

STARS

Annual Review

2023 / 2024 Academic Year



STARS (Support Team for Abbots Ripton School) is a registered charity and the PTA (Parent Teacher Association) set up to support and raise funds for Abbots Ripton C of E School.

We organise and run fundraising & community-engagement events, to supplement school budgets and unite the school community.

This year we were involved in over 25 initiatives.
The total funding given to the school was in excess of
£14,000

Our number one funding initiative was a donation of £10,000 towards the costs of the new Cabin Classroom.

Additional donations from STARS helped towards the costs of Books, Technology equipment, Kings Coronation celebrations, Easter celebrations, new furniture and storage systems, and subsidising events and trips for the pupils.



ELECTED COMMITTEE 2023/24

Chair	James Stevens (Trustee)
Vice-Chair	Kags Alexander-Cahill
Secretary	Holly Jones (Trustee)
Communications	Emma Wadsworth
Treasurer	Tim Bonner (Trustee)
Raffles & Lotteries	Jo Brett-Orchard

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT 2023/24

The last academic year has been another great year for STARS, regardless of the disruptive weather and a summer that never quite got going; always a challenge for our outdoor events! All our initiatives were well supported by the school community, and on occasion the wider community beyond, and many proved to be significant fund raisers thanks to everyone's generosity.

This generosity does not go unnoticed, and is hugely appreciated by STARS and of course the Staff and pupils at Abbots Ripton C of E School. So a big thank you to everyone who has supported the things we do.

The Charity

STARS is a registered charity (Charity Number: 1149390) with Trustees and a Constitution, its governing documents guide our activities, and we have a full set of accounts to show how we have raised and used the funds raised. All supporting documents are available to be viewed by request.

Highlights

Some of the highlights of this year's STARS activities include, as always, events such as the in-school shops. The Summer Fair, which was on, then off, then on again thanks to the weather, was much more successful than we could have hoped for given it was held on a weekday afternoon. It was great to have some new faces join our annual helpers for this event.

The All STARS Ultraviolet Disco was a big hit too. The children singing along to the SpongeBob Squarepants theme song is still ringing in many of our ears!

Additional details of events are presented in our STARS INITIATIVE REVIEW 2023/24.

Benefits

The school has benefitted from the actions of STARS in a number of ways this year, most significantly our contribution of £10,000.00 towards the costs of the new cabin classroom. These substantial gifts are thanks to the generosity of the school community and the careful managing of finances by STARS.

Thanks

There are many people who have helped to make STARS a success this year, the core volunteer team of Trustees and Elected Committee Members have worked to keep the PTA up to standards expected of charities, ensuring we are good stewards of the funds raised.

Special thanks must be given to our outgoing Secretary and Trustee, Holly Jones. Holly's years given to these roles within STARS have made a real impact, having helped deliver many excellent projects and events. It is no small thing being a Trustee sharing responsibility for a charity, and her time given to this is appreciated.

Huge thanks also go to Tim Bonner, our outgoing Treasurer and Trustee. Tim has helped reform the STARS financial policies, and has driven significant positive change in our banking systems. Tim's dedication and diligence will be missed.

The STARS Elected Committee team won't be the same without either of them.

STARS is also very grateful to the wider team of regular volunteers who are always prepared to help make great initiatives a reality.

Be A STAR!

We work hard to be inclusive as a PTA and love working with like-minded people.

Without people joining the team STARS can't function - it's hard to imagine a school year without all the fun events for the children, let alone the resources and trip subsidies the fundraising provides.

Looking Ahead

You'll be pleased to know that the STARS Team is already planning lots of initiatives for the 2024/25 school year, however, as always we need your support to make them happen.

Here's to a great new season of fundraising!

STARS INITIATIVES REVIEW

STARS initiatives focus on a combination of **FUNDRAISING** for the school, and **COMMUNITY EVENTS** where our goal is to enhance the school community. This document reflects the initiatives STARS have successfully run in the last year. In a recent OFSTED inspection it was commented that "Pupils benefit greatly from the school's community engagement. The parent-teacher association organises many memorable fundraising and extra-curricular experiences".

DONATIONS



STARS purchased Easter Eggs for all school children every Easter. This Easter we also received a donation of eggs surplus to our needs so we donated them to the local children's hospital.



SUMMER FAIR



Held at School and open to the public, this event includes a raffle, food & drink stalls, game stalls, external vendors, and a Bouncy Castle.



KRISPY KREME FUNDRAISING



We held our first ever Krispy Kreme fundraiser. Parents could order the original glazed doughnuts in packs of 1 or 12.



FATHER'S DAY SHOP

Friday 14th June | During School

STARS have handpicked a selection of amazing gifts from just £1! Let your child choose their favourite and show their gratitude this Father's Day!



