

# STARS

## Annual Review

2024 / 2025 Academic Year



STARS (Support Team for Abbots Ripton School) is a registered charity and the PTA (Parent Teacher Association) set up to support and raise funds for Abbots Ripton C of E School.

We organise and run fundraising & community-engagement events, to increase opportunities for the pupils and unite the school community.

**This year we were involved in over 15 different initiatives.  
This generated a profit of almost £9000.**

Our number one funding project was a donation of £4000 towards the costs of the new IT equipment, including tablets and laptops.

Additional donations from STARS helped towards the costs of books, educational equipment, Easter celebrations, new furniture and storage systems, and subsidising events and trips for the pupils.



### ELECTED COMMITTEE 2024/25

**Chair**

James Stevens

**Secretary**

Emma Wadsworth

**Treasurers**

Jas Sidhu  
Natalie Selby

# CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT 2024/25

## 2024-2025

The last academic year has been a significant year for us all at the school, primarily due to the departure of two long serving members of Staff.

Mrs Nixon helped with PTA activities before the STARS name was even adopted, and had an abundance of experience that served us well, helping us avoid many pitfalls along the way, and Mrs Matthews was always the unsung "volunteer" at every STARS event. This of course came with her job role, but there was never an event where it felt like she was there out of obligation, and she would often be at events long after the other volunteers had gone home. So before we review the past year, STARS would like to express our heartfelt thanks to these two outstanding individuals.

In these times of change and transition STARS has sought to be a constant, delivering popular repeat events and not introducing too much additional change to our school community.

It will have been noticeable to some that STARS scaled back the number of initiatives it delivered in the last year, this was intentional for a couple of reasons. We are of course aware that the cost of living plays its part for everyone's budget one way or another, and we didn't want to create additional expectations on people if we could help it. Additionally we have also been operating with a significantly smaller lead team. This has not been by accident as we have sought to refine what we do and our efficiency at delivering quality events. Looking forward we hope to grow a team that continues to steer STARS from strength to strength.

As always all our initiatives were well supported by the generous school community. This generosity does not go unnoticed, and is hugely appreciated by STARS and of course the Staff and pupils at Abbots Ripton C of E School. So a huge thank you to all who have supported the things we do.

## Highlights

Some of the highlights of this year's STARS activities include the in-school shops, Christmas events, and of course the Summer Fair. The Summer Fair had a number of refinements based on previous experience, and we were able to increase the income by approx. 10% on the 2024 event - which itself saw an increased income of approx. 10% on the 2023 event. Serving quality food and drink has been key to this success, and this is something we seek to build on moving forward. Our new Christmas event, the Elf Workshop, was initially met with scepticism by a handful of folk, but proved to be a big hit with the children. The whole event was an entirely new concept from the ground up, and with detailed planning led by Emma Wadsworth delivered a memorable experience brimming with Christmas cheer. Another new initiative was the Pancake Flip, which was much more successful than anticipated, raising a considerable amount and creating a lot of fun for the pupils!

## Thanks

Special thanks of course go to the core volunteer team of Trustees and Elected Committee Members who have worked to keep the PTA up to standards expected of charities, ensuring we are good stewards of the funds raised. STARS are also very grateful to the wider team of regular volunteers who are always prepared to help make great initiatives a reality, showing up and rolling up their sleeves to get stuck in. In my three years as Chairperson for STARS everyone's efforts have resulted in over £33,000 income generated, the construction of two metal sheds and the cabin classroom, all of which have had a significant impact on the school. An impressive result for all involved!

## Are You A STAR?

Without people joining the team STARS can't function - it's hard to imagine a school year without all the fun events for the children, let alone the resources and trip subsidies the fundraising provides. There are many ways to help, with various roles to fill. Some roles can be done by more than one person to help share the responsibilities. Please consider how you can get involved.

## Looking Ahead

STARS of course have a plan in place for the coming Christmas Season, and a wealth of good ideas for the coming year. We look forward to working with our new Head Of School Mr Heather, and are sure the impact of our charity's work will grow.

## Personal Thanks

In addition to the thanks given above as part of the annual report, I would like to give my personal thanks to a number of individuals who have given extra mile support to me during my three years as Chairperson for STARS, these people, in no particular order, have helped share the work, and reduced the stresses involved!

Steve Scott, Lee Nugent, Emma Wadsworth, Tim Bonner, Pauline Stevens, Daisy Smallpage, my heartfelt thanks for your support.

# STARS INITIATIVES REVIEW

STARS initiatives focus on a combination of **FUNDRAISING** for the school, and **COMMUNITY EVENTS** where our goal is to enhance the school community. This document reflects the initiatives STARS have successfully run in the last year. In a recent OFSTED inspection it was commented that "Pupils benefit greatly from the school's community engagement. The parent-teacher association organises many memorable fundraising and extra-curricular experiences".

## DONATIONS



STARS purchased Easter Eggs for all school children every Easter. This Easter we also received a donation of eggs surplus to our needs so we donated them to the local children's hospital.



## FATHER'S DAY SHOP

Held in the School Hall, children are able to select and purchase gifts ranging from £1 - £5 per item.

## SUMMER FAIR



Held at School and open to the public, this event includes a raffle, food & drink stalls, game stalls, external vendors, and a Bouncy Castle.

