



9th June

Summer Term B 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.

Sports Day – Wednesday 14th June

Everyone is invited to join us for our Sports Day next Wednesday 14th June starting at 1.15pm on the school field. Each child will be part of a country team and your child has been told their country today. This will also be added to reading diaries next week. The teams are made up of all year groups and siblings will be in the same teams.

If you have an appropriate coloured t-shirt to represent their team (e.g. a colour from the country flag or the country football team) then please encourage them to wear this. However, their white t-shirt and black PE shorts/tracksuit bottoms will be fine too. We have printed country flag labels for each child so you can easily spot the country.



Do you have what it takes to become a School Governor?

We currently have a vacancy for a Parent Governor to join our hard working Governing Body. Information about this important role and the process for applying has been sent home today. Please can all nominations be sent to the Clerk to Governors (clerk@abbotsripton.cambs.sch.uk) by Friday 23rd June. If you have any questions about this role, again please feel free to email the clerk on the address above.

Collective Worship this half term – Perseverance



Over the next few weeks we will be reflecting on the value of perseverance. We will think about how hard we try in different situations, what helps us to keep trying as well as the idea of ambition. From the bible, we will reflect on the letter written to Timothy by Paul, where he uses a series of images to help his readers – that of a soldier, of an athlete and of a farmer (2 Timothy 2:3-7). Each one needs dedication if they are to win the battle, complete the race, or produce a good

harvest. Most good things in life only come with time, patience, dedicated effort and perseverance. Christians believe that this is also true in the realm of faith. For example, Jesus advises his followers not to give up in prayer (Luke 18:1-8).

Attendance

Late marks on register

In line with Local Authority advice we will begin to write to parents whose children are regularly late to school as this is having significant impact on their attendance.

Did you know..... If your child is just 10 minutes late every day it equate to 6.5 days a school year!

We will work together to support you if there are reasons for lateness – please do speak to us so we can ensure that all children have a positive start to the day.

Penalty notices

In line with Local Authority advice, we will inform the attendance officer of persistently absent children or children who have taken term time leave. As stated on our Absence request form, this can lead to a penalty notice being issued by the Local Authority.

KS2 play – Peter Pan

Rehearsals are well under way for this year's KS2 production. Please can we ask that if you haven't provided a plain white t-shirt for your child then please can these be sent in as soon as possible so we can get them dyed.

Tickets will be on sale soon but just to confirm the performances are on Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 12th July at 7pm.



Lunches

For the second half of the Summer 2023 term the cost will be £76.80 (32 days) 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.

If you are paying direct into the bank account then **please follow this up with an email** to school with the amount paid and for whom. Also, please put your child's name on the bank transfer for reference.

Grafham Water Residential – September 2023

Thank you to everyone who has sent in their child's reply slip to let us know whether you wish them to attend the residential trip in September. The deadline for these was today. Please be aware that if you have not sent this in by Monday morning, your child may not be allocated a space as we have a deadline to inform Grafham of final numbers.

After School Clubs

We still only have three children booked to attend the Athletics club on Tuesday. If you wish your child to attend this then please book them by Monday evening at the latest and a decision will be made as to whether this club will run or not.

Similarly, the Amy Acros Gymnastics club offered on Thursdays only had one child sign up. They need a minimum of 8 to make the club viable. Please do book by Monday evening at the latest so a decision can be made about this club too.

We have worked hard to improve our clubs offer and it is a shame if these clubs don't go ahead. If you have any feedback about clubs, please do email the office to share your thoughts.



The STARS team are busy organising a variety of events for you and your children over the next few weeks. Do look at the information below and help support our school.



Father's Day Shop - Friday June 16th

STARS have handpicked a selection of **brilliant gifts from just £1**. Let your child choose their favourite and show their gratitude this Father's Day.

Follow the link to the [STARS PTA EVENTS](https://www.pta-events.co.uk/stars/index.cfm) page <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/stars/index.cfm> to learn more & pre-pay your chosen amount - **pre-paid vouchers available for £1, £2.50, £5 and £10**. Your child will then be able to choose gifts to that value, from a variety of options. Please also indicate whether your gift recipient has any dietary needs, so

we can ensure they get a gift they'll love.



It's Movie Night again - Friday June 16th!

Following the success of our first movie night, we are excited to offer another film that's sure to be fun for all!

