

End of Term 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.

As we reach the end of the Spring term, we can reflect on new learning and the progress made by our hard-working children. As always, we continue to ensure that our expectations of the children are high and as always we are impressed with how your children rise to this challenge.

Our children have participated and represented our school in several events such as a coding challenge, sporting challenges as well as a quiz evening. They always make us proud!

My thanks to all those who have supported us this term; the STARS team have once again planned successful events including Bingo and a sponsored pancake flip. We benefit hugely from their efforts and are so grateful.

My thanks as always to our dedicated team within school – you are always developing new approaches and finding innovative ways to engage all learners. We have welcomed visitors to our school who want to learn from us and our sharing of good practise ensures that we continue to grow and develop too. You all deserve a restful break and we look forward to the fun that the summer term always brings.

Farewell

As you all know, we have said a sad farewell to our amazing Mrs Nixon today – she was incredibly shocked by the generosity of the parents, both past and present, as well as the local community who presented her with a beautiful card full of your messages and a voucher. She hopes to spend this on something for her new house and she has promised to send pictures which I can share! Mrs Nixon is a treasured asset in the school and will be missed by us all – we wish her our love and blessings for her next chapter on the coast.



Office

We will have 2 very familiar voices to answer the phone and faces to greet you at the door next term! Mrs Hawthorne has agreed to run the office on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and Mrs Murray will run it on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday! If you ever visit and see a new face, this is Mrs Becky Cooper who will be doing our finances for the summer term. We have seconded her for a few hours a week from a local school.

Rise and Shine Invoices

The Spring Term Rise and Shine invoices have been sent by email this week. Do check to see if you have received this as several emails ended up in 'junk' folders. We really would appreciate prompt payment of these.



Excitement in Van Gogh Class

Van Gogh Class have exciting news! The children have been so patient, waiting 21 days for the eggs in their incubator to hatch. Over 2 days last week, nine beautiful chicks arrived! The children have all enjoyed watching them grow as they have developed tiny wings and loud chirps! Our thanks to the families who have supported us with the eggs, chick food and bedding. Our thanks to the Griggs family who have offered the chicks a home!



Year 5 and Year 6 Cross Country Teams

Thank you to our wonderful runners, who took part on Tuesday, at the annual Cambridgeshire Cross Country Championships for Primary Schools in St Neots. Both teams represented our school amazingly...we are already looking forward to next year's championships!

Clubs

We are delighted to offer another selection of clubs after Easter. Please see the attached information and relevant booking forms. As some clubs are very popular please ensure that you have booked prior to the start of the club; we will only contact you if your child has **not** been given a place.

Start date	Day	Provider	Focus	Years	How to book
28/04	Monday	Primary Sports Stars	Team games & Ball-Skills	Years 1 to 6	£5 per week. This club will run from 28 th April (3 weeks) See attached Flyer
28/04	Monday	Daisies Montessori	Construction and lego	Years R,1 &2 (and older siblings)	Email anna@daisiesnurseryschool.co.uk to book
29/04	Tuesday	Amy's Acro	Gymnastics	Years 1 to 6	Flyer to follow
29/04	Tuesday	Daisies Montessori	Puzzling	Years R,1 &2 (and older siblings)	Email anna@daisiesnurseryschool.co.uk to book
30/04	Wednesday	HSSP	Rounders & Cricket Club	Years 1 to 6	£4.00 per session total of £40.00 (for 10 sessions) Starting 30 th April to 9 th July – see attached flyer
30/04	Wednesday	Daisies Montessori	Art/Craft	Years R,1 &2 (and older siblings)	Email anna@daisiesnurseryschool.co.uk to book
1/05	Thursday	Talent Dance Academy	Dance Club	Year 1 to 6	£5.50 per week 1 st May – 17 th July – see attached flyer
1/05	Thursday	Primary Sports Stars	Multi-Skills	Year 1-6	£5 per week. This club will run from 1 st May (4 weeks) See attached flyer
1/05	Thursday	Daisies Montessori	Art/Craft	Years R,1 &2 (and older siblings)	Email anna@daisiesnurseryschool.co.uk to book

Comic Relief

Thank you so much for the money you donated towards this year's Comic Relief. We raised an amazing £243!





Lunch payments and new menu

For the first half of the Summer 2025 term the cost will be £57.20. (22 school days at £2.60) A polite reminder that lunches must be paid for in advance as the school does not have the cash flow to allow debts to accrue.

Over the last week some of our older children have been surveying the rest of the school about their ideas for menu changes. One change that the children would like to see is a wider choice of sandwiches from school as well as some new meals such as tacos and lasagne! You will see these changes have been added to the menu attached with this newsletter.

We have also added when Jo will be making judge tart as so many children have missed this and want to ensure that they stay for a school meal when it is fudge tart for dessert!!

Please note that the new menu starts on the first full week back (28th April) and we will keep the first 3 days as the current menu choices of week 2 – roast chicken on Wednesday, sausage and mash on Thursday and fish fingers on Friday.

If your child is in Van Gogh or Monet you have been sent an email today with the link to make their menu choices. Please could we ask that this is completed as soon as possible to support us with ordering.

