



# End of Term News

## 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 finally made it to the end of term! We have had a packed term with so many exciting opportunities for our children as well as learning which has filled the children with knowledge and skills. My heartfelt thanks to the whole school community who make us such an amazing place to be. Our SIAMS inspection this term was truly excellent and I am so very proud to lead such an amazing team of dedicated, hardworking staff and such eager, kind and respectful children.

We wish you all a very peaceful Christmas and look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.

### Christingle



We really enjoyed our service this morning, and hope that you did too. It is important that we remember the true meaning of Christmas and this service helps all of us to do that. Our thanks to those who attended and also a well done to our amazing children.

### Pantomime

We all had a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon at the panto yesterday. We hope the children have shared how much they enjoyed it – some of them were completely absorbed by the story and everyone loved clapping and singing along.

Our thanks to STARS who supported the cost of this Christmas treat for the children.

### A special message!

We received an amazing message for Van Gogh and Monet classes today from Father Christmas himself! The children were delighted to hear how proud of them he was. If you would like to watch our message for yourselves, it can be found [here](#).



### Swimming next term



Picasso Class will be swimming as part of their PE curriculum next half term every Wednesday afternoon. They will travel by coach to the One Leisure Pool in Huntingdon. A letter and payment plan has been sent home with your child for you to complete and return to give your child permission to travel to and from the pool by coach, and to take part in the lessons. Please ensure that we have the permission slip returned by Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January.

### Goodbyes

We have said a sad goodbye to Darcie, Elise and Paige today. They are moving to their catchment school in January. We will be sad to see you go but wish you every success in the future. Do keep in touch.

## Rise and Shine club

As mentioned in a previous email, Mrs Richardson will be running Rise and Shine before school from January. Any child who is already booked will continue with the same days unless we are informed via email to the school office. If you would like to make any adhoc bookings, these can now be done directly through the school office.



## A message from our new Chair of Governors

Earlier this term, James Harrison took over the very important role of Chair of Governors from Robin Price who had been in the position for 12 years. He has written a brief message to our parent community below:

*I am writing to introduce myself since Robin has now stepped down as Chair, but remains as a valued Governor, and I have agreed to step into his rather impressive shoes.*

*Having arrived in the village in 2018, one of the deciding factors for us in choosing the village as a location to settle and grow roots, was based on the fact there was a school in Abbots Ripton. However, what I did not appreciate was the quality, achievements and ability that emanates from this amazing school.*

*Having listened to past parents, recent leavers, current parents and children, the love and pride that is instilled in everyone who passes through the school is astonishing and I can only put that down to one constant, the amazing staff team, many of whom I have now had the privilege of meeting.*

*I am honoured to be taking this position with the experience and support of the Vice Chair, Liz Pendered.*

*I look forward to meeting you soon and would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy Christmas and an enjoyable start to the new year.*



## Menus next term

We have decided to continue with our current menu until February half term when we plan to introduce a spring/summer menu.

When we return on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January the meal choice will be macaroni cheese, vegetable pasta or jacket potato and the Friday choice will be fish fingers/quorn nuggets and chips or a jacket potato. We will give the children this choice on the day and our menu will resume on week 1 from Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January.

If your child is in Van Gogh or Monet we will continue with the choices that you made for them unless you let us know of any changes by Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January.

This term, we have noticed several children who have booked a hot school lunch (chosen by you) who then bring a packed lunch to school. This leads to wasted food so we would appreciate notice of this change via email the day before. Your support with this is appreciated.



Diary Dates Spring 2023

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

Date	Event
22 <sup>nd</sup> Dec 2022 - 5 <sup>rd</sup> Jan 2023	Christmas Holiday
4 <sup>th</sup> January	Training day ~ School Closed
5 <sup>th</sup> January	Spring term 2023 begins
11 <sup>th</sup> January – 8 <sup>th</sup> February	Picasso Class swimming 1:30pm – 2:30pm
12 <sup>th</sup> January	Family worker meeting for Van Gogh parents 2:30pm
19 <sup>th</sup> January	Young Voices concert at the O2
24 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 3 Football festival
W/C 20 <sup>th</sup> February	Picasso Bikeability
26 <sup>th</sup> May	Kandinsky Bikeability