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Newsletter

Friday 14th November 2025

Remembrance Day

On Monday the school council chairs and vice-chairs presented a remembrance assembly to the whole school. This focused on remembering the heroes who made immense, life-changing sacrifices during World Wars I and II, as well as those who continue to do so in ongoing conflicts across the world. The children learnt about the symbolism of the poppy and the significance of wearing and displaying them at this time of year. Every class worked together to make poppy wreaths which were displayed around the school and the school council worked in teams to sell poppies.

On Tuesday the school council planted poppy seeds around the tree at the front of the school. We look forward to seeing them grow next year as a wonderful symbol of remembrance. At 11am, the whole school took part in the national two minute silence to show their respect.

Following the ideas collected by the school council, the studio was turned into an exhibition space for "Abbey Remembers." It showcased an inspiring range of photos from the armed forces, ranging from World War I to the present day. The school council would like to thank everyone who shared their precious memories with us. All of the children visited our 8 foot soldier silhouette to place coins in remembrance. The funds donated will be given to the Royal British Legion and we are extremely grateful for your efforts in supporting us to raise these throughout this week. We are looking forward to hearing what the final fundraising total is.





Nut Allergies

We have some children in school who have an allergy to nuts and seeds which can be extremely dangerous for them. Please can you ensure that nuts and products containing nuts are not sent into school with your children. This will help to keep all of our community safe. If you have any queries regarding this, please contact the school office.

Foundation One

The Foundation Stage 1 children had a great time finding rhyming words in the story "Oi Frog!" by Kes Gray. They had so much fun using the puppets and animals to retell the story and find the objects that rhyme. What a busy week of learning!



Year Five

This term, Year 5 have been diving into the fascinating world of Ancient Egypt, and it has been an incredibly exciting journey! One of our favourite activities has been creating our very own Egyptian tiles using modroc. We began by carefully planning our designs, taking inspiration from traditional Egyptian symbols, patterns, and artwork. Then came the fun (and messy!) part, moulding and shaping the modroc into tiles. After the tiles had fully dried, we brought them to life with bright, bold colours of a Pharaoh's palace. The final results were amazing.



Year Two

This week, Year 2 have been learning in science about Humans and the importance of exercise. The children revisited the three things humans need to survive, and then focused on food. They worked in groups to sort different food pictures into healthy and unhealthy, discussing why some foods are better for our bodies than others. We then learnt about the five basic food groups, and the children used this new knowledge to reorganise pictures into the correct categories. They really enjoyed working together and showed great understanding of how different foods help us stay healthy.



Mrs. Lovatt's retirement



Yesterday you should have received an email sharing the news with you that at the end of this term, our Assistant Headteacher and SENCO, Mrs. Lovatt, will be retiring after 6 years of dedicated service to our school community. Throughout her time at Abbey, Mrs. Lovatt has been a passionate advocate for children with additional needs. Her commitment to ensuring that every child receives the support they need to thrive has made a lasting impact on countless pupils and their families. Her work has embodied our culture of care, understanding, and high expectations for all learners. As well as her role as SENCO and also Safeguarding lead, Mrs Lovatt has been instrumental in developing the school's core values which have become the heart of everything we do and believe at Abbey. We know that many of you will want to join us in expressing your gratitude and best wishes to Mrs. Lovatt as she begins a new chapter and looks forward to spending more time with her family and travelling the world. On behalf of the entire school community, I would like to thank Mrs. Lovatt for her outstanding contribution to Abbey and the difference she has made to so many lives. She will be greatly missed. The school is currently in the process of recruitment for the substantive post of Assistant Headteacher and SENCO and further information will be shared in due course.

Club Attendance Reminder

Please be reminded that if your child is not attending their after-school club, you should inform the school office as soon as possible. This helps us ensure the safety of all pupils and prevents any confusion at the end of the school day.
Thank you for your co-operation.

