



# 24th March

## Spring 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.**

### Parent Questionnaire

We are delighted to be able to share with you an overview of the outcomes from the recent parent questionnaire. Overall the results are excellent and we continue to be grateful that our hard work is recognised by parents and that Abbots Ripton continues to be a place where children are happy, feel safe and learn in an environment of high expectations. Also, every parent completing the questionnaire would recommend our school to others and that speaks volume about how well we are doing.

Our thanks to all who completed the questionnaire – your feedback is incredibly valuable.

Statement	100% of parents agreed or strongly agreed
1. My child is happy at Abbots Ripton CofE Primary School	100%
2. My child feels safe at Abbots Ripton CofE Primary School.	100%
3. Abbots Ripton CofE Primary School makes sure its pupils are well behaved.	100%
4. My child has been bullied and the school dealt with the bullying quickly and effectively. (% shown for parents who responded that their child had been bullied)	100%
5. The school makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year.	100%
6. When I have raised concerns with the school they have been dealt with properly. (% shown for parents who responded that they had raised a concern)	90% (9 parents) with 1 response 'I don't know'
7. The school has high expectations for my child.	97% with 1 response 'I don't know'
8. My child is doing well at Abbots Ripton CofE Primary School.	100%
9. The school lets me know how my child is doing.	97%
10. There is a good range of subjects available to my child at Abbots Ripton CofE Primary.	97% with 1 response 'I don't know'

11. Does your child have special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND)? If yes My child has SEND, and the school gives them the support they need to succeed.	66% (2 parents) with 1 response 'disagree'
12. My child can take part in clubs and activities at this school.	79%
13. The school supports my child's wider personal development.	88% with 3 responses 'I don't know' and 1 response disagree
14. I would recommend this school to another parent.	100%

Only 79% of parents feel that their child can take part in clubs and activities; some of these responses were from parents of Reception age children as we don't offer any clubs to these children. However, 2 or 3 other parents wrote comments about the lack of and/or variety of clubs. I would like to take this opportunity to reiterate that we have invested a great deal of time in sourcing clubs but some providers won't engage with such a small school. When we asked parents for an expression of interest in clubs such as art last half term, there was minimal interest. We will continue in our efforts to increase the availability of clubs and if any parents are interested in running any clubs, please do let us know. Below are details of the clubs for next term.

### Clubs next term

Days	Club type	Who can attend	Times	Booking
Mondays	Football	Years 3 to 6	3:20-4:20pm	Flyer attached with details
Mondays	Singing	Years 1 to 6	3:20-4:20pm	Email the school office to reserve your place – payment details to follow
Tuesday	Lego	Years 1 to 6	3:20-4:20pm	Flyer attached with details
Wednesday	Multi-skills	Years 1 to 4	3:20-4:20pm	Flyer attached with details
Friday	Environmental Club	Reception – Year 6	12:30-1pm	No booking required

We were hoping that Twisters Gymnastics were going to start a club after Easter but they have now confirmed that due to staffing issues this may not happen until after half term. We will inform parents when and if they do confirm this.



### Comic Relief – Friday 17th March

The school looked very colourful last Friday as we supported Comic Relief. Many thanks to those who have donated already as we have raised an amazing £164. You are still able to donate via our JustGiving page which can be found [here](#).

### Holy Week Activities

With this newsletter we have included a flyer about the Holy Week walk which includes details of where you can join.

We are one Church Family in ten different villages, sharing God's love as we live our life's journey.



## Mathletics

As you are aware, all children from Years 1 to 6 have a Mathletics account to support them with consolidating and practising their mathematics. Mathletics units mirror the learning in school so are a brilliant way to rehearse skills. However, having monitored the accounts over the last half term, we only have around the half of the school who are accessing learning regularly. The accounts are charged per pupil and so we are looking to cancel the accounts of children who are not accessing them. Our hope is that all children will access them, however, if they are not, then this money is wasted.



Therefore, please complete the form found [here](#) to let us know whether you would like your child to have an account. In requesting an account, there is an expectation that it is accessed regularly to support learning at home. Many thanks.

