



# 4th November

## Autumn Term B 2022 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.



### SIAMS report

Thank you to everyone who has sent us their congratulations on the SIAMS report sent out yesterday. We are so grateful for your kind comments.

### Curriculum Maps

Every half term each class teacher writes and sends home a Curriculum Map which gives you an overview of what your child is learning during the half term. This half term's map has been sent home today. We hope that you find it useful.

### Permission Forms and payment reminders – DEADLINE MONDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER

Please can you ensure that you have returned the following permission forms and payment **by Monday** at the latest if you have not already done so.

- *Dick Whittington Pantomime (whole school)*
- *Young Voices 2023 (Picasso and Kandinsky class)*
- *Year 5/6 Football (Picasso class)*
- *Year 3/4/5/6 Faith Tour (Picasso and Kandinsky class)*
- *Year 5/6 Bikeability (Picasso class)*
- *Operation Christmas Child donations (Whole School)*. Information was sent home on Monday for what items we would like.

We are conscious that we have sent a lot of information which needs to be returned but your support with sending these in on time is really appreciated. If there are any concerns about the financial commitment with these, please do speak to us.

### Governors' announcement

Following 12 years as Chair of Governors, Dr Robin Price has stepped down from this role in our school. He will however, remain on the governing body for the remainder of this academic year. We are delighted to announce that Mr James Harrison has been elected as our new Chair of Governors and I am sure that many of you will meet him over the next few months.

We wish to pass on our **huge thanks** to Robin for his hard work, dedication and support over the past years and wish James every success in his new role.

## Remembrance Day invite and Poppies

Poppies and other items will be on sale from next week in classrooms. If you wish your child to purchase a poppy or other items available then please send any money in a named wallet. We are not able to give change so please send what you are happy to donate.



**Poppy – any donation**  
**Reflective Tag - £1**  
**Zip Pull – £1**  
**Silicon Wristband – £1.00**  
**Snap Band- £1.50**

We would like to invite parents into school at 2:15pm on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> to work alongside their children to make a poppy or similar craft activity linked to Remembrance Day.

With this newsletter we have sent home details of the Remembrance Service in St Andrew's Church on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November if any families would like to join.

## School photos – Friday 11th November



The School Photography Company are booked to take this year's individual photos on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November. As in previous years, we will organise sibling photos in school. These photos make ideal Christmas presents! Ordering info will be sent home with your child on the day.

## Flu Vaccinations

The Nasal Flu vaccinations are being split into two dates this year (if required), the first of which is next Tuesday (8<sup>th</sup>). We sent home information about this on 21<sup>st</sup> October with opt in and opt out details. It is important that all parents opt their child in or out by midday on Monday 7<sup>th</sup>. You will be informed whether your child has received the vaccine. If they haven't, the next date for the vaccination is Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December.



## Picasso Football Festival

The children are looking forward to taking part in the HAPP Football festival on Thursday. They will need to wear their PE kit, with trainers (football boots are not required), warm layers are suggested, and they will need a waterproof coat. Please also ensure they have a packed lunch and water bottle with them. We will return in time for the end of the school day.

## Picasso PE Kits on Tuesday

The Picasso class will need to come to school on Tuesday in their PE as they are having their PE session on Tuesday and not Thursday next week.



## STARS camp fire cook out

We are all looking forward to the STARS Camp Fire Cookout next Friday from 6pm – 8pm on the school field. Do come along and join in the fun! Please see the flier for more details.

## **School vacancies**

We are delighted to say that we have recruited a new school cleaner who will be starting with us shortly.

However, we still have the midday supervisor vacancy. All details can be found [here](#).

## **School day times**

Just a quick reminder that school starts at 8:50am, with the gates open from 8:30am (if dry) for you to join in the Daily Mile. If wet they will be open at 8:40am. Please do wait for a member of staff to open the gate in the morning so that we know when children are on site.

The front gate lock has now been checked and times amended. If the key pad is lit in red then the gate magnet is disabled so please push the gate open, but do not prop the gate open. If the key pad is lit blue, then please ring for entry as the gate is magnetised. We will no longer be hooking the gate open at the start and end of the day.

## **School lunches**

Parents of children in Van Gogh and Monet class have chosen meals for their children for the remainder of term. However, we have several children who are arriving with packed lunches despite a school meal being ordered. If you change your mind and decide to send a packed lunch, please do email the office to let us know so that meals are not wasted.

Also, if your child is in Kandinsky or Picasso and you have dinner money debt, please do clear this as soon as possible and we politely remind parents that meals should be paid for in advance. It is difficult for a small school to carry debt, however please do talk to us if you have concerns about being able to clear debt or pay for meals.

## **Our School Prayer**

**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**

**Now and forever we say**

Amen



Diary Dates Autumn 2022 / Spring 2023

**All new dates are added in bold and italic.**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
8 <sup>th</sup> November	Flu Vaccinations for all children.
8 <sup>th</sup> November	Open Session to view for Reception intake 2023 ~ 1:30pm – 2.30pm.
10 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 5/6 Football festival
11 <sup>th</sup> November	Individual Pupil Photos – am
11 <sup>th</sup> November	STARS Camp fire cookout
11 <sup>th</sup> November	Join your child for a Remembrance craft activity – 2:15pm.
14 <sup>th</sup> – 18 <sup>th</sup> November	Anti-Bullying Week
16 <sup>th</sup> November	Van Gogh Nursery Rhyme Time ~ 9.15am. Parents invited.
18 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need Day
29 <sup>th</sup> November	Kandinsky and Picasso Classes ~ Multi-Faith tour
1 <sup>st</sup> December	Year 4 Football festival
2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Whole School Christmas Decorating Morning. Parents invited.
<b>5<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>STARS Wreath Making ~ 1:30pm and 7:00pm in the school hall</b>
5 <sup>th</sup> December	Open Session to view for Foundation intake 2023 ~ 1:30pm – 2:30pm
8 <sup>th</sup> December	Rose Cottage Care Home residents joining us for lunch
12 <sup>th</sup> December	Foundation/KS1 Nativity Performance ~ 2:15pm
13 <sup>th</sup> December	Foundation/KS1 Nativity Performance ~ 9:30am and 2:15pm
14 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole School Christmas Lunch including Christmas Jumper day
20 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole School trip to Dick Whittington Panto
21 <sup>st</sup> December	Christmas Christingle Service ~ 9:30am in the church
21 <sup>st</sup> December	End of term
22 <sup>nd</sup> Dec 2022 to 5 <sup>rd</sup> Jan 2023	Christmas Holiday
4 <sup>th</sup> January	Training day ~ School Closed
5 <sup>th</sup> January	Spring term 2023 begins
11 <sup>th</sup> January – 8 <sup>th</sup> February	Picasso Class swimming 1:30pm – 2:30pm
19 <sup>th</sup> January	Young Voices concert at the O2
W/C 20 <sup>th</sup> February	Picasso Bikeability