## ELF WORKSHOP



A new event held at the school, with christmas crafts, and a special storytime with the chief elf.

## ELFRIDGES SHOP



Held in the School Hall, children were able to select and purchase gifts for the whole family, ranging from £1 - £5 per item.



## BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Held in the School Hall, children enjoyed a festive breakfast with a surprise special guest - Santa!



## WREATH MAKING

A workshop held in the School Hall where attendees enjoyed a glass of fizz while being expertly tutored in the art of wreath making.



## MOTHER'S DAY SHOP

Held in the School Hall, children were able to select and purchase gifts ranging from £1 - £5 per item.

## PANCAKE FLIP



Loads of flipping fun for the pupils who were challenged to flip a pancake for a minute.



## TUCKSHOPS

Held after School in the playground. Sweet treats for the kids and their adults.



## WELCOME PICNIC

Held at the School. New pupils & their families were welcomed to School with a BYO picnic. Newcomers also received a welcome gift.

## SCHOOL LOTTERY



As a passive income source for STARS, the school community can opt into a lottery, where they can win money prizes to keep or donate to the school.

## BINGO



A family friendly event held at the school with a huge pile of Easter Eggs as prizes.

## MAKE DO AND MEND



Held at school on termly Saturdays, volunteers support the school by completing groundskeeping, gardening & maintenance jobs.

## SCHOOL DISCO



Held in the Village Hall, the children got dressed to impress and danced the night away to their favourite tunes!

## CAMPFIRE COOKOUT



A great autumnal event held at the school, with good food, and a toasty fire.





STARS is a registered charity with Trustees and a Constitution, its governing documents guide our activities, and we have a full set of accounts to show how we have raised and used the funds raised.  
All supporting documents are available to be viewed by request.

Charity Number: 1149390

## THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR ONGOING SUPPORT

*EVERYONE IN THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY IS INVITED TO BE PART OF STARS*



You can help support STARS by:

- ATTENDING & TAKING PART IN EVENTS
- VOLUNTEERING YOUR TIME OR EXPERTISE
- ATTENDING STARS MEETINGS TO HAVE YOUR SAY
- PARTICIPATING IN THE SCHOOL LOTTERY

### STARS FACEBOOK GROUP

Join STARS on Facebook - we have a closed Facebook Group for the parents/carers of children who attend our school, where we post information about our events. *Please note that this run by parents, for parents and is not the main notification site for school information. This is reported in the newsletters and flyers received directly from school, and also uploaded to the school website.*

Visit [www.facebook.com/groups/1489422241352109/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/1489422241352109/)

### SCHOOL LOTTERY

Join our School Lottery! It's a quick, easy & cost-effective way for us to raise funds for our school. Tickets cost just £1 and all profits go to our school with a local cash prize every week & the chance to win the jackpot of £25,000!

- Visit [www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/abbots-ripton-primary-school](http://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/abbots-ripton-primary-school)
- Click on the red 'Buy Tickets' button
- Then follow the prompts

### CONTACT

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# Statement of Activity

## STARS

October 1, 2024 - September 30, 2025

DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT	TOTAL
Income	
Sales	10,703.81
<b>Total for Income</b>	<b>£10,703.81</b>
Cost of Sales	
Abbots Ripton School Equipment	4,910.91
<b>Total for Cost of Sales</b>	<b>£4,910.91</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>£5,792.90</b>
Expenses	
Computer Costs	42.72
Mother's Day	166.87
Office/General Administrative Expenses	11.10
Raising funds School	115.00
Bingo	10.00
School Disco	37.43
School Easter	112.00
School Pancake Day	75.50
Summer Fair 2025	1,066.90
Travel	20.00
Tuck Shop	91.94
<b>Total for Expenses</b>	<b>£1,749.46</b>
<b>Net Operating Income</b>	<b>£4,043.44</b>
Other Income	
Other Expenses	
Father's Day 2025	169.34
Sports Day	7.64
<b>Total for Other Expenses</b>	<b>£176.98</b>
<b>Net Other Income</b>	<b>-£176.98</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>£3,866.46</b>



# Statement of Financial Position

## STARS

As of September 30, 2025

DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT	TOTAL
Called up share capital not paid	
Fixed Asset	
Tangible assets	
Non-current Assets	
<b>Total for Fixed Asset</b>	
Cash at bank and in hand	
Stars Natwest Account	9,173.39
<b>TotalforCashatbankand in hand</b>	<b>£9,173.39</b>
Debtors	
Current Assets	
<b>NETCURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>£9,173.39</b>
Prepayments and accrued income	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	
Trade Creditors	
Creditors	0.00
<b>Total for Trade Creditors</b>	<b>£0.00</b>
Credit Cards	
Current Liabilities	
<b>Total forCreditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	<b>£0.00</b>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS (LIABILITIES)</b>	<b>£9,173.39</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	<b>£9,173.39</b>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	
Provision for liabilities and charges	
Accruals and deferred income	
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS (LIABILITIES)</b>	<b>£9,173.39</b>
Capital and Reserves	
Opening Balance Equity	5,306.93
Retained Earnings	2,549.39
Net Income	1,317.07
Called up share capital	
<b>TotalforCapitaland Reserves</b>	<b>£9,173.39</b>

