



End of Year News

Our School Mission Statement: Together with God's help we: Grow in Faith, Learn for Life and Achieve our best

Well here we are at the end of another school year. It is always a sad time as we say goodbye to our lovely Year 6 children. We are so proud of every single one of them and know that they will make us proud as they move on to their new secondary schools.

Throughout the year we have seen plenty of smiles and heard lots of laughter and as ever we have achieved a great deal due to the fantastic staff, children and parent community who all work together so successfully.

It is with that in mind that I want to end this year, giving thanks to everyone who has supported us. As a small school we rely heavily on so many willing parents and members of the school community and we are so very grateful as your support makes such a difference to us. For those of you who give us a smile on a rainy morning, to those who have a kind word to say at the end of the day or those who are there to offer a spare hour or more – thank you!

Goodbyes

As well as saying goodbye to Year 6, we also have to say a sad goodbye to several of our families who are leaving us for pastures new: Evie and Jake, Henry and Rafferty, Brendan, George, Violet and Amy. We will be very sad to see you all go but wish you every success in the future. Do keep in touch.

Miss Crow is also moving on to pastures new and we wish her every success in her new role. She has touched the lives of many children over the last 5 years here at Abbots Ripton, particularly those that she taught for 3 consecutive years. The school has been very fortunate to have had Miss Crow and she will be missed by all.

Mrs Leonard (Heather) who has supported Jo in the kitchen this year is also moving on. Her family have moved out of the area and we are grateful that she has continued to support us since her move. We wish her every success in her new role and her new home.

Mrs Jo Lawrence has also come to the end of her term of office as a Foundation Governor here at school. Jo was an active Governor and we are grateful for all of the work and the time that she gave willingly to support our school.



Congratulations!

I would also like to say a huge congratulations to Mrs Murray who has successfully completed her Level 3 Teaching Assistant Award – this is a huge work commitment and something which she should be very proud of. Well done!

Remembrance competition

In August, 2 members of each Royal British Legion branch will take part in 'The Great Pilgrimage' back to the battlefields of the First World War. This will be a re-creation of the original tour in 1928 to commemorate 90 years. This will include a tour of the battlefields of Somme and Ypres Salient and will conclude with a Commemorative Service at The Menin Gate.

At this service, each legion will lay a wreath and our branch invited children from local schools to write a prayer or poem of thanks and remembrance which will be attached to the wreath. The Mayor of St Ives chose the winning entry and we are delighted to announce that George's prayer won!

We had a visit today from Mike from the Royal British Legion, who will be taking part in the ceremony, who presented George with a framed certificate and a book token.



George wrote "Dear Lord... We would like to thank you for the Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen who protect us. All of us have freedom because of their sacrifice. Remember those who have died or been hurt in war...AMEN."

A display of all the entries will be held later in the year and will be on public view at the Norris Museum in St Ives.

100% attendance

Huge congratulations go to the following children who have achieved certificates today for 100% attendance for the Summer term:

<u>Van Gogh Class</u>	<u>Monet Class</u>	<u>Kandinsky Class</u>	<u>Picasso Class</u>
Sammy	Pearl Henry Aiken Lani Eloise Jospeh Alice Kaylum Eddie May Ethan Emily Hannah O James George Harvey Pollyanna William	Primrose Russell Tristan Amiya Harry Jake P Luke Austin George P	Lily Joe Samuel Izaak Matthew Corbin Bradley Oliver Jessica

We know that good attendance at school is so important and we are delighted to say that once again our overall attendance for the year has improved on the last. We will share exact percentages with you in September! Thank you so much for your support with this!

We are also celebrating 14 children who have achieved a 100% attendance for the whole academic year – well done to Henry B, Lani, Eloise, William, Russell, George P, Alice, Ethan, Emily, Hannah O, James, Luke S, Oliver P and Jessica.





Head Teacher for the day

As you know Edie May was given the role of Head teacher for the day on Wednesday and she really looked the part! During this day, the Head teacher decided that we should have an extra play time, she observed learning and looked at what was going well and what could be even better, she helped organise the water fun in the afternoon and she helped to dismiss children from the dining room. A great Head teacher of the future I think!! Well done Edie May.