Join STARS and let's watch **The LEGO Movie - Friday June 16th 3:30-5:10pm** rated U running 1hr 40m

A snack box of delicious goodies and a drink will be given to every ticket holder to enjoy during the film.

As we'll be catering the event based on pre-ticket sales, please be sure to **purchase your £5 tickets by Wed June 14th via PTA Events** <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/stars/index.cfm>

IMPORTANT INFORMATION for the Movie Night

TOILETS:

Reception parents to stay with their children. If they wish to accompany them to the toilet, then they can use the staff toilets.

No adult to accompany a child that is not their own for safeguarding reasons.

All other children, to use the main toilets unaccompanied as they do during the school day.

LOGISTICS:

Reception parents please could you collect your children from the playground as usual. If you are then attending movie night, please walk around to the Office entrance, where you'll need to sign-in before you enter the Hall and find your place for the film. At the end of the film, you'll then need to sign-out before leaving school.

Pupils attending will be directed to the Hall at the end of the school day by their class teachers to watch the movie, **all other pupils will follow the normal home time routine.**

The movie is **due to end at approx. 5:10pm - could parents please wait outside the Office to collect your children.** At the end of the film, School will dismiss pupils to their parents via the Office door.

Movie snack pack dietary information is available by email request. If your child has special dietary needs, please let us know by using the text box when purchasing a ticket on the PTA events ticketing page or for more information please email abbotsripton.school@gmail.com

Summer Fair

Saturday 8th July 12pm – 3pm

The STARS team are working hard on preparations for this year's Summer Fair and half term may give you time to start to collect the following items that we're requesting.



We would love donations of the following:

- Bottles of wine (please make sure these are handed into the school office) - WATER OR WINE STALL
- Filled jars – please fill with anything that children might enjoy (sweets, lego, hair accessories, toiletries) – JAM JAR TOMBOLA
- Any second hand good quality uniform – UNIFORM STALL
- Good quality, clean soft toys – TEDDY TOMBOLA

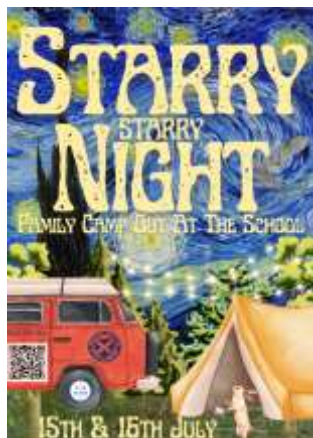
All donations can be sent into school from Friday 30th June.

Raffle

Again this year we are going to hold a non-uniform day in school in return for a donation for the hampers.

Non Uniform day will be on **FRIDAY 30th JUNE**. Please bring in your donation on that day to give the team time to sort out the items ready for the fair the following week. We will create hampers with your donations in the theme of '**A day in the garden**' and '**A day at the beach**'. Use your imagination as to what you would choose to add to these – any donations would be gratefully received.

Raffle tickets will be sent home after half term. Please sell as many to friends and family as you can and return the slips and money to the school office, along with any unsold books. If you need more books to sell please pop into the office to collect more.



Starry Starry Night

Tickets will soon be on sale for our first ever **School Camp Out - Starry Starry Night**.

This special event will be a really unique experience with fun for all the (immediate) family.

Make sure the dates are in the diary as this is not to be missed - Midday Saturday 15th July to midday 16th July. Keep a look out for posters with booking details.



Diary Dates Summer 2023

All new dates are added in bold and italic.

Date	Event
14 th June	Sports Day afternoon – 1:15pm. Everyone invited.
15 th June	New Foundation Parents meeting 7:00pm
16 th June	STARS Father's Day shop – see flyer attached
16 th June	STARS Movie Night – see flyer attached
21 st June	Sports Day afternoon (reserve) – 1:15pm. Everyone invited.
22 nd June	Van Gogh parent workshop 8:50am – rearranged date
5 th July	Year 4 and Year 5 parents meeting for Residential Trip planned in September 2023 2:45pm
8 th July	STARS Summer Fair: 12pm – 3pm
11 th and 12 th July	KS2 Production – Peter Pan
15 th July	<i>Starry Starry Night Event – more details to follow</i>
17 th July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly - 9:30am
18 th July	Church Service 9:30am – everyone welcome
19 th July	End of summer term