



# 23rd May

## Summer Term B 2025 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.**

### Staffing

As many of you are aware, Mrs Grover will be leaving us at the end of this academic year to return to the United States with her family. She has been involved at Abbots Ripton both as a member of staff and as a parent for many, many years and she will be missed greatly by us all. She is a highly valued member of our school community and I am sure that you will join with me in wishing her and her family the very best.

### Just a few reminders:

- We have an INSET day on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June so children should return to school on **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June**
- If your child is in **Van Gogh** please remember that they must be supervised until 8:40am and should not be left to walk the morning mile unaccompanied
- If your child is still asking you to walk them to the building in the morning, please do begin to encourage them to be independent from the gate; we do understand that for some children this may be in small steps initially!
- We have sent several letters with online forms for upcoming trips and would appreciate a prompt response to these please. If your child is in **Picasso class**, please complete the Holland Park Opera form [here](#) and the Quadkids form [here](#). If your child is in **Kandinsky class**, please complete the Holland park Opera form [here](#) and the Mosque/Cathedral form [here](#).
- Today, we have also shared the details of the Grafham Water Residential for our current **Year 4 and 5** children for when they are in Picasso class in September. The form can be accessed via the letter or by clicking [here](#).
- We know that we have shared several opportunities for the children, particularly in KS2, which require payments from parents. If any families have any concerns about making payments, please do come and speak to us as we are more than happy to spread the costs over to the next academic year.

## Clubs

We are delighted to offer a wide selection of clubs after half term; some will be continuing from this half term and others are offering new sign ups. Please see the details below and relevant booking forms emailed with this newsletter.

If any parent is able and keen to run an after school club please do let us know!

Start date	Day	Provider	Focus	Years	How to book
09/06	Monday	Primary Sports Stars	Team games & Ball-Skills	Years 1 to 6	£5 per week. This club will run for 6 weeks – see flyer or click <a href="#">here</a> to book
09/06	Monday	Daisies Montessori	Construction	Years R,1 &2 (and older siblings)	Email <a href="mailto:anna@daisiesnurseryschool.co.uk">anna@daisiesnurseryschool.co.uk</a> to book – see attached flyer
03/06	Tuesday	Amy's Acro	Gymnastics	Years R to 6	£8.90 per week already booked for the term
03/06	Tuesday	Daisies Montessori	Puzzling	Years R,1 &2 (and older siblings)	Email <a href="mailto:anna@daisiesnurseryschool.co.uk">anna@daisiesnurseryschool.co.uk</a> to book – see attached flyer
04/06	Wednesday	Primary Sports Stars	Rounders & Cricket Club	Years 1 to 6	£5 per week. This club will run for 7 weeks – see flyer or click <a href="#">here</a> to book
04/06	Wednesday	Daisies Montessori	Lego	Years R,1 &2 (and older siblings)	Email <a href="mailto:anna@daisiesnurseryschool.co.uk">anna@daisiesnurseryschool.co.uk</a> to book – see attached flyer
05/06	Thursday	Talent Dance Academy	Dance Club	Year R to 6	£5.50 per week. This club will run for 7 weeks. Some parents have already signed up for the term but there is an opportunity for others to join. See flyer.
05/06	Thursday	Primary Sports Stars	Multi-Skills	Year 1-6	£5 per week. This club will run for 7 weeks – see flyer or click <a href="#">here</a> to book

## Sports Day

We are really looking forward to our Sports Day this year on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June. The children were all given a slip earlier this week with details of the country which they will represent for this event. The children may come to sports day dressed in the colours which represent the flag of their country. For those families who haven't been with us for a sports day, the children are split into countries in groups from Reception to Year 6 with siblings being placed in to the same country. The children will rotate around a range of sporting activities in their country team followed by some traditional races. Families are encouraged to bring along a blanket or chairs to sit on at the side of the track and whilst rotating around the activities, parents are free to rotate with their child/ren. STARS will be providing refreshments for the adults for a donation and this will be available across the afternoon.



## Lunch payments



For the second half of the Summer 2025 term, the cost will be £96.20 (37 school days at £2.60). Please adjust this by £2.60 a day if your child is attending trips to Holland Park, Whipsnade and/or the Quadkids event. 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. Please use the code SD (School Dinners) for BACS payments.