Thank you

A very big thank you must go to the STARS team for their hard work this year. They, with your support, have raised lots of money which will enable the school to buy the extra items that are needed to give our children the best opportunities. From buying new computers to supporting school trips we are very lucky to have such a dedicated team of people who always go the extra mile. Thank you!

Parent and Pupil Questionnaires

Thank you to those of you who have completed and returned our recent parent questionnaire and to all the children who have completed one in school. We will share the results of these with you early next term.

Summer Library Reading Challenge 2018

The Summer Reading Challenge takes place every year during the summer holidays. Children can sign up at their local library, then read six library books of their choice to complete the challenge. There are exclusive rewards to collect along the way, and it's FREE to take part!



This year's theme is 'Mischief Makers', in partnership with The Beano. Children will explore a map of Beanotown to find the mysterious buried treasure and become an ultimate mischief maker! Dennis and Gnasher will help them solve clues and collect stickers. There is a medal and certificate for all children who read 6 books to complete the challenge. More details about the summer challenge as well as other library events happening during the summer can be found by clicking [here](#) or by visiting your local library.

If your child takes part, please send the medals into school in September in a named envelope so that we can award them in a celebration assembly. Many thanks.

Please do encourage your child to take part!

Train like a Jedi!

Your child has come home today with a 'Train Like a Jedi' pack which has been produced by the NHS as part of their Change 4 Life initiative. The pack is full of fun things to do to help to motivate more children to be active over the summer. Taking inspiration from everyone's favourite Star Wars characters, Rey and Luke, there are activities and online resources to access. For more information see the pack sent home or visit the website by clicking [here](#).



School uniform

Please ensure that your child is in the correct school uniform on the first day back to school, including the correct footwear.

Uniform can be ordered directly from www.schooltrends.co.uk or www.yourschooluniform.com

Please also ensure that your child has their PE kit on the first day back too.

All uniform must be named.

School funding



As I'm sure you are aware, Cambridgeshire remains one of the lowest funded local authorities for school funding per pupil. Cambridgeshire Schools receive £400 less per child than the average funded local authority. For a school of our size, £400 more per pupil would amount to £40,000 more funding, £10,000 per class! All schools are asking parents to sign a petition to the Government about this issue. This can be found at <https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/211156>.

We would urge you to sign the petition and share it with your networks. The petition only has a short time to run so if you are going to sign, please do so promptly.

Thank you for your support with this matter and we will keep you up to date with future developments.

School grounds

We are sad to say that we have noticed that school equipment has been used after school hours and over weekends during the last few weeks. If you live near the school please could we politely remind you that the school grounds and equipment should not be used outside of school hours and if you could keep an eye on our grounds over the summer we would be very grateful. If you see anything suspicious, particularly in the evenings, please do contact 101 (the non-urgent local police) to report what you have seen.

Thank you all so much!!

We have been very touched by the generosity of our school family. The chocolates, biscuits, doughnuts, wine and tea/coffee donations are greatly appreciated!!! The Staffroom is bursting!

Autumn Term 2018

School re-opens for children on Wednesday 5th September – we look forward to seeing you all then – Happy Holidays!



The prayer for our school

*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.

The Summer Term 2018 in pictures

Picasso Class went on a residential trip to Mount Cook in Derbyshire.



Picasso Class dissecting Owl Pellets from Woburn



Our visit from the Bishop



WOW week – For the love of Reading



Sports Day 2018





Whole School trip to Woburn



Y6 leavers



Van Gogh and Monet learnt about potatoes



KS2 play – We Will Rock You





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TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES

2018 / 2019

Autumn Term 2018

<i>Professional Day</i>	<i>Tuesday 4th September</i>
Autumn Term Opens	Wednesday 5 th September
Half-Term	22 nd October – 26 th October
<i>Professional Day</i>	<i>Monday 29th October</i>
Autumn Term Closes	Wednesday 19 th December

Spring Term 2019

<i>Professional Day</i>	<i>Thursday 3rd January</i>
<i>Professional Day</i>	<i>Friday 4th January</i>
Spring Term Opens	Monday 7 th January
Half-Term	18 th February – 22 nd February
Spring term Closes	Friday 5 th April

Summer Term 2019

<i>Professional Day</i>	<i>Tuesday 23rd April</i>
Summer Term Opens	Wednesday 24 th April
May Day	Monday 6 th May
Half-Term	27 th May – 31 st May
Summer Term Closes	Wednesday 24 th July