



# 31st January

Spring Term A 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.

## Visits and trips over the next few weeks



### **Young Voices 2025 on Monday**

Kandinsky and Picasso are really looking forward to the trip to the O2 for the Young Voices concert on Monday 3rd February. All information was sent home in the letter last week however a quick reminder that children need to come to school dressed in their Young Voices T-shirt or a plain white t-shirt, with school uniform on the bottom and a school jumper/cardigan. The children will need a packed lunch and tea too with a few extra snacks to keep them going! Also, if your child needs medication for travel sickness, please bring these to school on Monday morning – children should not be carrying this themselves please. The school has now downloaded and allocated all Young Voices parent tickets. Please check your app for your tickets. Any problems, do let us know. We have two tickets spare. Please let Mrs Nixon know via email if you are interested in purchasing them.

### **The Gruffalo trip – Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February**

Van Gogh and Monet are in search of the Gruffalo in Peterborough on 12<sup>th</sup> February. If you have not yet sent your contribution for this trip then please do so as soon as possible. If contributions are not received from all, then this trip may not go ahead. This trip takes place within the school day and your child needs to wear their school uniform. They also need a packed lunch unless you have ordered a school made packed lunch via the google form.



### **Raptor Foundation are visiting on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February**

The Raptor Foundation from Woodhurst is visiting Van Gogh and Monet classes on 27<sup>th</sup> February to enhance their current areas of learning. The team will bring in some of their birds for the children to see and then maybe get the chance to watch an indoor flying display! If you are able to make a donation towards the cost of this visit we would be very grateful. We are asking £4.00 per child as the cost to the school is £195. Please send this in an envelope clearly marked Raptor Foundation.

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

After just over 3 years on our Governing Body, one of our current parent Governors, Mr Morris is stepping down due to other commitments. We would like to thank him for his commitment to the Governing Body and the school during this time.

As a result, we 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](mailto:clerk@abbotsripton.cambs.sch.uk)) by 9am on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February. If you have any questions about this role, again please feel free to email the clerk on the address above.

## Library bus

We are delighted that so many children have returned their forms to apply for a library card. The library bus will begin visiting us on the second Friday of each month and children will have the opportunity to visit the bus and take out/return library books and/or audio books. If you completed a form to apply for a card, this will be sent home with your child as soon as we receive them. We have added the library bus dates to our diary below and would ask that children bring their cards (we are aware that many children have cards already) on these dates.



## Gymnastics on Fridays

A polite reminder that long hair must be tied back for school – this is particularly important on a Friday for gymnastics lessons.

Similarly, we had a large number of children today who had long leggings/tracksuit bottoms on for gymnastics. For safety, they must be wearing shorts so please do ensure that they have shorts underneath their longer bottoms. If this is difficult, please send the shorts in to school for them to change into.

## Introducing our Growing Tower!



Your children may mention that a growing tower has now been set up in the corridor at school, thanks to Miss Anne and Van Gogh class.

We applied to borrow the tower and were delighted that we were successful. We have the tower for the whole of this term and all resources to plant and grow a variety of edible plants. Van Gogh were busy 2 weeks ago, planting the seeds and have waited patiently for them to germinate. They have transplanted their germinated plants into the tower today and we will now all watch them grow. The corridor is lit by the bright lights which are imitating the sun as well as the sound of gentle rain fall as water is being pumped around the tower to imitate rain every hour. We will share regular updates of our harvest as it grows!



<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup> February	Young Voices 2025 at the O2
11 <sup>th</sup> February	Vision screening for Van Gogh Class
12 <sup>th</sup> February	Van Gogh and Monet trip to the theatre to see The Gruffalo
12 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 6 Parent Consultations (early to share SATs information) 1pm-2pm & 3:30pm – 6pm
14 <sup>th</sup> February	STARS Tuck shop
<b>14<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Library bus visit – please bring your cards!</b>
17 <sup>th</sup> February –21 <sup>st</sup> February	Half-Term
<b>27<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Raptor Foundation visit</b>
27 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 6 Rotary Quiz 7pm
4 <sup>th</sup> March	Pancake Day lunch
4 <sup>th</sup> March	STARS Sponsored Pancake Flip
6 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
11 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent Consultations (R-Yr5) 3:30pm – 7:30pm)
12 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent Consultations (R-Yr4) 3:30pm – 5:30pm)
14 <sup>th</sup> March	STARS Disco
<b>14<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Library bus visit – please bring your cards!</b>
17 <sup>th</sup> March	Poetry week (World Poetry day 21 <sup>st</sup> March)
<b>18<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Micro;bit Coding Challenge - Picasso - details to follow</b>
21 <sup>st</sup> March	Comic Relief
28 <sup>th</sup> March	STARS Mother's Day shop
1 <sup>st</sup> April	Cross Country running competition Year 5/6
2 <sup>nd</sup> April	STARS Family bingo night (4.30pm – 6pm)
4 <sup>th</sup> April	End of term church Service 9:30am – all welcome
4 <sup>th</sup> April	Spring term Closes
22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Training day – school closed
23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Summer Term Opens
5 <sup>th</sup> May	May Day Bank Holiday – school closed
<b>9<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Library bus visit – please bring your cards!</b>
26 <sup>th</sup> May –30 <sup>th</sup> May	Half-Term
2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Training day – school closed
<b>13<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Library bus visit – please bring your cards!</b>
<b>30<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Kandinsky Faith tour – mosque and cathedral – details to follow</b>
<b>11<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Library bus visit – please bring your cards!</b>
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