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Newsletter

Friday 28th November 2025

Monday 1st December

Y3/4 Hockey Club 15:15 - 16:30
Girls' Football Club 15:15-16:30

Next Week's Diary Dates

Tuesday 2nd December

Y3/4 Dance Club 15:15 – 16:15
Y5 & 6 Football Club Group 2 15:15 – 16:30
Band Club 15:15 -16:15
Gardening Club 15:15 -16:30

Thursday 4th December

Cross Country Club 15:15-16:00
Choir 15:15-16:15



Foundation Two Local Area Walk

On Wednesday, Foundation 2 went for a walk around the local area as part of our "Understanding the World" learning. We were already fantastic at being safe near the roads, as we had been on a road safety walk earlier in the year. This time, we walked a circular route around the area and looked for

specific buildings and landmarks that we could see in our photos. We were great at spotting the hairdressers, library, vets, bus stop, and the shop! It was also interesting to compare the differences, such as different signs and missing trees. We would like to say a big thank you to all the parents who came with us.



OPAL: We need your help!

Do you, or someone in your family, have a skill that can help us develop our school play site? You will be sent a Microsoft Form to ask if you are willing and able to help the children build areas outside. These might include:

- Labouring (when we dig out the area for the sand pit)
 - Joinery (we'd love an exciting and functional mud kitchen)
 - Painting (to brighten up our fences or wooden creations)
 - Gardening (could you help to develop their green fingers)
 - Builders (to build play zones)
 - Textiles (could you teach the children to crochet or knit)
 - Music (can you show us how to create music from every day objects)
- I'm sure there are many more skills that people possess that we would love to explore, and we are keen to encourage adult/child collaborations within our community. If there is anything you think you could help us with, we'd be very grateful.

Thank you as always! The Play Team.



Year Three

This half term, Year 3 have been busy becoming designers, engineers and festive creators as part of their Design & Technology learning. The children explored the world of shell structures, everyday objects that hold their shape through carefully designed surfaces, like packaging boxes, gift bags and even Christmas ornaments! To begin, the children investigated real-life examples and discussed what makes some structures strong and others wobbly. They experimented with different techniques for strengthening materials, such as folding, rolling and layering, before testing a range of joining methods. There were plenty of "wow!" moments as the children discovered which methods created the strongest results. With their new knowledge, the children moved on to designing their own 3D Christmas decorations. They sketched detailed plans, selected materials and considered how to make their structures both sturdy and beautiful. The making stage brought creativity and problem-solving to life as pupils cut, folded, joined and decorated their final pieces, showing fantastic perseverance when parts needed reinforcing or tweaking. To finish, the children proudly evaluated their completed decorations, reflecting on what worked well and how they can improve their designs. Their final creations look wonderful and will hopefully bring some festive cheer! Well done, Year 3 designers, you should be very proud of your creative work!



Year Two

This week, Year 2 have been working with clay. They began by looking carefully at the flags of the UK, noticing the lines and shapes, and then had a go at sketching them. On Thursday, they chose one of the flags and etched their design into a sculpted piece of clay using a range of tools. They turned out great! The children can't wait to put their painting skills to the test next week once the clay has dried.



Cross Country Winter League – Week two

We'd like to congratulate our cross country runners who braved the terrible conditions on Saturday morning to take part in the second round of the Nottinghamshire Cross Country Winter League. We are pleased to say that our girls remain in second place (out of 18) and are in a strong position moving into the final week. Our boys are currently in 11th place out of 14. We also have 3 girls currently sitting inside the top ten runners: Solace in 6th, Emilie-Jean in 9th, and Jessica in 10th. With one round to go, we want to wish all runners the best of luck.

We'd also like to thank the parents and carers that came to cheer the runners on; the extra support in terrible conditions always makes the difference.

Year Five

Year 5 have been busy designing a new bird hide frame structure this week. We have explored the features of existing bird hide designs and decided which features we want to include in our own design. We then investigated different 3D shapes by building models out of spaghetti and marshmallows to determine which ones are more rigid and how to strengthen them using triangulation. We have practised using TinkerCAD software to create a visual representation of our prototype model for our bird hides and are hoping to have completed building our models by the end of this week.



No after-school clubs during the last week of term

Please be advised that there will be no after-school extra-curricular clubs running during the final week of term, commencing Monday 15th December. This allows staff and pupils to prepare for end-of-term activities and ensure a smooth close to the term. Wraparound care will still be on Monday to Thursday this week. Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

Updated Behaviour Policy

As part of our ongoing review of Behaviour policy, we have just updated a couple of sections to include specific expectations and sanctions and consequences for behaviour in wraparound club. This updated policy is now available on the school website. Thank you as always for your ongoing support.