Firework Extravaganza

Last Wednesday, Friends of Abbey hosted their annual Fireworks Extravaganza. With around 1,000 people in attendance, everyone seemed to have a great time. There were lots of treats to enjoy from the fun games, sweet treats, sparklers, glitter tattoos and so much more. That's not even mentioning the amazing firework display.

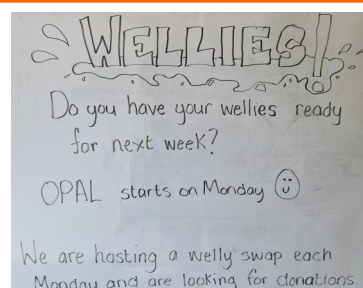
Thank you so much to everyone that attended and brought family and friends along. We love being able to put on these great events where our community can come together to make lovely memories!

Thank you to Mr Blackwell and Mr Pratt for the amazing firework display; to the staff who gave up their time to support it; and a special thank you to Miss Wilson and all of the Friends of Abbey team who came together to organise such a wonderful night. We can't wait to share how much we have raised in next week's newsletter.



Welly swap

We are delighted to say that OPAL starts on Monday, and we're encouraging all children to have their wellies ready for lots of outdoor fun! We'll also be hosting a Welly Swap each Monday and currently looking for donations of children's wellies in all sizes. If you have any spare pairs at home, please bring them to the KS2 Playground, they'll be greatly appreciated!



First Admissions September 2026



If your child turns 5 years old between 1st September 2026 and 31st August 2027, you can apply for school places for first admissions from **3 November 2025 until 15th January 2026 (the national offer date is 16th April 2026)**. You can apply online - www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/education/school-admissions/hub/ or if you need help making an application contact Nottinghamshire County Council on 0300 500 80 80.

Residential deposit reminder



This is a final reminder that **today is the last day to pay deposits for our upcoming residential trips**. To secure your child's place, please ensure the deposit is submitted by the end of the day. We don't want anyone to miss out on this valuable and exciting experience, so please make your payment as soon as possible if you haven't already. Thank you for your continued support.

Class Attendance

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

F2 Miss Chick:	95.9%	Y3 Miss Nuttall:	97.3%
F2 Mr Blackwell:	97.0%	Y4 Mrs Savage:	99.4%
Y1 Mrs Heath:	95.3%	Y4 Miss Coleman:	99.3%
Y1 Miss Stirland:	94.7%	Y5 Ms Thomas:	94.2%
Y2 Miss Hitchcock:	96.3%	Y5 Mr Potter :	95.9%
Y2 Mrs Townsend:	97.3%	Y6 Miss Cairns:	95.3%
Y3 Miss Bytheway:	98.3%	Y6 Miss Spalding:	90.7%

Our whole school attendance figure for this week is: 96.3%

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

School Meals Menu - Week 3

Please find below the school dinner menu for week commencing **17th 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
Quorn dipper wrap with roasted new potatoes, tomato ketchup & vegetable sticks	Pasta Neapolitan with garlic bread & mixed salad	Nottinghamshire sausage with Yorkshire pudding, mashed potatoes, seasonal Vegetables & gravy	Beef burger with jacket wedges, BBQ sauce & mixed salad	Fish portion with oven chips, peas, sweetcorn & Tomato ketchup
Sponge cake & vanilla sauce	Jelly	Chocolate Cracknell	Butterscotch shortcake	JimJam 'nut free' chocolate brownie

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 17th November

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

Tuesday 18th 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 20th November

Cross Country Development Club 15:15-16:00

Choir 15:15-16:15

Cold Weather Reminder

As the colder weather begins to return, we kindly ask that all children come to school dressed appropriately for the conditions. Please ensure they have a jumper/ cardigan, a warm coat, as well as hats, scarves, and gloves to help keep them comfortable during outdoor play and activities. Thank you for your support in helping our pupils stay warm and ready for learning!



"Out of School" awards

As you are aware, we like to celebrate the successes of our children both inside school and outside school. The next assembly for children to bring in any trophies, medals or certificates that they have won this term is on Friday 28th November. We look forward to celebrating the many talents and skills that our amazing children have.

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 symbols?



Children



Help

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