



# End of Autumn Term 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**

We have come to the end of a very busy term – one filled with lots of fun and laughter and also hard work and high expectations. The children have continued to enjoy a wide curriculum; our whole class music specialist teacher has had a fantastic impact with Picasso all learning the ukulele, Kandinsky learning the recorder and Monet all learning the ocarina. Some classes have enjoyed visits out of school including a trip to the solar farm (please watch our amazing video [here](#)) as well as Peterborough Museum. As you can see from the diary dates we have lots more planned next term.

I would like to end the term with a great big thank you to the staff team and the children; the children continue to impress us with their dedication to their learning as well as their care and compassion towards each other. The staff have once again shown the strength of their commitment to the school, despite many challenges, frequently going above and beyond expectations to meet the needs the children. My sincere thanks to each and every one of them.

## Winter reading challenge



Our amazing librarians launched The Winter Reading Challenge from The Reading Agency with the children last week. The challenge is running until the 19th February 2024 and involves signing up (parents please do encourage your child to sign up!) and then logging all of the reading books that your child reads. Since the challenge launched at the start of the month, over 2,050,976 books have been read by

children up and down the country! We would love to celebrate any children who take part by signing up [here](#).

## School Council Sponsored Walk

The School Council have been absolutely amazed with the amount of sponsorship money that has been raised this half term – they have collected a HUGE £1500!! Thank you so much to everyone who took part and please do also pass on our thanks to those who sponsored you. Class representatives will now collect ideas from their class about how to spend this money as they have certainly exceeded the amount of money needed for the items suggested already. Well done to our school council for their success.

## Thank you

Once again we have been completely overwhelmed by the generosity of our parent community – or staffroom is brimming with Christmas sweets and treats for which we are very grateful! Thank you!

Please do look at our photo gallery for the term at the end of this newsletter!



### Diary Dates Spring 2024

Dates highlighted in grey are local Church services and not school church services.

Dates in **bold italic** are new dates since the previous newsletter

Date	Event
21 <sup>st</sup> Dec 2023 to 3 <sup>rd</sup> Jan 2024	Christmas Holiday
24 <sup>th</sup> December	Kings Ripton Church Service – Carol Service 5:00pm
25 <sup>th</sup> December	Abbots Ripton Church service – Christmas Praise 11:30am
4 <sup>th</sup> and 5 <sup>th</sup> January	Training days ~ School Closed
8 <sup>th</sup> January	Spring term 2024 begins
9 <sup>th</sup> January - 13 <sup>th</sup> February	Picasso Class swimming 1:30pm – 2:30pm
<b>11<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Reception/Year 1 dental check (only if you have received a letter)</b>
<b>4<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Picasso National Archives History workshop</b>
<b>26<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>'Feelings of Worry Workshop' delivered by our link Family Worker for all parents (9:15am)</b>
<b>19<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> February</b>	<b>Half Term</b>
<b>27<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Monet class visit to Peterborough Museum</b>
<b>29<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Year 6 Rotary Club Quiz</b>
<b>5<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Book Fair in School</b>
<b>7<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>World Book Day</b>
<b>13<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Kandinsky and Picasso theatre visit</b>
<b>28<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Church Service</b>
<b>28<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>End of Term</b>
<b>29<sup>th</sup> March – 14<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Easter Holiday</b>
<b>15<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Training day- School Closed</b>
<b>16<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Summer term 2024 begins</b>

*We wish you all a  
Merry Christmas and a  
Happy New Year*



# A few pictures from our busy Autumn Term 2023



**Picasso Class  
Graham Residential**



**MacMillan Cake Sale**



**Kandinsky trip to the  
local Solar Farm**







**Environment Club Harvest Potatoes!**

**Our Harvest Festival donations were taken to Kings Ripton Court in Huntingdon.**



**Whole School Life Education Bus visit**



**Van Gogh Class take part in Nursery Rhyme Week**



**Children in Need We raised £172!!**





**Christmas Lunch**



**Our Nativity!**







**Abbots Ripton Village  
Carol Service –  
Singing club**



**Picasso Class visit  
Rose Cottage  
Residential Home to  
sing Carols**



**Our Christingle Service  
The collection was £136  
thank you**



**THANK YOU** to our special **STARS** committee for all the fun this term!

From the welcome picnic for our new Reception families in October, Camp fire cook out, Movie Night and Wreath making in November to the many Christmas events including the Christmas Fair, Auction, Elfridges shop and Breakfast with Santa during December!! We are very lucky to have such a hard working group of parents! Thank you!!



**The Welcome Picnic**



**The Camp Fire Cookout**



**Christmas Fair**



**Wreath Making Workshop**



**Breakfast with Santa**