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Newsletter

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This Terms Value

We've hit the ground running this term with the launch of our Responsibility Value! This term we have Anti-Bullying Week, Children in Need and Remembrance Day, all of which go perfectly with our Responsibility Roadmap:



This term's **RESPONSIBILITY** roadmap:

Week 1: Values Afternoon - what does responsibility mean?

Week 2: Consent and responsibility for my personal safety

Week 3: Responsibility for self (Anti-Bullying week)

Week 4: Responsibility for words, actions and consequences (expected and unexpected behaviour)

Week 5: Responsibility for the environment

Week 6: Values Afternoon - time to reflect

Keep a look out for news about what we get up to this term and how we show our understanding of responsibility in our thoughts and actions.

OPAL donations

We are thrilled to share that our OPAL lunchtime programme is launching later this month and it's all thanks to your incredible generosity! We've already received a fantastic range of donations including **suitcases, pallets, small world animals and blankets**. These items will help create a rich and imaginative play environment for our children. However, to fully launch this exciting project, we still need **LOTS more items!** We're currently looking for:

- Plastic figures
- Large plastic tubes
- Pans and other kitchen utensils
- Cardboard boxes

A **full list of needed items** is available in the **Curriculum section of our school website** and on the **posters displayed along the school path**.

To make donating easy, we've set up an **OPAL drop-off point at the front of Reception**. Please feel free to leave any contributions there or contact the office for any larger items you wish to donate.

Thank you once again for your continued support as we prepare to launch this exciting initiative

Together, we're creating a more playful, creative and joyful school experience for all our children!



Foundation 2- Nursery Rhyme Day

On Friday, Foundation prepared for World Nursery Rhyme Week (10th-14th November) by dressing up as our favourite nursery rhyme characters. We have seen Old McDonald, Incy Wincy, Little Bo Peep, Little Miss Muffett, The Grand old Duke of York, Humpty Dumpty, Little Boy Blue, plus many, many more! We then celebrated all of our characters by joining F1 in the hall to sing each of the songs that our children dressed as. We'd now like to ask you to continue singing some of your child's favourite Nursery Rhymes at home next week to continue the celebration.



Year One

This week in science, we began our exciting new topic all about seasonal changes! The children started by talking about the different signs of Autumn we might notice at this time of year. Then, we headed outside on an Autumn hunt around the school grounds to see what we could find. Working with their partners, the children used their worksheets to tick off the Autumn clues they spotted. They discovered fallen leaves in beautiful shades of brown, yellow, orange and red, found acorns on the ground, noticed trees losing their leaves, spotted some blackberries, and even came across a few minibeasts hiding among the leaves! Everyone really enjoyed exploring and observing how our school grounds are changing with the season.



Website update

We have now added a 'Phonics' page to the children's section of the school website to support their phonics practise at home. Here you will find the colour group your child/children are in. If you click on the colour group, this will then take you to a page where you can find a link to some 'practice at home' materials. You can choose to scan the QR code with a separate device or click on the link.

Phonics

Home >> Children >> Phonics



Here at Abbey Primary school we are proud to be a part of the Read Write Inc community.

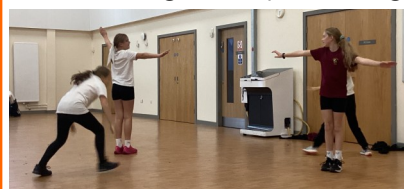
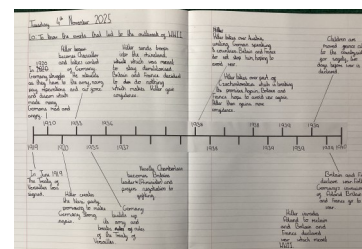
RWI Parents Meeting - 02.10.25.pdf



Year Six

Year 6 have had a fantastic first week back! Our learning journey through World War II has continued

as we created detailed timelines to show the key events that led to the outbreak of the war. In science, we've begun our new topic on Light, exploring how the human eye allows us to see the world around us. Meanwhile, in our dance lessons, we've started learning a lively choreographed piece to



celebrate the end of the war — we can't wait to share it soon!

Remembrance Day and Poppy Fundraising reminder

Next week we will mark Remembrance Day with a special assembly on Monday 10th November, followed by a two-minute silence at 11:00am on Tuesday 11th November. Children are invited to bring in 1p, 2p or 5p coins to help create a soldier-shaped poppy coin collage, raising funds for the Royal British Legion. Please send coins into school by Tuesday 11th November. We will also be selling poppy appeal items (snap bands, bracelets, keyrings, and traditional poppies) in school for around £1 each, while stocks last.



Exciting Author Visit at Abbey!