## Our Trip to Orienteering

After school on Tuesday, we went to Hinchbrook House to take part in an orienteering festival! Then, when we arrived, we sat down at a bench and waited for the fun activities to start...

Activity 1 was the main event! Flags were hidden all over the garden with little stamps to mark, we went to the checkpoint/flag. When we finished, we got to flag 8 out of 20 in 20 minutes.

Activity 2 was making faces using cones, quoits and beanbags. Everyone took turns getting one thing and putting it into a smiley face.

Activity 3 was a maze. We were given a map. We used the map to work our way around the maze. In the maze were letters that spelt Basketball.

Activity 4 was where we were given half a pipe each and one ball. We had to get the ball from one place to another and if the ball was in your pipe, you couldn't move. We came first in both rounds! Our team name was, 'The Ferocious Four' for the activities.

by Heidi, Emily, Lance and Hector

## Victorian Day

The children in Monet class enjoyed a very authentic Victorian day on Monday; they loved hearing about the 'dunces hat' and the cane!! The children played some traditional games and spent their time in the classroom at desks in rows and with boys and girls sitting separately. Our thanks to those families who shared Victorian artefacts as the class 'museum' looks amazing and the children have learnt so much.



## **Graham Water Residential – September 2025**

Letters have been sent home today, along with payment plan slips, for the residential visit to Graham Water Centre in September. This visit is for 2 days/1 nights from Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> to Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September for Picasso class (current Year 4 and 5 children). The parent meeting will be held on 5<sup>th</sup> June at 2.50pm (and not 2:40pm as mentioned in the last newsletter) when we will give you more information and answer any questions.

## **Speedy Solar Cars**

On the 20<sup>th</sup> of May, 2025, Mr James Veness (from Earth Energy Education) came to teach us about solar energy and help us to create our own solar vehicles. We started by looking at how solar panels are made and how they work - thinking also about things that use solar power.

Then, James moved on to show us how powerful solar was by using some dancing, jumping, or spinning toys: they only did those three things when the sun shone on them. Thankfully, Tuesday was a sunny day.

After break, we began to learn about the chassis – the frame of the car. Next, we designed our cars, in small groups. From library buses to Formula 1 race cars we took our time to build our ideas.

Once we had finished our cars, we brought them outside and raced them. We found out which build was the fastest. The judges, Mrs McCabe and Mrs Jackson, awarded points for creativity, speed and build quality. We had such a fun day!

Annabel – Year 6





### **Diary Dates**

Please see below the diary dates for the Summer 2025 term

***Any new dates added will be in bold and italics***

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
26 <sup>th</sup> May –30 <sup>th</sup> May	Half-Term
2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Training day – school closed
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> June</b>	<b><i>Picasso class QuadKids athletics competition</i></b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> June</b>	<b><i>STARS meeting 7:30pm</i></b>
4 <sup>th</sup> June	Class photographs
5 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day – everyone welcome 1.15pm start
9 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 Phonic Screening Check week
12 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day reserve – everyone welcome 1.15pm start
<b>12<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b><i>Year 4 and 5 Grafham Water parent meeting 2:50pm (please note change of date)</i></b>
12 <sup>th</sup> June	New Reception parent meeting 7pm
13 <sup>th</sup> June	Library bus visit – please bring your cards!
13 <sup>th</sup> June	STARS Father's Day shop
17 <sup>th</sup> June	Online County Lines and Child Exploitation webinar 7pm
18 <sup>th</sup> June	KS2 visit to Holland Park Opera
26 <sup>th</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Abbey College transition days
30 <sup>th</sup> June	Kandinsky Faith tour – mosque and cathedral
1 <sup>st</sup> -3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Year 6 Hinchingsbrooke transition days
5 <sup>th</sup> July	STARS Summer fair
8 <sup>th</sup> July	KS2 production – dress rehearsal for families with pre-school aged children 1:15pm
9 <sup>th</sup> July	Changeover session for children to meet their new teachers
9 <sup>th</sup> and 10 <sup>th</sup> July	KS2 production 6:30pm
11 <sup>th</sup> July	Library bus visit – please bring your cards!
15 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Sawtry transition days
17 <sup>th</sup> – 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 St Peters transition days
21 <sup>st</sup> July	Whole school to Whipsnade Zoo
22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Year 6 Leaver's Celebration 9:30am
23 <sup>rd</sup> July	End of term church service 9:30am
23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Summer Term Closes

