



# At A Glance

## Spring Term A 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.**

Happy New Year to you all and welcome back to the Spring Term 2024. We hope that you all had a lovely break over Christmas. We are looking forward to another busy term.

### Welcome

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Oakins as our new teacher in Monet class. She will also have some responsibilities across the school so hopefully she will meet lots of you soon.



### Collective Worship Theme - Peace

During our Collective Worship this half term we will think about the Christian value of Peace. We will reflect on inner peace, peace between each other, in our world and finally what it means for Christians to be at peace with God. Children will learn that peace has a range of meanings, from silence to the ending of a war and we will reflect on these meanings together. They will also learn about the qualities of a peacemaker.

### A quick reminder – Year 5/6 swimming starts on Tuesday next week!

Year 5/6 start their swimming sessions on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January. Please ensure that you send your child into school with their swimming kit to change into. We are also asking that children wear their outdoor PE kit (black tracksuit bottoms and white t-shirt or polo top with a black sweatshirt or school jumper). We hope that this will make changing at the pool easier.



### Dinner Money – Payment required for any children in Year 3- 6



The menu for this half term with the new dates is attached. If your child is in Van Gogh or Monet we will continue with the choices that you made for them unless you let us know of any changes by Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January. If any changes need to be made please email the school office.

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 **£75.00 (30 days @ £2.50)**. If you wish to pay weekly the cost is £12.50. Cash or cheque payments made payable to Abbots Ripton CE Primary School. Direct payments can now be made for dinner money. Please contact the school office for more details. Please email the school office to let us know if you pay into the school bank account.

## 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, nutella etc.

## Clubs

We are delighted to offer another selection of clubs this half term. 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.

Date start	Day	Provider	Focus	Years	How to book
15 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Monday	Mrs Scrase	Singing Club	Year 1-6	£3 a week (£15) Sign up <a href="#">here</a> You will be invoiced directly
15 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Monday	Primary Sports Stars	Dodgeball	Years 3-6	£5 per week (£25) – flyer to follow
16 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Tuesday	Mrs Murray	Lego Club	Year 2-6	£4 per week (£20) – email the school office to book
17 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Wednesday	Primary Sports Stars	Multi-Sports	Years 1 to 4	£5 per week (£25) – flyer to follow
11 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Thursday	Talent Dance Academy	Dance Club	Year 1-6	£5.50 per week (£33) – see attached flyer

We also run several lunchtime clubs but your children will be asked if they would like to attend these and there is no need to sign up.

## PE Days for this coming term

For the Spring term please can your children come to school in their PE kits on the following days:

Van Gogh: Monday – indoor kit  
Friday – outdoor kit

Monet: Monday – indoor kit  
Wednesday – indoor kit

Kandinsky: Tuesday – indoor kit  
Friday – outdoor kit

Picasso: Tuesday – outdoor kit and swimming things  
Thursday – outdoor kit

**Important information** - When your child requires indoor PE Kit they will need black shorts and a white t-shirt for dance and/or gymnastics. However, as the weather is colder we suggest also wearing their black jogging bottoms over the top and also a school jumper/plain black jumper. When your child has outdoor PE they will need to be warm enough to be outside for an hour so suggest jogging bottoms rather than leggings and also several layers on the top.

## Application to Primary School for 2024

Do you have a child, or do you know of someone, who has a child due to start school in September? The application process is live online and all applications need to be submitted to the admissions team at Cambridgeshire County Council by **January 15<sup>th</sup> 2024**. Further information is available from our website.



## Contact details

Please let us know if you have changed any of your contact details e.g. telephone numbers etc. It is very important that we have the correct information on file for your child in case of emergency.

## Mornings

If your child is joining **Rise and Shine**, please could we ask that they arrive no earlier than 8am but before 10 past.

A reminder that our Morning Mile is available from 8:30am each morning. However, if the weather is wet or particularly cold (icy), the gates will open at 8:40am. Also, please wait for a member of staff to be out on the gate before entering the school grounds via the car park gates.

If your child attends **Fizzy Club**, this will resume on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> and we ask that children arrive promptly at 8:30am via the car park gates or if wet via the main entrance.



### Thank you!!

A huge thankyou to everyone who generously gave us a gift at Christmas. From the individual personal gifts to the staffroom goodies – they were all wonderful!

## Family Worker

With this newsletter you will see some information about workshops delivered by our Family Worker. Some are virtual meetings, some are face to face and the 'Feelings of Worry Workshop' (26<sup>th</sup> January at 9:30am) is going to be held here at school as we recognise a number of families are beginning to see the early signs of anxiety in their children. She is also available for 1:1 support and parents can self-refer for this. All details are on the information sent with this newsletter.



Diary Dates Spring / Summer 2024

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

Date	Event
4 <sup>th</sup> and 5 <sup>th</sup> January	Training day ~ School Closed
8 <sup>th</sup> January	Spring term 2024 begins
9 <sup>th</sup> January - 13 <sup>th</sup> February	Picasso Class swimming 1:30pm – 2:30pm
<b><i>11<sup>th</sup> January</i></b>	<b><i>Reception/Year 1 Dental check</i></b>
<b><i>23<sup>rd</sup> January</i></b>	<b><i>Basketball Competition 4pm – 6pm</i></b>
<b><i>24<sup>th</sup> January</i></b>	<b><i>Picasso National Archives Workshop</i></b>
<b><i>26<sup>th</sup> January</i></b>	<b><i>Family Worker – Feelings of Worry Workshop for Parents 9:30am (previously 9am but feel free to come in for a coffee!)</i></b>
<b><i>8<sup>th</sup> February</i></b>	<b><i>Year 6 Parent Consultations (early to share SATs information) 2pm-6pm</i></b>
<b><i>13<sup>th</sup> February</i></b>	<b><i>Gymnastics Competition 11am – 1pm</i></b>
19 <sup>th</sup> – 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Half Term

<b>27<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Monet Class to Peterborough Museum</b>
<b>27<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Quick Sticks Hockey Competition 12.30pm – 4pm</b>
<b>29<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Year 6 Rotary Quiz (evening)</b>
<b>6<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Parent Consultations 3.30pm – 7.30pm</b>
<b>7<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Parent Consultations 3.30pm – 5.30pm</b>
<b>6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Book Fair in School (during Parent Consultations)</b>
<b>8<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>STARS Mother's Day shop</b>
<b>8<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>World Book Day – dress as a book character</b>
<b>13<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Kandinsky and Picasso visit to Arts Theatre in Cambridge</b>
<b>15<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Comic Relief Day</b>
<b>19<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Netball Competition 4pm – 6pm</b>
<b>28<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Easter Service in St. Andrew's Church 9:30am</b>
28 <sup>th</sup> March	End of Term
15 <sup>th</sup> April	Teacher Training Day – School closed
16 <sup>th</sup> April	Summer Term begins
<b>16<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Girls Football Competition 10am – 12 noon</b>
<b>30<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Class Group Photos</b>
<b>6<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>May Bank Holiday – school closed</b>
<b>13<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Year 6 SATS week</b>
27 <sup>th</sup> – 31 <sup>st</sup> May	Half Term
3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Summer Term begins
<b>11<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Vision Screening</b>
19 <sup>th</sup> July	End of summer term