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Newsletter

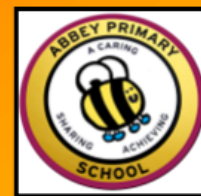
Friday 17th October 2025

This Term's Value Award

Congratulations to all our pupils who received the **Respect Value Award** this half-term! You have shown that you think and act in a positive way towards yourself, others, and the environment. Well done to everyone recognised for their outstanding value 'respect'.



Abbey Primary School's Outstanding Values Awards Autumn 1 2025



Respect

I think and act in a positive way towards myself, others and the environment. My thoughts and actions show that I care about other people's feelings and well-being.



Foundation 2 Mr Blackwell: Louie

Year 1 Miss Stirland: Alba

Year 2 Miss Hitchcock: David

Year 3 Miss Bytheway: Sara

Year 4 Miss Cook: Colin

Year 5 Mr Potter/Mr Baker : Daniel

Year 6 Miss Cairns: Ava

Foundation 2 Miss Chick: Adelynn

Year 1 Mrs Heath: Rosie

Year 2 Mrs Townsend: Sara

Year 3 Miss Nuttall: Marley

Year 4 Mrs Savage: Ava

Year 5 Miss Thomas: Ellis

Year 6 Miss Spalding: David

Happy Half-Term

As we reach the end of another busy half-term, I want to say a big thank you to our wonderful children, families, and staff for all their hard work and support. It's been fantastic to see so much learning, teamwork, and joy across the school.

Have a lovely, restful break, and we look forward to seeing everyone back refreshed for the new half-term ahead.



Thank You!



Spooky Disco Success

A huge thank you to everyone who supported the Friends Of Abbey Spooky Disco last night, it was a *Spooktacular* evening filled with dancing, laughter, and plenty of Halloween spirit! Congratulations to Coby in Y6 Miss Cairns' class for winning the "Release the Pumpkin" competition! Well done, Coby!



Year Four

This term, Year Four have been learning all about the Vikings — their daily life, culture, and especially their clothing. To bring their learning to life, the children have been creating mixed media

collages of Viking warriors. They used different materials like paper, fabric, and tin foil to design detailed Vikings with helmets, shields, and traditional Viking clothing. This hands-on project helped the children understand what life was like for the Vikings and allowed them to be creative while exploring history. It's been wonderful to see their enthusiasm and the fantastic artwork they have made!



Year Two

Over the past two weeks we have been developing our painting knowledge and skills, learning all about how to make tints and shades of a colour. Sticking with our theme, the Great

Fire of London, we explored how to make tints (lighter) and shades (darker) of orange by adding small amounts of white or black. We then went on to explore different tools we can use to apply the paint, using tools such as brushes, sponges, rolling pins and patterned stamps. The children then created a fiery sky background by mixing their tints and shades and applying them to the paper using their chosen tool. Finally, the children used black sugar paper to relate a silhouette of the London skyline on fire and layered this onto their background to create a Great Fire of London scene.

Girls' Football Festival

On Thursday afternoon, some year 3 and 4 girls attended a Girls' football festival at West Notts college. The girls were an attribute to our school, showing respect, resilience, and inclusion. The girls had to work in teams using a variety of football skills such as dribbling, shooting, and passing. The girls then got the amazing opportunity



to play some mini football matches where the girls showed amazing teamwork and communication skills. All the girl's enthusiasm and respect were admirable, and we could not be prouder of the Abbey football girls.

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?



Sandwich

FOA Fireworks Extravaganza

FRIENDS OF ABBEY
Fireworks extravaganza
NOVEMBER 5TH
CASH ONLY EVENT!
PAY ON THE GATE
GATES OPEN 5PM
GATES WILL CLOSE AT 6.45PM
FIREWORKS TO START AT 7PM
ADULT TICKET -£4.50
CHILD TICKET -£3
FAMILY TICKET OF 4 -£11
CHILDREN UNDER 2 FREE
IT IS NOT PERMITTED TO BRING YOUR OWN SPARKLERS ON SITE!
ABBAY PRIMARY SCHOOL
STUART AVE, FOREST TOWN, MANSFIELD NG19 0AB

Forest School Parent Session

This week, the children attending Forest School were able to bring their grown-ups into school to show them what they have been up to this term. We had a brilliant turnout, and the children loved taking the lead and showing the adults how to use the outdoor resources.

Everyone had a lovely afternoon, finishing off with a warm drink by the fire.





Hockey Festival

On Wednesday, our Year 5/6 hockey team took part in a hockey festival at the Manor Sports Complex. This event was run by coaches and volunteers from North Notts Hockey club and should any child be interested in taking part in hockey outside of school, more information will follow. This festival had a fun yet competitive feel to it with lots of friendly matches for the children to take part in. Whilst the event wasn't competitive, we are still proud of how well this newly formed side performed: winning three, drawing two and losing two of their matches. We saw goals from Ellis, Casen, Harry, and Brayden as well as some match winning defensive performances by all. We'd also like to thank the parents that came to support the side throughout this event.

