



6th December

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.

Christmas Decorating Morning – Friday 8th December

Thank you so much to everyone who was able to come along to our annual decorating morning. We have some lovely decorations for the tree, as well as more for the classroom. A huge thank to the Christmas Barn at the Elm Pub in Abbots Ripton for the donation of our beautiful tree. If you are still looking to buy one for this year then do go along. Please click [here](#) for the opening times.





Note for the Christingle Service

Our Christingle service is on the last day of term in the church at 9.30am. We would like to ask parents of Van Gogh children to let us know if you intend to attend to assist us with walking the children across to the church so we can ensure that each child has an adult with them. We will also ask you to supervise your child with their lit candle! Please do email the school office to let us know by Monday 16th December.

Every year we make Christingles for all 100 children which they then take home. If anyone has any links to a company who could donate 100 oranges (or even just a few) we would be very grateful. Do let Mrs Nixon know in the school office.

More Nativity tickets available!

There are still tickets left for both the Tuesday performances of 'Everyone loves a baby' nativity. If you wish to purchase more, please email the school office with your request and send in money in a named envelope (£1.50 per ticket). The singing during the practises has been lovely so you are in for a wonderful treat!

Christmas Cards

The Christmas post box is out now. If your child would like to send Christmas cards then please encourage them to "post" them in the box. The cards will be sorted and delivered by our older children straight to the classes each day. Please help us by including the class or year group on the front of the card as we have several children in the school with the same name and we want to make sure that all cards go to the right person!



STARS news

Elf Workshop Experience



Thank you so much to James and Emma for organising last week's Elf Workshop Experience. Thanks too to everyone who supported them – it was a truly magical event!

Wreath Making

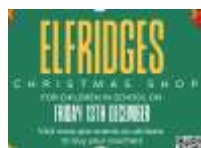
Thank you so much to Mrs Grover for her wonderful Wreath Making demonstration evening. Everyone had fun and created some beautiful wreaths to take home.



More events coming up...

Friday 13th December – 8.00am – 8.40am

Drop your children off to join in with a breakfast with their friends with a very special visitor!!



Friday 13th December

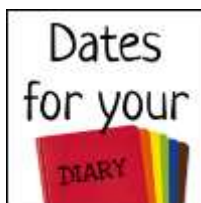
Also on Friday 13th the STARS team will be running the Elfridges shop where the children get an opportunity to buy a small gift. Vouchers must be bought via the PTA events QR code as no cash is taken on the day.

The closing date for booking breakfast and for buying vouchers is 11th December so please do click on the QR code to book if you wish your child to join in with the shop or the breakfast.



Raffle

Thank you to everyone who brought something in for the raffle hampers today. They are going to be amazing. Please sell as many tickets as you can to friends and family. There are lots more available in the school office if you would like more to sell. It will be drawn after the nativity on Tuesday 17th December and winners will be notified.



Date	Event
11 th December	Height and Weight check for Year 6 and reception
13 th December	STARS Breakfast with Santa 8am (for children)
13 th December	STARS Elfridges Christmas shop (for children)
16 th December	Reception/KS1 Nativity Performance ~ 2:15pm
17 th December	Reception/KS1 Nativity Performance ~ 9:30am and 2:15pm
18 th December	Whole School Christmas Lunch including Christmas Jumper day
18 th December	Santa dash – running a mile in Christmas jumpers
20 th December	Christmas Christingle Service ~ 9:30am in the church
20 th December	End of term
21 st Dec 2024 to 5 th Jan 2025	Christmas Holiday
6 th January 2025	Training day – school closed
7 th January 2025	Spring Term Opens
3 rd February 2025	Young Voices 2025 at the O2
11 th February 2025	Vision screening for Van Gogh Class
12 th February 2025	Van Gogh and Monet trip to the theatre to see The Gruffalo
17 th February –21 st February 2025	Half-Term
27 th February	Year 6 Rotary Quiz 7pm
4 th April 2025	Spring term Closes
22 nd April 2025	Training day – school closed
23 rd April 2025	Summer Term Opens
5 th May 2025	May Day Bank Holiday – school closed
26 th May –30 th May 2025	Half-Term
2 nd June 2025	Training day – school closed
23 rd July 2025	Summer Term Closes