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Newsletter

Friday 21st November 2025

BBC Children in need

On Friday 14th November, we joined in with the national fundraising efforts for Children in Need. The whole school donated £1 each to wear non-uniform and brought their teddies to share the fun. As the charity was celebrating it's 25th year, the theme was "Challenge yourself to 25." Throughout the day the children (and bears) followed a trail around the school to complete 25 challenges. The school councillors also visited classes to sell Pudsey merchandise. A large number of children brought an extra £1 to be face painted by the Year 6 school council chairs and vice chairs. They did an amazing job and soon the school was filled with spotty faces! The afternoon finished with a whole school assembly where prizes were awarded to the winners and runners up in the "Design a new eye patch for Pudsey" competition. There were so many beautiful entries that it was really hard for the school councillors to choose the winners! All of these activities resulted in the massive fundraising total of **£939.30**, over double last years total! An incredible total and another example of our fantastic community spirit. Thank you to everyone who supported this cause.



OPAL



OPAL has begun! Thank you all so much for your kind donations. As you can see, the children are putting them all to good use and we can't wait to develop the site further. We have a small selection of wellies available for the

children to borrow at lunchtimes, but if you know anyone with sizes 3 to 5 that they no longer need, we would be very grateful for them. Any donations can be sent in with your child or into the school car park where we will collect them. Thank you again! The Play Team.

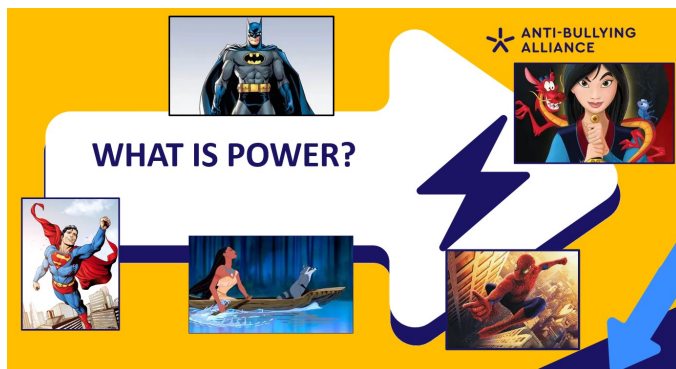
Girls football match vs Sutton Road



On Monday, our year 5/6 girls football team played their first football game. The determination, teamwork and resilience shown during the match is something the girls should be very proud of. The girls defended well and attacked amazingly on the break. Some of the football the girls played was fantastic, making sure they got their heads up to look and pass, allowing us to score two amazing goals from our striker, Olivia. Despite all the hard work, we lost 3-2 but there are many positives to take from the match, and we go again next time. Go Abbey!

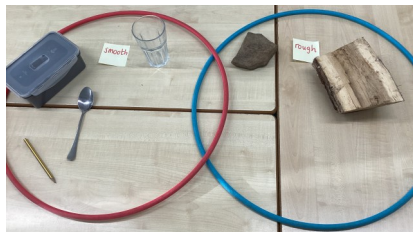
Anti-Bullying Week 2025

Developing our awareness of Anti-Bullying strategies has been our focus as part of our responsibility value this week. POWER FOR GOOD is this year's slogan and the children have been developing their understanding of what this means by identifying their own personal strengths and how they can use these as a super power to combat bullying. Bravery, kindness, compassion and empathy were some of the powers the children identified as being really helpful in combatting bullying, whether this is face to face or online. Activities involving role play and drama, discussion, debate and sharing our understanding through creative activities have taken place across school.



Year One

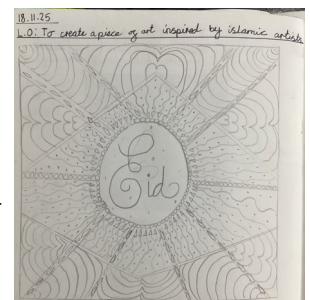
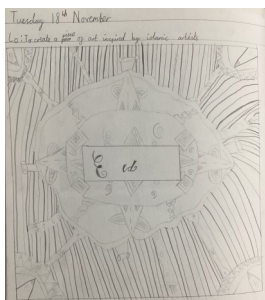
This week in Year One, the children have been busy exploring different materials. We started by investigating which objects were bendy and which were not, helping the children understand how materials can behave in different ways. Later in the week,



the class worked together to sort a variety of objects by their properties, focusing especially on whether they felt smooth or rough. The children really enjoyed working in groups and using their senses to make careful observations.