FATHER'S DAY SHOP

Held in the School Hall, children are able to select and purchase gifts ranging from £1 - £5 per item.

ELFRIDGES SHOP



Held in the School Hall, children were able to select and purchase gifts for the whole family, ranging from £1 - £5 per item.



CHRISTMAS FAIR



Held at the Village Hall, this event included a raffle, food & drinks stalls, game stalls external vendor stalls and Santa's Grotto.



BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Held in the School Hall, children enjoyed a festive breakfast with a surprise special guest - Santa!

CHRISTMAS WREATH MAKING

NOV | 29 | 7.30pm

ALLEQUIPMENT WILL BE PROVIDED, PLEASE BRING SECATEURS AND GLOVES ABBOTS RIPTON SCHOOL.



WREATH MAKING

A workshop held in the School Hall where attendees enjoyed a glass of fizz while being expertly tutored in the art of wreath making.



STARS INITIATIVE REVIEW

STARS PRESENTS
Mother's Day Shop
FRIDAY 8TH MARCH
DURING SCHOOL

STARS have a selection of lovely gifts for

 **MOTHER'S DAY SHOP**

Held in the School Hall, children were able to select and purchase gifts ranging from £1 - £5 per item.

 **WELCOME PICNIC**

Held at the School. New pupils & their families were welcomed to School with a BYO picnic. Newcomers also received a welcome gift.

STARS INVITE YOU TO
A WELCOME PICNIC
welcome new families to the sc


Tuck Shop
Friday 24th May

 **TUCKSHOPS**

Held after School in the playground. Sweet treats for the kids and their adults.

BAGS2SCHOOL 

The school community donated their unwanted clothes which were weighed in to raise funds for the school.



MAKE DO AND MEND 


Held at school on frequent Saturdays, volunteers support the school by completing groundskeeping, gardening & maintenance jobs.


JOIN US FOR
Make Do & Mend

MOVIE *night*
SAVE THE DATE
24TH NOVEMBER 2023
3.20pm till end of movie
STAY TUNED...
MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW

 **MOVIE NIGHTS**

Held in the School Hall, pupils enjoy films on a big screen after school. Tickets included a snack box of treats.


PRELOVED UNIFORM 

Offering quality checked secondhand uniform items for a small donation. The shop was set-up at events throughout the school year.

Shorts
Skirts
Trousers
Dresses

Jumpers
Cardigans

School bags

SCHOOL LOTTERY 

As a passive income source for STARS, the school community can opt into a lottery, where they can win money prizes to keep or donate to the school.


Your School Lottery 22 Oct 2022
to me


WE HAVE A WINNER

Congratulations!

SCHOOL DISCO 

Held in the Village Hall, the children got dressed to impress and danced the night away to their favourite tunes!

 **ULTRAVIOLET ALL STARS DISCO**
6-8 PM | FRIDAY 10 MAY
ABBOTS RIPTON VILLAGE HALL

CHRISTMAS AUCTION 

Launched at the Christmas Fair, families could bid online for lots donated by the local community.

STARS ANNUAL AUCTION

FOOD & DRINK
SEASONAL HA
MEAL
BAGS OUT

There's something for everyone in the Annual STARS Auction. Maybe you're looking for a unique birthday or Christmas gift for that special person, or you just want to treat yourself!

Remember you are not just purchasing an item, you are generously supporting child education and their futures. Bid as high as you can, and don't forget to add a few pence on to ensure yours is the highest unique bid at the end of the auction.



THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR ONGOING SUPPORT

EVERYONE IN THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY IS INVITED TO BE PART OF STARS



You can help support STARS by:

- ATTENDING & TAKING PART IN EVENTS
- VOLUNTEERING YOUR TIME OR EXPERTISE
- ATTENDING STARS MEETINGS TO HAVE YOUR SAY
- PARTICIPATING IN THE SCHOOL LOTTERY

STARS FACEBOOK GROUP

Join STARS on Facebook - we have a closed Facebook Group for the parents/carers of children who attend our school, where we post information about our events. *Please note that this run by parents, for parents and is not the main notification site for school information. This is reported in the newsletters and flyers received directly from school, and also uploaded to the school website.*

Visit www.facebook.com/groups/1489422241352109/

SCHOOL LOTTERY

Join our School Lottery! It's a quick, easy & cost-effective way for us to raise funds for our school. Tickets cost just £1 and all profits go to our school with a local cash prize every week & the chance to win the jackpot of £25,000!

- Visit www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/abbots-ripton-primary-school
- Click on the red 'Buy Tickets' button
- Then follow the prompts

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