This week, Abbey had the pleasure of welcoming author Mark Townsend, the brilliant mind behind 'The Astonishing Tale of Amelia Fudge'. Mark delivered an engaging author talk to some of our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils, who were captivated throughout! The children listened intently as he discussed the plot, how the characters and settings were developed and asked fantastic questions about the editing and publishing process. They were also treated to an exclusive sneak peek of the book, leaving them inspired and buzzing with ideas for their own brilliant stories. We are thrilled to share that copies of 'The Astonishing Tale of Amelia Fudge' are now available in our school library, ready for pupils to borrow and enjoy. Thank you so much for visiting and inspiring our Abbey pupils!

Reminder – Year Group Pages

Please remember to check the year group pages on our school website for key dates, photos, termly learning, and other information and updates in your child's year group.

BBC Children in need

A reminder that we'll be supporting Children in Need on Friday 14th November! Children can wear non-uniform and bring a teddy for a £1 donation. There'll also be fun "Challenge Yourself to 25" activities and Children in Need merchandise on sale from Monday. Thank you for your support!

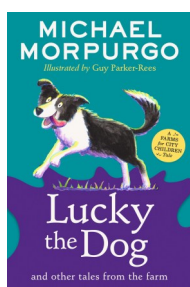


First Chapter Friday Returns!

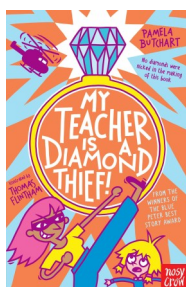
In school today, children enjoyed their first 'First Chapter Friday' session of the year! From thrilling adventures to heartwarming tales, the books chosen by teachers continue to spark curiosity and inspire a genuine love of reading. The children have loved diving into the opening chapters of exciting books and the aim of 'First Chapter Friday' is simple – to open the door to new authors, genres and worlds. By sharing just the first chapter, teachers give pupils a taste of something fresh, encouraging them to explore the rest of the story in their own time. It has been wonderful to see pupils eagerly discussing characters, predicting what might happen next and borrowing the featured books to finish at home! Here are our choices this time:



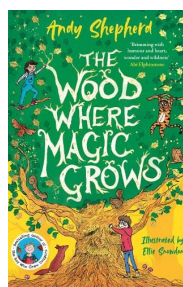
Year 1



Year 2



Year 3



Year 4



Year 5



Year 6

Class Attendance

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

F2 Miss Chick:	96.3%	Y3 Miss Nuttall:	96.7%
F2 Mr Blackwell:	95%	Y4 Mrs Savage:	100%
Y1 Mrs Heath:	96.7%	Y4 Miss Coleman:	97.1%
Y1 Miss Stirland:	97.9%	Y5 Ms Thomas:	95.9%
Y2 Miss Hitchcock:	96.7%	Y5 Mr Potter :	96.1%
Y2 Mrs Townsend:	96.3%	Y6 Miss Cairns:	92.2%
Y3 Miss Bytheway:	96.3%	Y6 Miss Spalding:	95.7%

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

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

School Meals Menu - Week 2

Please find below the school dinner menu for week commencing **10th 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 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
Chocolate cookie	New York cheesecake	Golden Syrup flapjack	Vanilla sponge & custard	JimJam 'nut free' chocolate turnover

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 10th November

Y5/6 Hockey 15:15–16:30
Y5/6 Girls football 15:15-16:30

Tuesday 11th November

Y3/4 Dance Club 15:15 – 16:15
Y5 & 6 Football Club Group 1 15:15 – 16:30
Band Club 15:15 -16:15
Gardening Club 15:15 -16:30

Wednesday 12th November

Y6 Art Club 15:15– 16:15

Thursday 18th September

Cross Country Development Club 15:15-16:00
Choir 15:15-16:15
Y5 Art club 15:15-16:15

Celebration of Learning Dates

As part of our ongoing efforts to work together with yourself and to keep you informed of your child's learning, we have our termly "Celebration of Learning" events when you are invited into your child's class to look through their books, talk to them about their work, and see their classroom environment. These sessions run from 3:15pm to 3:45pm and the dates for this year are as follows:

Tues 2nd December 2025

Tues 10th February 2026

Thurs 21st May 2026

We look forward to seeing you at these events.

Residential Trip Deposit

We would like to remind parents and carers that **deposits for the upcoming residential trips are due by Thursday 14th November**. Please make your payment via the **Arbor app** to confirm your child's place.

Autumn Term Key Dates

10.11.25 Anti-Bullying Week
14.11.25 BBC Children in Need
02.12.25 Foundation 2 Nativity (9:30)
03.12.25 Foundation 2 Nativity (9:30)
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