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## Safer Schools Newsletter

With this newsletter we have sent the Safer Schools newsletter from Cambridgeshire Constabulary which is designed to support and advise parents and carers of both primary and secondary school aged children.

### Rotary Citizen Awards

We recently nominated 2 of our amazing pupils, Charlotte and Florence for a Rotary Stars Young Citizen Award. This award recognises and rewards primary school age children for acts of good citizenship. Both girls have shown amazing citizenship by donating their hair to The Little Princess Trust, who make real-hair wigs for children and young people experiencing the

devastating effects of hair loss. Both collected sponsorship for having their hair cut too, raising almost £2000 between them.

The girls were delighted to receive their certificate, a book token and badge today which was presented by the president elect of the local area Rotary Club, Peter Downes. We are very, very proud of them both!



## Farewell

This week we said a sad farewell to Rev'd Mandy as she has a new role in a benefice south of Cambridge. We have been incredibly well supported by Mandy over the last few years and the children have enjoyed her worship in school. We are very fortunate that Rev'd Fiona has offered to support her in the interim and we hope to introduce Fiona to the children at the Easter Service next week.



## STARS news

As you know, STARS plays an important role in supporting the school and fostering a sense of community. With a new group of volunteers in named roles, it felt like an ideal time to review and update some of the work of STARS including digitising our banking, reviewing our constitution & policies and many other initiatives. As such, over the last few weeks, Daisy has been very busy reviewing and designing some new logos for STARS.

Daisy presented STARS members with 3 options and an almost unanimous vote was for the new logo above!

## Bag 2 School



The children have received their bags today so please do fill them with your unwanted items. If you are not likely to fill your bags, please do send them back to school after the Easter holidays for others to use!

Bag to School will accept the following **'good quality'** items for RE-USE:

- Men's, Ladies' and Children's clothing
- Paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around)
- Handbags
- Hats
- Bags
- Scarves and ties
- Jewellery
- Lingerie
- Socks
- Belts
- Soft toys
- Household linen
- Household curtains
- Household towels
- Household bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers)

They **DO NOT** accept:

- Duvets and blankets
- Pillows and cushions
- Carpets, rugs and mats (including bath, shower and toilet mats)
- Soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing
- School uniforms with and without logo
- Corporate clothing and workwear
- Textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material

Please bring your bags to school on the morning of **20<sup>th</sup> April ONLY**. We will not be storing the bags so they should be dropped on the grass at the front of the school in the morning at school drop off.

### Future dates

With the newsletter we have sent a flyer about future dates – more details will follow but please do add them to your diary!



### Diary Dates Spring / Summer 2023

**All new dates are added in bold and italic.**

Date	Event
28 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent coffee morning with the Emotional Health and Wellbeing practitioner – please contact the office to book.
31 <sup>st</sup> March	Easter Service in St. Andrew's Church – 9:30am
31 <sup>st</sup> March	End of Term
17 <sup>th</sup> April	Teacher Training Day – School closed
18 <sup>th</sup> April	Summer Term begins
20 <sup>th</sup> April	STARS Bags to School Collection
<b>21<sup>st</sup> April</b>	<b><i>School disco – more details to follow</i></b>
1 <sup>st</sup> May	May Bank Holiday – school closed
2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Class Group Photographs
4 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 1 Football Festival
<b>5<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b><i>Coronation picnic (parents invited) more details to follow</i></b>
8 <sup>th</sup> May	Extra Bank Holiday for the coronation of King Charles 111 – school closed
9 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATS week
<b>14<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b><i>Park Run takeover – more details to follow</i></b>
26 <sup>th</sup> May	Kandinsky Bikeability
29 <sup>th</sup> May – 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Half Term
5 <sup>th</sup> June	Teacher Training Day – school closed
6 <sup>th</sup> June	Summer Term begins
16 <sup>th</sup> June	STARS Father's Day shop
<b>16<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b><i>STARS Movie Night – more details to follow</i></b>
8 <sup>th</sup> July	STARS Summer Fair
<b>15<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b><i>Starry Starry Night Festival – more details to follow</i></b>
19 <sup>th</sup> July	End of summer term