



At a glance

Spring Term 2025 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.

Happy New Year to you all and welcome back to the Spring Term 2025. We hope that you all had a lovely break over Christmas. We are looking forward to another busy term.

Collective Worship Theme - Thankfulness



During our Collective Worship this half term we will think about the Christian value of Thankfulness. Christians believe that God loves and cares for them in many different ways in all aspects of their life. Christians know that their response to this should be one of thankfulness and praise. We will reflect on the meaning of the words in Thessalonians 5:18 *Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.*

Dinner Money – Payment required for any children in Year 3- 6



The menu will continue for this half term. If your child is in Van Gogh or Monet we will continue with the choices that you made for them unless you let us know of any changes during this first week back to school (by Friday 10th). If any changes need to be made please email the school office.

If your child is having a school meal and they are in KS2 (Years 3-6), the cost of meals this half term will be **£75.40 (29 days @ £2.60)**. If you wish to pay weekly the cost is £13.00. Cash or cheque payments made payable to Abbots Ripton CE Primary School. Direct payments can now be made for dinner money. Please contact the school office for more details. Please email the school office to let us know if you pay into the school bank account.

No Nuts!

Just a reminder that we are a **Nut Free School**. Please ensure that if you provide a packed lunch it contains no nut based products such as peanut butter, nutella etc.

Clubs

We are delighted to offer another selection of clubs this half term. Information that was available was sent home before Christmas and the details for Primary Sports Stars is below. We are still waiting for the Wednesday football club flier. All clubs start next week W/C 13th January.

PRIMARY SPORTS STARS

Abbots Ripton Primary School Sports Clubs



During Spring term one Primary Sports Stars will be running the below listed clubs at Abbots Ripton Primary School. If you want to sign up or find out more then click on the QR code or visit our website.

Team Games & Ball-Skills

Yr1-6

15.20 – 16.20

Monday 13th Jan – 10th Feb (3 weeks)

£25.00

Multi-Skills

Yr1-6

15.20 – 16.20

Thursday 16th Jan – 13th Feb (3 weeks)

£25.00

Scan the QR code to find out more & Book...

Email: primarysportsstars@gmail.com / 07814754520



Book here: www.primarysportsstarsgroup.co.uk

PE Days for this coming term

We are pleased that all children will receive a gymnastics lesson on a Friday with a specialist teacher. Therefore the indoor kit must be shorts and a t-shirt as elbows and knees need to be visible. Whilst the weather is cold, the children should wear their outdoor PE kit (jogging bottoms) over their shorts along with their school jumper/cardigan over their t-shirt.

For the Spring term kit is needed on the following days:

Van Gogh: Friday – indoor kit

Monet: Wednesday – outdoor kit
Friday – indoor kit

Kandinsky: Tuesday – outdoor kit
Friday – indoor kit

Picasso: Thursday – outdoor kit
Friday – indoor kit

Important information - Our indoor PE Kit is black shorts and a white t-shirt. Outdoor PE kit is black jogging bottoms and either a school jumper or plain black jumper.

Weather

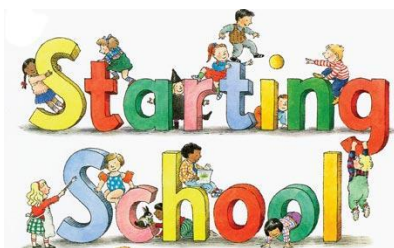
We have returned to the Spring term with some very chilly weather!! Please can we urge all parents to ensure that their child/ren come prepared to be outside in the cold – including a hat and gloves. Also, if your child brought their outdoor shoes home for the holidays, please ensure that these are returned to school in a named plastic bag as soon as possible. Children in Van Gogh will also need to bring their waterproof clothing back to school too.

Contact details

Please let us know if you have changed any of your contact details e.g. telephone numbers etc. It is very important that we have the correct information on file for your child in case of emergency.

Application to Primary School for 2025

Do you have a child, or do you know of someone, who has a child due to start school in September? The application process is live online and all applications need to be submitted to the admissions team at Cambridgeshire County Council by **January 15th 2025**. Further information is available from our website.



Mornings

If your child is joining **Rise and Shine**, please could we ask that they arrive no earlier than 8am but before 10 past. All children will be based in school and not at Daisies for the remainder of this academic year.

A reminder that our Morning Mile is available from 8:30am each morning. However, if the weather is wet or particularly cold (icy), the gates will open at 8:40am. Also, please wait for a member of staff to be out on the gate before entering the school grounds via the car park gates.

Young Voices payments

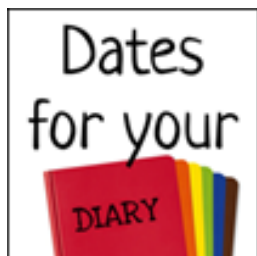
Please can we ask that any outstanding payment for parental tickets, t-shirts and bus contributions are sent asap.



Thank you!!

A huge thankyou to everyone who generously gave us a gift at Christmas. From the individual personal gifts to the staffroom goodies – they were all wonderful!

Diary Dates



Please find below the diary dates for the Spring/Summer 2025. We do try to set as many dates as we can well in advance to support parents so please do make a note of these events so that you do not miss something!

A reminder that new dates added in future newsletters are in **bold italics** to make it easier for you to identify anything new.

We do ask that younger siblings do not attend meetings/workshops that are held throughout the school day as this can be disruptive to the children's learning. Many thanks in advance.

Date	Event
7 th January	Spring Term Opens
20th January	Local librarian visit
24th January	Parent/carer coffee morning 9am – see flier attached
3 rd February	Young Voices 2025 at the O2
11 th February	Vision screening for Van Gogh Class
12 th February	Van Gogh and Monet trip to the theatre to see The Gruffalo
12th February	Year 6 Parent Consultations (early to share SATs information) 1pm-2pm & 3:30pm - 6pm
17 th February –21 st February	Half-Term
27 th February	Year 6 Rotary Quiz 7pm
4th March	Pancake Day lunch
6th March	World Book Day
11th March	Parent Consultations (R-Yr5) 3:30pm – 7:30pm
12th March	Parent Consultations (R-Yr4) 3:30pm – 5:30pm

17th March	Poetry week (World Poetry day 21st March)
21st March	Comic Relief
28th March	STARS Mother's Day shop
1st April	Cross Country running competition Year 5/6
4th April	End of term church Service 9:30am – all welcome
4 th April	Spring term Closes
22 nd April	Training day – school closed
23 rd April	Summer Term Opens
5 th May	May Day Bank Holiday – school closed
26 th May –30 th May	Half-Term
2 nd June	Training day – school closed
23 rd July	Summer Term Closes

Contacting us

If you wish to contact the school then please do so on office@abbotsripton.cambs.sch.uk or give us a call on 01487 773318.