. If your child would like to send Christmas cards then please encourage them to "post" them in the box. The cards will be sorted and delivered by our older children straight to the classes each day. Please help us by including the class or year group on the front of the card as we have several children in the school with the same name and we want to make sure that all cards go to the right person!



PE Kit next week

There will be no need for Van Gogh, Monet and Kandinsky to wear their PE kits next week so they can come dressed in their normal school uniform.

Morning routines

As the weather has now turned icy, we may not be doing the morning mile for safety reasons. The grounds are assessed every morning so if you arrive before 8.40am and the gates are still closed, please do not enter the site until an adult is outside, as the children will then be sent straight into classes.

School Council

A huge thank you to everyone who has sent their sponsor money in to school already – the children will be thrilled at how much they are able to purchase for the playground!

Also, please don't forget the art competition – all entries need to be received in school by Friday 8th December. Please do try to get creative!

Librarians

Our school librarians launched a 'Book Bingo' competition and again, please do remember to send in your completed forms before the 15th December.



Wreath Making

Thank you so much to Mrs Grover for her wonderful Wreath Making demonstration evening. Everyone had fun and created some beautiful wreaths to take home.



Christmas Preparations!!

Christmas Fair – Friday 8th December

STARS Volunteers have planned a fabulous event for next Friday 8th December from 15:30-17:30 at the village hall, with lots of great stalls which you can pre-purchase Game Tokens for to beat the queues. About half the tickets for Santa's Grotto at the Christmas Fair have been taken already, so it's worth booking now to avoid disappointment!

Stalls include Christmas Pong, Cookie Decoration, Pick The Snowman's Nose, and many more classics like the Jam Jar Tombola (see attached flyer). There will also be food, drink, and a bar (for the grown-ups) to enjoy.

It's great fun hosting the Christmas Fair, and STARS invite you to join their volunteer team to help make the event as special as possible. Speak to any of the PTA Team or the school office and we will happily take your details and sign you up to help with the Fair. Even half an hour running a stall is greatly appreciated!

Other special Events coming up include Breakfast With Santa and Elfridges Christmas Shop, both on Friday 15th December. It is essential that you sign your children up in advance. More details can be found here - <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/stars>

Raffle

Thank you so much for all of your amazing gifts for our hamper raffle today! We have more tickets if you need them and please do send in your sold and unsold tickets ahead of the fair.



Diary Dates Autumn 2023/Spring 2024

Dates highlighted in grey are local Church services and not school church services.

Date	Event
3 rd December	Kings Ripton Church Service – Morning Praise 11:30am
5 th December	Open Session to view for Foundation intake 2024 ~ 1:30pm – 2:30pm
8 th December	Whole School Christmas Decorating Morning. Parents invited.
8 th December	STARS Christmas Fair
10 th December	Woodwalton Church Service ~ Carol service 2:30pm
11 th December	Foundation/KS1 Nativity Performance ~ 2:15pm
12 th December	Foundation/KS1 Nativity Performance ~ 9:30am and 2:15pm
14 th December	Whole School Christmas Lunch including Christmas Jumper day.
15 th December	STARS Santa's Breakfast 8am STARS Elfridges Christmas Shop
17 th December	Abbots Ripton Church Service – Carol Service 6:00pm
20 th December	Christmas Christingle Service ~ 9:30am in the church
20 th December	End of term
21 st Dec 2023 to 3 rd Jan 2024	Christmas Holiday
24 th December	Kings Ripton Church Service – Carol Service 5:00pm
25 th December	Abbots Ripton Church service – Christmas Praise 11:30am
4 th and 5 th January	Training day ~ School Closed
8 th January	Spring term 2024 begins
9 th January - 13 th February	Picasso Class swimming 1:30pm – 2:30pm