



# 12th May

Summer Term A 2023 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.**



What a lovely afternoon! Thank you so much to everyone who joined in the fun. A special thank you to Lord and Lady De Ramsey for allowing us to host the picnic in their beautiful grounds, to James for the photos and to Frank for the drone photos and videos. They really captured the day. We hope you enjoy looking at the pictures below – do go to the school website where there are more on the photo gallery.





## **We survived SATS!!**

We are so proud of the Year 6 children who have worked so hard towards their SATS this week. A special thank you also must go to Mrs Jackson and Mrs McCabe for their support and encouragement of the children. Well done all!

## **Class photographs.**

Just a reminder that today (12<sup>th</sup> May) is the last day to order your class photos to be delivered free to the school. You can still place an order after today but you will be charged for delivery.



## **Year 1 Football festival**

Well done to the Year 1 children who took part in the football festival in St Ives last week. Mrs Richardson was very proud of you all and felt that your team spirit and support for one another shone through.

We hope that all the children have enjoyed taking part in the festivals this year – children from Years 1 to 6 have had an opportunity to represent the school at football and we are grateful to St Ives Football Club for hosting this event each half term for local schools.

## **Kandinsky Bikeability – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May**

We are looking forward to welcoming the Cycle Ready Team again for our Kandinsky Class Level 1 Bikeability course on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May. Please can you ensure that all bicycles have been checked with the list provided and that helmets are brought into school too. Please bring in the bicycles and helmets by 8:50am on the day, as we do not have room to store them.

## **Lunch money debts**

The cost of dinners for any children in KS2 is always stated in the newsletters and despite several previous requests, up to and including yesterday we have a debt on account of more than £1250! Please, please do ensure that dinners are paid for promptly as we are a small school and such a large debt is difficult to manage. Mrs Nixon has sent out emails today to families with significant debt on account. Please ensure that these debts are cleared by next Thursday at the latest. We did organise direct payment facilities into our bank to make the process easier, rather than just cash or cheque payment. If you are concerned about your debt to school for any reason, please do speak to us as we can arrange a payment plan for those who need it.

## **Van Gogh Class parents invite**

We would like to offer our Van Gogh parents the opportunity to come into school on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May at 9am to hear about our new Phonic Scheme and how this will impact on the reading books that your children will be bringing home. We are really pleased with the early impact our new scheme and we recognise the importance of parents having a knowledge and understanding to support at home with reading too. Please do let us know whether you are able to attend by emailing the school office by Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May.

### **The start of the school day**

As we approach the second half of the summer term, please could I politely encourage any parents of Reception children to begin to encourage the children to walk around to the classroom on their own. We encourage all children to enter the school independently and would remind parents that this busy time in the morning isn't the best time to talk with teachers as they are busy settling their classes. If you have a message to pass to teachers, please share it with the member of staff on the gate or email the office first thing in the morning. Your support with this is appreciated.

### **Please note date changes**

We have changed some dates at the end of term due to some unforeseen circumstances. Please note that the Year 6 Leaver's Service will now be at 9:30am on **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July** and the end of term church service will be at 9:30am on **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July**. However, school will still be open on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July for our last day. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.



### **Abbots Ripton School Junior ParkRun Takeover**

Abbots Ripton School will be 'taking over' Jubilee Junior ParkRun on Sunday 21st May. It is a fun, free, welcoming, and inclusive event, a 2km walk or run for children aged 4-14. It would be great to have as many children as possible running or walking and as many family and friends as possible cheering the children on or, better still, volunteering to marshal.

All you need to do is pre-register your child and turn up to the event.

**When:** Please arrive by 8.45am for a group photo and an introduction if your child is running or 8.30 if you are volunteering to marshal at the event. There is a fun warm-up at 9am and the event gets underway shortly after that.

**Where:** Jubilee Park, Kings Ripton Road, Huntingdon. There is a large car park, toilets and a café serving hot and cold drinks and bacon rolls. More information can be found here: <https://www.parkrun.org.uk/jubilee-juniors/>

**How:** Register your child in advance here:

<https://www.parkrun.org.uk/register/?section=form>

You will be assigned a barcode to print out - or keep on your phone - to bring along. When your child crosses the finish line, they will be given a token. They present the token and

the barcode to timing marshals to have their time and finish position recorded for posterity. You will receive an email an hour or two after the event confirming it all.

**Volunteers:** The event is run entirely by volunteers every week. It would be wonderful if we could provide lots of volunteers from the school community for the Takeover.

If you'd like to volunteer please register for your own parkrun barcode here:

<https://www.parkrun.org.uk/register/>

And then email [jubileejuniors@parkrun.com](mailto:jubileejuniors@parkrun.com) stating your name, parkrun barcode number and that you would like to volunteer for the Abbots Ripton school takeover on 21st May.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr Alexander-Cahill on 07815 110 308.



Diary Dates Summer 2023

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

Date	Event
21 <sup>st</sup> May	STARS Park Run takeover
22 <sup>nd</sup> and 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Picasso Class National Archives workshop
<b>25<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b><i>Van Gogh Parents invite to new Phonics Scheme info session</i></b>
26 <sup>th</sup> May	Kandinsky Bikeability
29 <sup>th</sup> May – 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Half Term
5 <sup>th</sup> June	Teacher Training Day – school closed
6 <sup>th</sup> June	Summer Term begins
9 <sup>th</sup> June	Picasso Class First Aid Training
14 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day afternoon – 1:15pm. Everyone invited.
15 <sup>th</sup> June	New Foundation Parents meeting 7:00pm
16 <sup>th</sup> June	STARS Father's Day shop
16 <sup>th</sup> June	STARS Movie Night – more details to follow
21 <sup>st</sup> June	Sports Day afternoon (reserve) – 1:15pm. Everyone invited.
5 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 4 and Year 5 parents meeting for Residential Trip planned in September 2023 2:45pm
8 <sup>th</sup> July	STARS Summer Fair
11 <sup>th</sup> and 12 <sup>th</sup> July	KS2 Production – more details to follow
15 <sup>th</sup> July	Starry Starry Night Festival – more details to follow
<b>17<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b><i>Year 6 Leavers Assembly - 9:30am – date change</i></b>
<b>18<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b><i>Church Service 9:30am – everyone welcome – date change</i></b>
19 <sup>th</sup> July	End of summer term