Year 3/4 Sportshall Athletics

On Thursday, our Year 3/4 athletics team took part in the Mansfield District Sportshall Athletics competition. This is a wonderful opportunity for the children to showcase the skills that they have developed in lessons and clubs. All children gave their absolute best and thoroughly enjoyed every moment, even if there were a few nerves floating around. Whilst the main aim of this event was to have fun, this was a competition, and we are incredibly proud to share that Abbey Primary won and by a huge margin of 26 points (238 points in total). This result is a clear testament to the hard work the children have been putting in. Well done Abbey, and we look forward to seeing you continue to grow as you move forward.



Nottinghamshire Primary PE Conference

We'd like to take this chance to congratulate one of our members of staff, Mr Blackwell, who on Monday was invited to present in front of other PE subject leaders, SLT members and PE professionals from around Nottinghamshire at the PE conference. Mr Blackwell was asked to speak about the Inclusive sports thread of the PE curriculum that we deliver here at Abbey. This was a wonderful opportunity to showcase the Incredible work that goes on here. The inclusive sports thread of our curriculum was recently identified by Ofsted as going above and beyond what the national curriculum asks and as such, is an outstanding element to what our school offers. It has supported our children to understand the challenges faced by those with a disability and highlighted the importance of empathy in sport. Well done, Mr. Blackwell.



Class Attendance

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

F2 Miss Chick:	93.3%	Y3 Miss Nuttall:	95.3%
F2 Mr Blackwell:	93.3%	Y4 Mrs Savage:	94.2%
Y1 Mrs Heath:	92.3%	Y4 Miss Coleman:	97.0%
Y1 Miss Stirland:	100%	Y5 Ms Thomas:	97.1%
Y2 Miss Hitchcock:	95.0%	Y5 Mr Potter :	95.5%
Y2 Mrs Townsend:	92.7%	Y6 Miss Cairns:	91.3%
Y3 Miss Bytheway:	93.6%	Y6 Miss Spalding:	94.5%

Our whole school attendance figure for this week is: 93.5%

Well done to
Miss Stirland's Class
for 100% attendance
this week!

School Meals Menu - Week 2

Please find below the school dinner menu for week commencing **1st 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 Naan bread pizza, baby new potatoes & mixed salad	All day brunch Nottinghamshire sausage, bacon, hash browns, baked beans & scrambled eggs	Roast gammon with Yorkshire pudding, mashed potatoes, seasonal Vegetables & gravy	Pasta Bolognese with garlic bread	Fish goujons with oven chips, peas, sweetcorn & tomato ketchup
Vanilla sponge & custard	Chocolate cookie	New York cheesecake	Golden Syrup flapjack	JimJam 'nut free' chocolate pancake

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.



Lost Property

Could we please kindly ask that you take a moment to look through the lost property box? There are quite a few children's coats

without names in them. We have gone through everything again and were pleased to return the items that did have names to their classes. As this is quite a time-consuming task, it would be a huge help if all coats were clearly labelled. Thank you so much for your support, it truly does make a big difference!

Celebration of Learning Sessions

A reminder that next week are our termly "Celebration of Learning" sessions when you are invited in at the end of the school day to go to your child's class and look through their books with them take place next week. For Y1 to Y6 it is Tuesday 2nd at 3:15pm to 3:45pm. For EYFS it is Wednesday 3rd (due to the unit being full of nativity costumes on the Tuesday.) at 3:15pm to 3:45pm.

These sessions are always well received and popular so I hope you are able to make it.

No after-school wraparound care- Friday 19th December

As last year, there will be no wrap around care after-school club on the last day of this term. Hopefully, the advanced notice will allow families to make alternative arrangements as necessary.

Autumn Term Key Dates

02.12.25 Foundation 2 Nativity (9:30)
 02.12.25 Celebration of Learning (Y1-Y6)
 03.12.25 Foundation 2 Nativity (9:30)
 03.12.25 Celebration of Learning (EYFS)
 04.12.25 Year 2 Newstead Trip
 08.12.25 Foundation 2 Perlethorpe Visit
 09.12.25 Foundation 1 Nativity (9:30)
 10.12.25 Foundation 1 Nativity (9:30)
 11.12.25 Swimming lessons start (4HS)
 11.12.25 Y5/6 Christmas Carol Concert – St. Lawrence's Church (2.00pm)

11.12.25 FOA Christmas Disco
 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
19.12.25 End of Autumn Term
05.01.26 Start of Spring Term 1