



At A Glance

School news Update

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.

Welcome

Welcome back after our Easter holidays – we do hope everyone has had a lovely time and enjoyed some of the amazing sunshine!

We are delighted to welcome back Clemmie to our Picasso class. Also, we have had two new children start, Hector joins Monet Class in Year 2 and Samuel joins us in Van Gogh class.



Diary Dates

We have added some new dates to the diary; do please have a look at what is coming up. More information for our King's Coronation picnic will be sent home tomorrow.

Make do and Mend – this Saturday 10am to 2pm

This Saturday is our first make do and mend event for families. This is an opportunity for parents to spend some time supporting us with odd jobs around the grounds – as a small school we rely on support from parents as we don't have a caretaker and any time offered is always appreciated. If you are able to bring a range of tools with you that would be great too. On Saturday we will have a list of 'jobs' as well as general tidying of beds, weeding etc.

We will provide lunch and refreshments as a thank you!

Please do remember that if you plan to come as a family, your children are your responsibility at all times and the only access to the school will be for the toilets.

Class photos

On Tuesday 2nd May we are having the class photographs taken for you to purchase if you so wish. Details on how to order will be sent home on the day.



School Day



The school day runs from 8:50am – 3:20pm. Please ensure that your child has arrived by 8:50am so they can start the day promptly and on time; it can be very unsettling for children when they arrive after their peers.

STARS news

Just a reminder for the following:



Please bring your bags to school on the morning of **20th April ONLY**. We will not be storing the bags so they should be dropped on the grass at the front of the school in the morning at school drop off. If you have filled the bag sent home then black bin bags are also acceptable. Thank you in advance.

This Friday from 6pm – 8pm at Abbots Ripton Village Hall is the All STARS Disco. Tickets are £4.00 each and for more booking information please see attached flyer. Do come along and join in the fun.



A few new term reminders



Contacting members of staff

When contacting a member of staff, whether it is to make an appointment, or just with a query, please ensure that you do so through the main office and not directly to a personal email. This is so we can make sure that if an appointment etc. needs to be organised/changed we are aware of it.

Also, please can we remind you again that the email account that the newsletters are sent from is **not** checked. The **ONLY** email address to contact us on is:
office@abbotsripton.cambs.sch.uk

PE kits

Please see below for the days this term that your child will need to come into school in their PE kit. Some lessons will be gymnastics or dance so will require indoor kit e.g. t-shirt and shorts but please ensure that your child wears tracksuit bottoms too so they can stay warm enough for the day!

Van Gogh: Thursday (indoor) and Friday (outdoor)

Monet: Wednesday (indoor) and Friday (outdoor)

Kandinsky: Friday (outdoor)

Picasso: Thursday (indoor)

Monies sent into school

Please ensure that any monies sent into the school have the name of child and reason for the money clearly marked on the outside of the envelope. Similarly, any money paid directly by bank transfer should have your child's name as the payment reference.

Lunches

For the first half of the Summer 2023 term the cost will be £64.80 A polite reminder that lunches must be paid for in advance as the school does not have the cash flow to allow debts to accrue.

If you are paying direct into the bank account then please follow this up with an email to school with the amount paid and for whom. Also, please put your child's name on the bank transfer for reference.



Clubs information

Clubs start next week and information was sent home before Easter on the clubs available.

Update of contact details

Please let us know via email if you have changed any of your contact details e.g. mobile telephone number, just so we can update our records. Thank you.

Uniform

Please can you check that ALL uniform, including coats and hats are labelled with your child's full name, not initials, especially any new items that you have bought. This is particularly important for cardigans and sweatshirts as children tend to remove these regularly.



We have noticed that some children are frequently not adhering to our uniform policy. Please support us with ensuring that your child has the correct uniform including black school shoes on non PE days. This includes not wearing jewellery with the exception of small stud earring and also nail varnish. Many thanks.

Collective Worship

Our worship this term will not focus on one of our school values, but instead we will focus on learning about the King's Coronation. Children will reflect on his role as the Head of the Church of England and what this means. We will also think about what it means to 'serve others' and how we can 'serve' within our communities.



Diary Dates

Please see below the diary dates for the Summer 2023 term
Any new dates added in the future will be in bold and italics

Date	Event
18 th April	Summer Term begins
20 th April	STARS Bags to School Collection
21 st April	STARS School disco – see attached flyer
22 nd April	STARS Make Do and Mend
<i>26th April</i>	<i>STARS meeting – 7.30pm in the school hall</i>
1 st May	May Bank Holiday – school closed
2 nd May	Class Group Photographs
4 th May	Year 1 Football Festival
5 th May	Coronation picnic (parents invited) more details to follow
8 th May	Extra Bank Holiday for the coronation of King Charles III – school closed
9 th – 12 th May	Year 6 SATS week
11 th May	Year 5 Maths Challenge
<i>21st May</i>	<i>STARS Park Run takeover – note date change - more details to follow</i>
22 nd and 24 th May	Picasso Class National Archives workshop
26 th May	Kandinsky Bikeability
29 th May – 2 nd June	Half Term
5 th June	Teacher Training Day – school closed
6 th June	Summer Term begins
9 th June	Picasso Class First Aid Training

14th June	Sports Day afternoon – 1:15pm. Everyone invited.
15th June	New Foundation Parents meeting 7:00pm
16 th June	STARS Father's Day shop
16 th June	STARS Movie Night – more details to follow
21st June	Sports Day afternoon (reserve) – 1:15pm. Everyone invited.
5th July	Year 4 and Year 5 parents meeting for Residential Trip planned in September 2023 2:45pm
8 th July	STARS Summer Fair
11th and 12th July	KS2 Production – more details to follow
15 th July	Starry Starry Night Festival – more details to follow
18th July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly - 9:30am
19th July	Church Service 9:30am – everyone welcome
19 th July	End of summer term