



19th January

Spring Term A 2024 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



Van Gogh Class – Raptor Foundation

The Raptor Foundation from Woodhurst is visiting Van Gogh class on 1st February to enhance their topic of, 'Understanding the World'. 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, please send this in an envelope clearly marked Raptor Foundation.

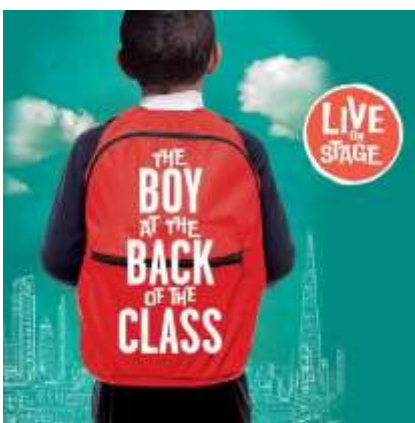
Monet Class – Peterborough Museum

As you may have noticed from the diary dates, Monet Class will be going to Peterborough Museum on 27th February. The history topic this term is The Three Nurses; Edith Cavell, Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole. At the museum, they will learn about how these women contributed to medical practice, with a particular focus on Edith Cavell. From 1857 to 1928, the museum building was the Peterborough Infirmary, the first hospital for the city.



The trip will be during the school day and all children will require a packed lunch which we will eat at the museum. School uniform should be worn.

Please click [here](#) to access the google form for costs and permission for your child to attend.



Kandinsky and Picasso are off to the theatre!

We have reserved tickets to take KS2 to the Cambridge Arts Theatre on 13th March to watch a performance of "The boy at the back of the class".

The show is based on the book by Onjali Q. Rauf; *There used to be an empty chair at the back of the class, but now a new boy called Ahmet is sitting in it. He's nine years old (just like me), but he's very strange. He never talks and never smiles and doesn't like sweets – not even lemon sherbets, which are my favourite!*

After learning that he has fled his own war-torn country, Ahmet's classmates have 'The Greatest Idea in the World' – a magnificent plan to reunite Ahmet with his family. An unexpected and often hilarious adventure follows, all topped off with a terrific twist. The English unit of work before and after this visit, as well as some PSHE learning about acceptance, tolerance and friendship, will be linked to this heart-warming performance.

The visit is during the school day and children will require a packed lunch on this day. Please click [here](#) to access the google form for costs and to give permission for your child to attend.

Walking across the grass when icy

You may have noticed that when the ground is particularly icy, we have been asking the children to walk across the field to enter school via the door by Monet classroom. Please remind children of this as our playground can be very slippery during cold weather. We have been gritting the paths but sometimes they are still icy so grass is much safer to walk across. Many thanks for your support with this.

Reading challenge!

The school librarians have launched a new challenge this half term! The flier is attached but they are asking children to have a photograph reading in an unusual place. There will be a prize for the most unusual place in each class. Please send in a photograph of your child to the office by Monday 12th February. Please be aware that we will be printing and displaying these pictures in school.



Dinner money for this half term

If you haven't sent in your dinner money for this half term please do so as we really do struggle to hold debts particularly as we near the end of the financial year. If you have any concerns about being able to pay your debts, please do come and speak to us as soon as possible.

Email communication

We have been notified that sometimes emails from school; either the Info@ email for newsletters or office@email for individual communication, are going into junk email boxes. Please can you check your emails have not been sent to junk and if so set a rule so that emails can be received.

Our School Prayer

Dear Lord,
All together we are Abbots Ripton School
Bless each one of us this day
Bring joy to our lives
Open our hearts to peace
Together we pray to you our Father
Stand by us as we grow.

May we
Reflect your goodness
In all that we do
Protect the world around us and
Take care of your creation,
Our family and friends we trust to your care
Now and forever we say
Amen.



Diary Dates Spring / Summer 2024

All new dates are added in bold and italic.

Date	Event
23 rd January	Basketball Competition 4pm – 6pm
24 th January	Picasso National Archives Workshop
26 th January	Family Worker – Feelings of Worry Workshop for Parents 9:30am (previously 9am but feel free to come in for a coffee!)
<i>1st February</i>	<i>Raptor Foundation visit for Van Gogh Class</i>
8 th February	Year 6 Parent Consultations (early to share SATs information) 2pm-6pm
13 th February	Gymnastics Competition 11am – 1pm
19 th – 23 rd February	Half Term
27 th February	Monet Class to Peterborough Museum
27 th February	Quick Sticks Hockey Competition 12.30pm – 4pm
29 th February	Year 6 Rotary Quiz (evening)
6 th March	Parent Consultations 3.30pm – 7.30pm
7 th March	Parent Consultations 3.30pm – 5.30pm
6 th and 7 th March	Book Fair in School (during Parent Consultations)
8 th March	STARS Mother's Day shop
8 th March	World Book Day – dress as a book character
13 th March	Kandinsky and Picasso visit to Arts Theatre in Cambridge
15 th March	Comic Relief Day
19 th March	Netball Competition 4pm – 6pm
28 th March	Easter Service in St. Andrew's Church 9:30am
28 th March	End of Term
29 th March – 14 th April	Easter Holidays
15 th April	Teacher Training Day – School closed
16 th April	Summer Term begins
16 th April	Girls Football Competition 10am – 12 noon
30 th April	Class Group Photos
6 th May	May Bank Holiday – school closed
13 th – 16 th May	Year 6 SATS week
27 th – 31 st May	Half Term
3 rd June	Summer Term begins
11 th June	Vision Screening
19 th July	End of summer term