Tag Rugby Festival

On Tuesday, our Year 3 children had an amazing time at the Tag Rugby Festival held at Mansfield Rugby Club! Everyone was full of excitement as we arrived, ready to learn new skills and have lots of fun. We started the day with some warm-up games to get us moving, before practising our rugby skills. We learnt how to pass the ball backwards, run into space, and work as a team. The coaches from Mansfield Rugby Club were really friendly and showed us how to play safely while still having lots of fun.

After learning the fundamental rules of tag rugby, it was time for the best part, the games! Each team gave it their all, showing great teamwork, quick thinking, and brilliant sportsmanship. There were lots of smiling faces, speedy sprints, and even a few dramatic tries!



The Wedding that no one will forget!

On Friday, Foundation 2 attend the best wedding yet, the wedding of Harry and Betty O'Hay. The day started off with a full church service delivered by the wonderful Mrs Warren. Harry and Betty exchanged vows and rings, we sang some of their favourite songs before moving onto the reception. In the reception we started with the speeches and raised a glass to the happy couple. We then shared in some special first moments such as; the first dance, the cutting of the cake and throwing the confetti. It was a truly special day and one we won't ever forget! We'd like to wish Harry and Betty the happiest time as they now jet off on their honeymoon around the world. Don't forget to see all of the photographs on the website.

Imagination Gaming Year Six

This half term, our Year 6 pupils took part in an exciting Imagination Gaming session! The children had the chance

to play a fantastic range of card and board games that really got them thinking and working together. Throughout the session, everyone practised important skills such as communication, patience, and using clever tactics to outsmart their opponents. It was wonderful to see so much teamwork, laughter, and friendly competition around the room! Some of our pupils even took on the challenge of leading games for other groups, showing great confidence and leadership skills. Well done, Year 6!



Class Attendance

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

F2 Miss Chick:	96.2%	Y3 Miss Nuttall:	90.4%
F2 Mr Blackwell:	90.3%	Y4 Mrs Savage:	96.0%
Y1 Mrs Heath:	90.3%	Y4 Miss Coleman:	94.0%
Y1 Miss Stirland:	93.3%	Y5 Ms Thomas:	92.2%
Y2 Miss Hitchcock:	90.3%	Y5 Mr Potter :	96.2%
Y2 Mrs Townsend:	90.3%	Y6 Miss Cairns:	92.4%
Y3 Miss Bytheway:	88.3%	Y6 Miss Spalding:	92.8%

Our whole school attendance figure for this week is: 92.2%

Well done to
Mr Potter's and Miss Chick's
Class for the best
attendance this week!

School Meals Menu - Week 1

Please find below the school dinner menu for week commencing **3rd November 2025**.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Inset Day	Margherita Pizza with Potato noisettes & mixed salad	Nottinghamshire sausage hot dog with oven chips, baked beans & salad	Herby chicken with mashed potato and sweetcorn	Fish portion with bread & butter, oven chips, tomato ketchup, sweetcorn & peas
	Honey & oat cookie	Flapjack	Ice cream tub	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.

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.

Black History Month

October is Black History Month which is acknowledged each year as a way of remembering and highlighting achievements in sport, literature, music, business and much more.



Classes have been developing their awareness of Black History Month through enrichment activities linked to our curriculum. In Year 1, children have studied the achievements of Mary Seacole, a Jamaican nurse who worked during the Crimean War, comparing her work with that of Florence Nightingale who they have studied in their history lessons. In Year 4, the children have been exposed to the legacy of Michelle Obama, learning about her inspirational work with families and children and writing a fact file about her life. Year 5 pupils have been discussing heroes such as Michael Jordan, Katherine Johnson, Usain Bolt and Harriet Tubman through the style of rap, linking their work to recent rap poetry in English.

PE Days

Please find below is the new PE days for the Autumn 2 .

	PE Days (1-6) Autumn 2
Year 1	Monday indoor (AM) Friday outdoor (PM)
Year 2	Monday indoor (PM) Wednesday Outdoor (PM)
Year 3	Tuesday Outdoor (PM) Thursday indoor (PM)
Year 4	Thursday indoor/swimming (AM) Friday outdoor (PM)
Year 5	Tuesday indoor (PM) Thursday outdoor (PM)
Year 6	Monday Outdoor (PM) Wednesday indoor (PM)

Autumn Term Key Dates

17.10.25 End of Autumn 1 Half-Term

04.11.25 Start of Autumn 2

10.11.25 Anti-Bullying Week

14.11.25 BBC Children in Need

02.12.25 Foundation 2 Nativity (9:30)

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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