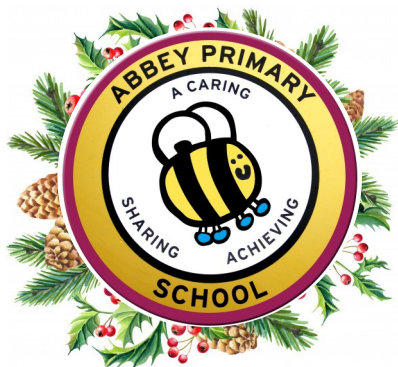




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Newsletter

Friday 12th December 2025

Next Week's Diary Dates

Tuesday 16th December

KS1 Nativity Play (LT/HH 9:30am)- Doors 9:00am
KS1 Nativity Play (LS/AH 2:00pm)- Doors 1:30pm
KS2 Party day

Wednesday 17th December

Year 1-6 Pantomime visit- Due back to school approx. 5:00pm
Foundation 1 & 2 Party day

Thursday 18th December

KS1 Nativity Play (LS/AH) 9:30am)- Doors 9:00am
KS1 Nativity Play (LT/HH) 2:00pm)- Doors 1:30pm

Friday 19th December

Abbey's Whole School Musical Extravaganza- 1:15pm Start
No Afterschool wraparound club

Foundation One Christmas Play

On Tuesday and Wednesday, the Foundation Stage One children took part in an excellent performance of 'The Christmas Nativity' story. The nativity was told through beautiful singing and actions. We are really proud of all the children who took part in these performances. A big thank you to all the parents and carers for their support.



Year 5/6 Christmas Carol Concert

On Thursday afternoon, after weeks of hard work and rehearsing, the Year Five and Six children eagerly made their way to St. Lawrence's Church to showcase their festive carol concert. It was a truly magical performance, themed around peace, friendship and love – a celebration that shared the true meaning of Christmas. Through expert readings, perfectly performed poetry, beautifully sung songs – some even sung in different languages! – and expressive drama, Abbey's eldest children took their captivated audience on a journey back in time to a Christmas during World War One. The children captured the awe and magic of the season brilliantly; everyone left feeling full of Christmas spirit. A special mention must go to Year Six for their outstanding orchestral performance of 'Carol of the Bells' using chime bars, hand chimes and xylophones – an Abbey first! Every speaker delivered their lines with clarity, confidence and wonder, retelling the miracle of Jesus's birth fantastically – even through a rap! The songs were performed with contagious festive cheer and beaming smiles, showcasing the many talents of the children. Year Five and Six, we are incredibly proud of what you have achieved – you were fantastic! We would also like to say a HUGE thank you to St. Lawrence's Church for allowing us to use their beautiful building for our concert, and to all of our special Abbey adults for helping us to put on a magnificent show.
Merry Christmas!



Year Two visit to Newsted Abbey



The Year 2 children had a fantastic, festive day at Newstead Abbey last Thursday. They learnt lots about Victorian toys and life as a Victorian child, whilst having lots of fun! They played parlour games and made their own herb bags. In the attic, they got to see what a Victorian child's bedroom and a Victorian classroom would have been like. The children were excited and enthused throughout the day, asked some great questions, and particularly enjoyed the magic lantern show. A great day was had by all!

Choir Christmas events



The choir have been busy entertaining the masses with their jolly Christmas voices already this season. Last Thursday, they

performed for visitors at King's Mill Hospital, where they donned festive hats and certainly uplifted spirits. Some of our choir also gave up their valuable time on Saturday afternoon to sing at a Christmas market event at the Swan Pub in Mansfield and were even joined by a cheeky elf, who helped entertain the crowd by dancing to the children's songs. On Monday evening, the choir took part in the annual Inspire Christmas Concert, where they took to the grand stage of the Nottingham Concert Hall with pupils from other schools to entertain the theatre with their renditions of Silent Night, A Whacky Family Christmas and Everywhere. As always, the children were a credit to Abbey Primary, delighting everyone with their joyful festive tunes!



Foundation Two Perlethorpe visit

The Foundation Two children thoroughly enjoyed their trip to Perlethorpe on Monday. It was very exciting to ride on a double-decker bus, and we all enjoyed watching the countryside change as we left Mansfield. When we arrived at Perlethorpe, we met Keith, who led us on a magical journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem. We followed in the footsteps of Mary, Joseph and the donkey as they travelled a long way and paid their taxes to the Roman soldiers. Mary and Joseph knocked on the doors of all the inns in Bethlehem, but there was no room anywhere! Finally, a rather grumpy innkeeper let them stay in his stable. When we entered the stable, it was dark but warm, and we were glad to have a rest! We acted out the Nativity story, complete with shepherds, sheep, kings and the Angel Gabriel. The rest of the day was spent making a pinecone Christmas tree and covering it with glitter! We also walked across the road to the beautiful church, where we found lots of features including the pulpit, lectern, altar, candles, cross, Bible and stained-glass windows. It was so peaceful, and the grown-ups were very proud of how respectful all the children were. Thank you to the parents who came with us and for their wonderful engagement, especially with the singing! It was a wonderful trip that made us feel very Christmassy!