Book Fair

Again, many thanks for those of you who came and bought a book from the book fair. We received £293 in commission which teachers have spent on new dictionaries and thesauruses.



Celebration Token reward

The celebration token system is a way of rewarding children for hard work and behaviour, whilst teaching them about being part of a community and a democracy. This half term the children have collected well over 650 tokens which is an **amazing** achievement for such a short half term and demonstrates how hard your children are working on all aspects of school life. As you are aware, each individual token is placed into a box and acts as a vote for an end of term treat.

The winning treat for this half term was:

Easter Egg Hunt

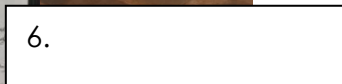
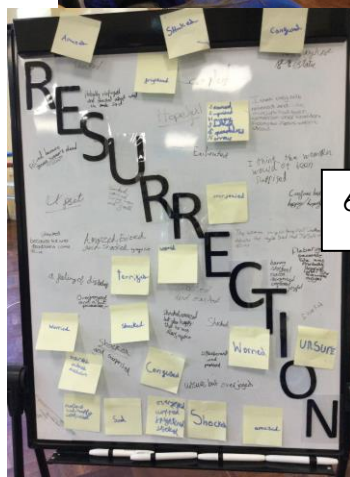
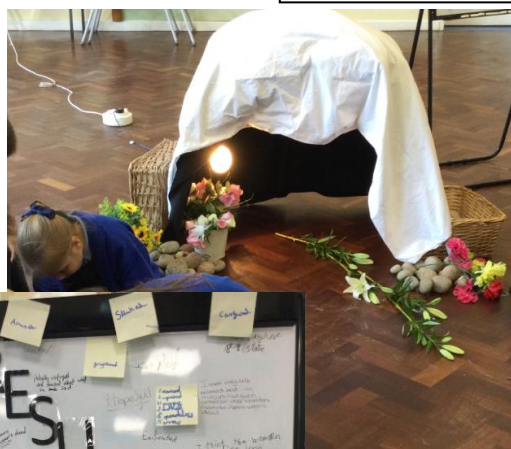
Everyone took part in the hunt today! Thank you to the STARS team for purchasing the Easter eggs for the children to enjoy.

Uniform

A reminder about uniform if you are planning on purchasing items over the holidays. Children may wear summer dresses in blue gingham or grey shorts. Some shops sell gingham shorts/skorts and these too may be worn. We would encourage children to continue to wear their black school shoes but if you do decide to purchase sandals please could we ask that these have enclosed toes and a back on them; they should must also still be black.



On Monday the whole school took part in Stations of the Cross. Each 'station' was set up and visited by each class in turn; some stations were in the church and were led by volunteers from our church community. At each station the children heard part of the Easter story, took part in an activity and then reflected on the message given.



STARS NEWS

STARS would like to express their huge thanks to all those who have supported the fundraising efforts this term.

We've had tuck shops, pancake flips, mother's day shopping, family bingo, and a pretty epic disco!

The children have had loads of fun at these events, and we have raised in excess of £3000.00. This will have a very positive effect on the school experience for all children.

This term amongst other things, STARS made donations of £4000.00 to the school to support the purchased of up-to-date IT equipment for the children, and £1000.00 renewing some of the classroom furniture for Van Gogh and Monet classes. These things are made possible by the generous support of the parents.

An overspill of that generosity allowed us to deliver a box full of surplus Easter Eggs to the children's ward at Hinchbrook Hospital this week, where they were gratefully received. Thank you again for all you do.

We'd also like to express our gratitude to Mrs Nixon for her support of the PTA at Abbots Ripton School. Mrs Nixon has helped with the PTA since before it was called STARS, and has always been ready to support and advise with a huge accumulated knowledge over the years. She will be missed.

Summer Term is fast approaching, with lots of great events coming up. If you'd like to help with the things STARS do, then don't hesitate to get in touch.

We're sure the children will enjoy the Easter Eggs STARS provided today, and we hope you enjoy the break and have a very Happy Easter!



Diary Dates Summer 2025

All new dates are added in bold and italic.

Date	Event
22 nd April	Training day – school closed
23 rd April	Summer Term Opens
29 th April	Class Photographs
5 th May	May Day Bank Holiday – school closed
9 th May	Library bus visit – please bring your cards!
26 th May – 30 th May	Half-Term
2 nd June	Training day – school closed
5th June	<i>Sports Day – everyone welcome 1.15pm start</i>
12th June	<i>Sports Day reserve – everyone welcome 1.15pm start</i>
13 th June	Library bus visit – please bring your cards!
30 th June	Kandinsky Faith tour – mosque and cathedral – details to follow
11 th July	Library bus visit – please bring your cards!
21 st July	Whole school to Whipsnade Zoo
22 nd July	Year 6 Leaver's Celebration 9:30am
23 rd July	End of term church service 9:30am
23 rd July	Summer Term Closes

**We would like to wish everyone a Happy Easter and
we look forward to seeing you on Wednesday 23rd April.**

