



5th December

Autumn Term B 2022 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 know the newsletter normally comes out on a Friday but with all the preparations for the Christmas Fayre and decorating morning, we decided that you wouldn't have time to read it! Therefore, we have sent this today – please do read and book for events using the QR code below if you wish your children to join in.

Year 6 SATs dates

As you may be aware, the King's Coronation means an additional bank holiday on Monday 8th May next year. This was scheduled to be the first day of the Year 6 SATs tests so these will now begin on Tuesday 9th and will include a test on Friday 12th.



Christmas Dinner / Christmas Jumper Day on 14th December

Christmas lunch flyers have come home today. If your child does not have a school lunch on a Wednesday and you wish them to join us for Christmas lunch then please send in the form so we can book the appropriate meals. The deadline for booking a Christmas lunch is **Monday 12th at the latest**. The menu on offer that day will only be the Christmas lunch so no Jacket Potatoes option. Allergies will be catered for as normal.

We are inviting children to wear a Christmas jumper to school instead of their school jumper/cardigan on Christmas Lunch Day (14th December). This is the day before the official fundraising day for Save the Children and we are not asking for a donation. However, if you would like to make a donation to Save the Children we would be happy to bank these on your behalf.

Tickets for this year's Nativity are now on sale!

Rehearsals are under way for this year's nativity performance which will be performed on **Monday 12th and Tuesday 13th December**. We sent home booking forms for tickets on Friday. Tickets are allocated on a first come first served basis and seats are numbered. If you wish to book tickets please return the form to the school office by **Friday 9th December**. If we have any spare tickets after this date we will let you know.

Chicken Pox and Shingles

We have been informed that two more children at school have been confirmed with cases of Chicken Pox. Please be aware if you are in a vulnerable group.

Christmas Cards



The Christmas post box is out now. If your child would like to send Christmas cards then please encourage them to “post” them in the box. The cards will be sorted and delivered straight to the classes each day. Please help us by including the class or year group on the front of the card as we have several children in the school with the same name and we want to make sure that all cards go to the right person!

St Andrews Church - Carol service

On Sunday 18th December, St Andrews Church will be holding its annual Carol Service from 6pm and we would like to invite all the children and parents to join them. During the service we are hoping that some of the children would like to sing a selection of carols. If your child would like to take part - please let the school office know just so we have an idea of numbers. All are welcome to join us at this festive time of year.

Family Worker

The December newsletter from Zoe Hope, our family worker, can be found [here](#).

Hair bands

Please can we remind you that if your child has long hair it must be tied back while they are in school. The band must also be in keeping with school colours i.e. blue or black.



STARS News

Thank you so much to everyone who supported our Christmas

Fayre last Friday. Money is being counted and details of the amount raised will be announced shortly.



The new Committee

Following the EGM on Wednesday 23rd November the new committee was elected as follows:

Chair - James Stevens

Vice Chair - Kags Alexander-Cahill

Secretary and comms - Holly Jones

Treasurers - Kerrie and Tim Finlay-Bonner

STARS Auction

The STARS Auction is now live! Do take a look!

We have all sorts of fantastic gifts and promises to auction to suit all budgets and tastes. Thank you to everyone who has donated. Some of the highlights include:

- Two tickets to the Secret Garden Party
- A gin-tasting session for up to 10 people at Roundwood Gin
- A visit from superstar Sammy The Pony
- A shopkeeper experience at the Abbots Ripton village shop
- An amazing morning of childcare from Mrs Matthews, featuring a trip to the cinema and a visit to McDonalds!

And so much more!

Auction Catalogue can be found [here](#).

Auction Bidding can be done [here](#).

Bidding closes on the 9th December so do get your bid in now! Please share this beyond the school community so that we get the best bids!

Wreath Making

Wreath making is this evening, starting at 7pm, for those who have booked. Do remember to bring your own secateurs with you. We look forward to seeing your creations.

Santa's Breakfast is on Friday 16th December from 8am - 8.50am in the school hall. Father Christmas will join the children for breakfast too! We hear that he will be advising on what to do to stay on the nice list!

Breakfast on offer will be cereals, waffles and pancakes - dietary requirements will be catered for too. Book via PTA events - QR code below. If your child usually attends Rise and Shine and you purchase breakfast with Santa, you will not be charged for this session.

Elfridges Gift Shop is also on Friday 16th December! Visiting Elfridges Gift Shop gives the children a chance to buy little gifts for parents, grandparents and loved ones. Children can bring cash to school or amounts can be pre-paid via PTA Events on the QR code below too. We have some great items which will range from £1 to £3.





Diary Dates Autumn 2022 / Spring 2023

All new dates are added in bold and italic.

Date	Event
5 th December	STARS Wreath Making ~ 7:00pm in the school hall
8 th December	Rose Cottage Care Home residents joining us for lunch
12 th December	Foundation/KS1 Nativity Performance ~ 2:15pm
13 th December	Foundation/KS1 Nativity Performance ~ 9:30am and 2:15pm
14 th December	Whole School Christmas Lunch including Christmas Jumper day
20 th December	Whole School trip to Dick Whittington Panto
21 st December	Christmas Christingle Service ~ 9:30am in the church
21 st December	End of term
22 nd Dec 2022 to 5 rd Jan 2023	Christmas Holiday
4 th January	Training day ~ School Closed
5 th January	Spring term 2023 begins
11 th January – 8 th February	Picasso Class swimming 1:30pm – 2:30pm
12 th January	Family worker meeting for Van Gogh parents 2:30pm
19 th January	Young Voices concert at the O2
24 th January	Year 3 Football festival
W/C 20 th February	Picasso Bikeability