Year Three

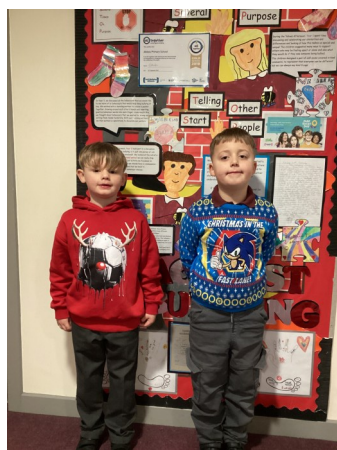
Last week in Year 3, our young geographers took a hands-on journey to the centre of the Earth. The children learned about the four main layers: the crust, mantle, outer core and inner core. To help them visualise how these layers fit together, pupils used colourful play dough to build their own miniature Earth models. They carefully shaped and stacked each layer, discussing its temperature, thickness and role in our planet. Once their models were complete, they sliced them open to reveal the cross-section inside much to their excitement! This practical activity helped the children deepen their understanding of geological concepts while developing teamwork, creativity and fine motor skills. They asked fantastic questions and showed great curiosity about what lies beneath our feet. Well done, Year 3!



OPAL

We are excited to announce that applications are now open for children who would like to become Opal Play Rangers. Play Rangers help make lunchtimes fun, friendly and safe by supporting play, looking out for others and helping to look after our play resources. It's a fantastic opportunity for children to develop responsibility, confidence and teamwork skills. All children are welcome to apply, and application forms can be collected from The Play Team. Please ensure completed applications are handed in by the last day of term. We can't wait to see your applications!

We would also like to shine a spotlight on our OPAL Stars this week for their fantastic contributions during playtimes and lunchtimes! Poppy and Alba are being recognised for the wonderfully supportive roles they play within our school community, while Ajay and Jack are being celebrated for embracing OPAL with such enthusiasm and positivity. Their energy and commitment help make our school an even brighter and more inclusive place for everyone.



COULD YOU BE A PLAY RANGER?

Play Rangers check the weather and assess what resources we can have out

Play Rangers help manage the resources and select items for lunchtime play

Play Rangers are good role models for others and always follow the Play Charter

Play Rangers look for children who may be lonely and play with them or encourage others to play with them

Play Rangers may have their lunch first and be ready for Opal fun

Play Rangers help tidy away at the end of lunch

If you would like to apply to be a Play Ranger, please collect an application form from The Play Team and return completed applications by before Friday 19th December



Class Attendance

Figures for **This Week** are as follows:

F2 Miss Chick:	90.0%	Y3 Miss Nuttall:	94.7%
F2 Mr Blackwell:	90.0%	Y4 Mrs Savage:	93.9%
Y1 Mrs Heath:	99.3%	Y4 Miss Coleman:	96.0%
Y1 Miss Stirland:	95.0%	Y5 Ms Thomas:	91.9%
Y2 Miss Hitchcock:	95.0%	Y5 Mr Potter :	94.8%
Y2 Mrs Townsend:	93.7%	Y6 Miss Cairns:	95.6%
Y3 Miss Bytheway:	93.7%	Y6 Miss Spalding:	97.6%

Our whole school attendance figure for this week is: 94.7%

Well done to
Mrs Heath's Class
for the best attendance
this week!

School Meals Menu - Week 3

Please find below the school dinner menu for week commencing **15th December 2025**.

School dinners cost **£3.16** per day. If you wish your child to have a school meal, you must top up your Arbor account each week to enable us to charge you. Thank you.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Cheesy tomato pasta with garlic bread & mixed salad	Margherita pizza, pommes Noisettes & mixed salad	Nottinghamshire sausage, Yorkshire pudding, mash, seasonal vegetables & gravy EYFS will have a special party box for their party day	Herby chicken, mashed potato & sweetcorn	'Special Festive Christmas Box' including a Ham, Cheese, or Tuna Mayonaise sandwich, crisps, yogurt and a gingerbread man cookie
Honey & oat cookie	Classic iced 'school' cake	Ice cream tub	Cornflake tart with custard	

Please see full menu on website for any allergens.

Year 1 to Year 6 have the choice of the main meal, jacket potato or a sandwich option.



Year 3/4 Dance Festival

On Wednesday, the talented children from our Year 3/4 Dance Club took to the stage at this year's dance festival — and what a performance it was! Their festive candy-cane-themed routine was a real treat to watch. Over the past few weeks, the children have shown incredible dedication, working hard to perfect their timing, teamwork and movement. All that effort certainly paid off, as they delivered a polished, confident and thoroughly enjoyable performance. We hope the children loved every moment of their performance. They should feel extremely proud of themselves. We definitely are!

New Pricing for Wraparound care

After many years of keeping the prices of the Breakfast and After-School Club the same price despite many increases in staffing and food costs, we are now unfortunately having to increase prices of these sessions. The new prices which will commence on **23rd February 2026** are as follows:

Breakfast Club – £4.00

(includes breakfast and a drink)

Afterschool Club – £10.00

(includes a two-course meal)

Breakfast & Afterschool

Combined – £13.00

I am sure you will agree that this is still extremely good value for money for childcare. Thank you for your understanding.

Autumn Term Key Dates

16.12.25 KS1 Nativity Play (LT/HH 9:30am)
16.12.25 KS1 Nativity Play (LS/AH 2:00pm)
17.12.25 Year 1 to Year 6 Pantomime visit
17.12.25 EYFS Christmas party day
18.12.25 KS1 Nativity Play (LS/AH 9:30am)
18.12.25 KS1 Nativity Play (LT/HH 2:00pm)
19.12.25 Christmas Extravaganza– 1:15pm
19.12.25 End of Autumn Term
05.01.26 Start of Spring Term 1

Christmas Creativity for Save the Children

We are delighted to share that our **Design Your Own Christmas Jumper** competition raised a fantastic **£58.10** for Save the Children!

Thank you to everyone who took part and supported this fun and creative event. Your generosity will help make a real difference to children in need.