Year Four

This week in year 4, we have been bringing our RE learning and our art skills together! Inspired by Islamic artists and Eid decorations, the children have created their own piece of art combining calligraphy and geometric art. The precision, detail and dedication to this piece of work have been outstanding. The children enjoyed exploring different Islamic artists, looking at the detail and beauty of different art. The children's final piece of art was nothing short of amazing!



Tag Rugby Festival

On Tuesday, some pupils from Years 5 and 6 took part in an exciting tag rugby festival, enjoying a fantastic afternoon of sport and teamwork. They began the event with a series of fun relay-style activities designed to develop key rugby skills, including accurate passing and smart tactical play. After warming up their skills, the children took to the field for several mini games against other schools.



Throughout the festival, our pupils impressed everyone with their teamwork, respectful attitude, and excellent communication. They represented our school brilliantly and should be very proud of their efforts. Well done to all who took part!

Year Six

It has been a 'Design and Technology' week for Year Six! The children were tasked with designing, making and evaluating a moving toy for children in KS1. They began by exploring the different movements created by various cam shapes, before heading out to the KS1 playground to discover what themed toys the younger children would enjoy. On Thursday, they spent most of the day constructing their mechanisms, before creating the moving part of their toy and adding the finer details of a background and foreground. What an exciting week it has been!



Friends of Abbey Events

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our Friends of Abbey Spooky Disco and Firework Extravaganza. We're delighted to share that the Spooky Disco raised **£1,081.6**, and the firework Extravaganza raised **£2,723.98**. All money raised goes directly back into our school to benefit our children. We truly appreciate your generosity, and continued support!



Mansfield Town Community Trust Utilita Kids Cup

On Thursday, our Year 5/6 football team were back in action, taking part in the Utilita Kids Cup competition hosted by Mansfield Town Community Trust. This was one of six rounds held over three weeks, with the top team from each round going through to the final.

Although it wasn't our year to progress, the team finished in a very respectable 4th place and came up against some really tough opponents. The children never let this get to them, they kept going, tried their best in every game, and made us all extremely proud. We'd also like to say a big thank you to the parents and carers who came along. Your support was fantastic and really appreciated.



Class Attendance

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

F2 Miss Chick:	96.5%	Y3 Miss Nuttall:	95.0%
F2 Mr Blackwell:	96.0%	Y4 Mrs Savage:	96.8%
Y1 Mrs Heath:	97.3%	Y4 Miss Coleman:	96.0%
Y1 Miss Stirland:	96.7%	Y5 Ms Thomas:	97.1%
Y2 Miss Hitchcock:	97.3%	Y5 Mr Potter :	96.2%
Y2 Mrs Townsend:	95.7%	Y6 Miss Cairns:	94.4%
Y3 Miss Bytheway:	99.3%	Y6 Miss Spalding:	93.1%

Well done to
Miss Bytheway's Class
for the best attendance
this week!

Our whole school attendance figure for this week is: 95.8%

School Meals Menu - Week 1

Please find below the school dinner menu for week commencing **24th November 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	Herby chicken, mashed potato & sweetcorn	Fish fingers with bread & butter, oven chips, peas, sweetcorn & tomato ketchup
Honey & oat cookie	Classic iced 'school' cake	Ice cream tub	Cornflake tart with custard	Donuts

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.

Next Week's Diary Dates

Monday 24th November

Y3/4 Hockey Club 15:15 - 16:30

Choir 15:15-16:15

Girls' Football Club 15:15-16:30

Tuesday 25th November

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 27th November

Cross Country Development Club 15:15-16:00

Change to Choir Schedule for Next Week

Next week, for one week only, Choir will take place on **Monday 24th** instead of **Thursday 27th**.

Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause!

Parking

Just a polite reminder to ask everyone to be considerate in their parking around school. Please. Cars should not stop on the yellow Zig Zag lines, not even just to drop a child off, as this endangers members of our school community who are accessing or leaving school. Thank you as always for your support.



Sign of the week

The children have been practising a new sign of the week. Can your child sign to you the sign that matches the symbol?



Sports kit

We kindly ask all parents and carers to check at home for any school sports kit that may have been borrowed. If your child has any items please ensure they are returned to school as soon as possible.
Thank you for your co-operation.

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