



16th June

Summer 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.

Class structure for next year

I am delighted to be able to share with you the class structure for next academic year. You will, I am sure, be pleased to see that all teaching staff will be remaining at school!

| Van Gogh Class | Monet class | Kandinsky | Picasso |
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| Reception | Years 1&2 | Year 3&4 | Year 5&6 |
| Mrs Wilcock | Mrs Grover, Mrs MacLeod and Miss Slater | Mrs Hawthorne | Mrs Jackson |

Parents of children in Monet class will notice there are 3 teachers named above. Mrs Grover and Mrs MacLeod will teach the children in 2 separate year groups in the mornings – Monday to Thursday - Mrs MacLeod will teach Year 1 and Mrs Grover will teach Year 2. The children will then come together as a whole class in the afternoons and on Fridays. Miss Slater will teach them a Thursday afternoon and all day on a Friday.

As you can see, Mrs Hawthorne will be full time in Kandinsky class. Mrs Whales will still be with us but she will be working across the school to cover teacher release time.

Term dates

You already have a copy of the term dates for next academic year (2023/2024) but for your forward planning please find attached a copy of the term dates for 2024/2025. Please check these carefully if you are booking holidays as we have seen an increase in families taking their children out of school at the start or end of term times. Many thanks.

Do you have what it takes to become a School Governor?

Just a reminder that we currently have a vacancy for a Parent Governor to join our hard working Governing Body. Information about this important role and the process for applying has been sent home today. Please can all nominations be sent to the Clerk to Governors (clerk@abbotsripton.cambs.sch.uk) **by Friday 23rd June**. If you have any questions about this role, again please feel free to email the clerk on the address above.



Sports Day – Wednesday 14th June

Thank you everyone who joined us for Sports Day. We were very proud of all the children who showed such great sportsmanship and team work.

KS2 play – Peter Pan

Booking forms for tickets have been sent home today!! A hard copy has been sent home with your children and we have attached an electronic version to the newsletter email too. Seats are allocated on a first come, first served basis. The tickets cost £2 each and this supports us with the cost of the performance license, costumes and props. Cash or cheque payment only – please do not pay direct into the bank account for tickets.

Picasso Class Careers Fair

We are hoping to run a mini Careers Fair for our Year 5 and 6 children which will involve them meeting and interviewing people from a range of careers/jobs. We hope to make this an annual event for the children as we feel that it is so beneficial for them to meet and learn about the world of work beyond school. If you are happy to talk about your role/career with the children, and are able to come to school on Friday 14th July at 9:15am until break time at 10:30am we would be hugely grateful. In small groups the children will 'interview' you about how you started in your role, what academic success was needed, what the best part of your role is, what the most challenging part of your role is, what a typical day looks like etc. please do let us know. Please email the office letting us know what your role/career is so that we can ensure that we have a wide range.



The STARS team held a successful Father's Day shop today and the Movie night is now in full swing. Just a reminder for Summer Fair donations below:

Summer Fair

Saturday 8th July 12pm – 3pm

We would love donations of the following:

- Bottles of wine (please make sure these are handed into the school office) – WATER OR WINE STALL
- Filled jars – please fill with anything that children might enjoy (sweets, lego, hair accessories, toiletries) – JAM JAR TOMBOLA
- Any second hand good quality uniform – UNIFORM STALL
- Good quality, clean soft toys – TEDDY TOMBOLA



All donations can be sent into school from **Friday 30th June.**

Raffle

Raffle tickets have come home today. Please sell as many to friends and family as you can and return the slips and money to the school office, along with any unsold books. If you need more books to sell please pop into the office to collect more.

A Non Uniform day will be on **FRIDAY 30th JUNE**. Please bring in a donation on that day in lieu of your child being in non-uniform' With your donations we will create hampers in the theme of '**A day in the garden**' and '**A day at the beach**'. Use your imagination as to what you would choose to add to these – any donations would be gratefully received.



Starry Starry Night

Tickets will soon be on sale for our first ever **School Camp Out – Starry Starry Night**.

This special event will be a really unique experience with fun for all the (immediate) family.

Make sure the dates are in the diary as this is not to be missed – Midday Saturday 15th July to midday 16th July. Keep a look out for posters with booking details.



Diary Dates Summer 2023

All new dates are added in bold and italic.

| Date | Event |
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| 22 nd June | Van Gogh parent workshop 8:50am – rearranged date |
| 5 th July | Year 4 and Year 5 parents meeting for Residential Trip planned in September 2023 2:45pm |
| 8 th July | STARS Summer Fair: 12pm – 3pm |
| 11 th and 12 th July | KS2 Production – Peter Pan |
| <i>14th July</i> | <i>Picasso Class Careers Fair</i> |
| 15 th July | Starry Starry Night Event – more details to follow |
| 17 th July | Year 6 Leavers Assembly - 9:30am |
| 18 th July | Church Service 9:30am – everyone welcome |
| 19 th July | End of summer term |