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Newsletter

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WE ARE PROUD TO PRESENT...

Abbey's NEW Year Six House Captains and Vice House Captains of 2025/26!

We're so excited to introduce our brand-new Year Six House Captains and Vice Captains for this school year! Each of them have worked incredibly hard and shown the determination, kindness and leadership skills needed to guide their houses through the challenges and triumphs of the year ahead.

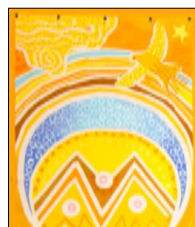
After Wednesday's elections, their names will soon take pride of place on the *Hall of Fame* Boards in the school hall – proudly joining the captains who came before them.



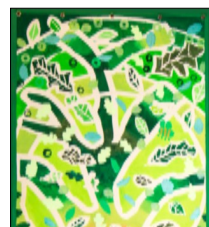
Captain - Alix
Vice Captain - Toby



Captain - Solace
Vice Captain - Zach



Captain - Jemima
Vice Captain - Lily

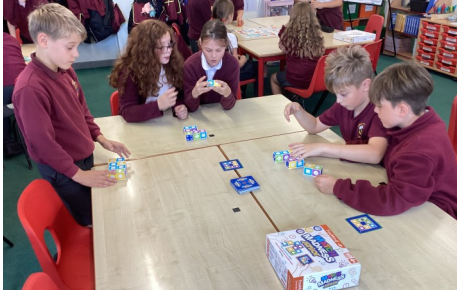


Captain - Poppy
Vice Captain - Aston

Our House Leaders were blown away by the number of children who put themselves forward this year. The votes were incredibly close, and the standard of the speeches were outstanding. Every single child who took part impressed us with their confidence, ideas and passion. A huge thank you also goes to parents and carers for supporting the children through the process. Whether they were voted in or not, each child can be proud of what they've achieved – standing up in front of such a big audience and delivering a speech is no small thing! That experience alone is something that will give them confidence for years to come. We would also like to thank all students who nominated themselves for a position on the School Council. The elected representatives will be announced in next week's newsletter.

Imagination Gaming

Year Four and Five have had the fantastic opportunity to engage with 'Imagination Gaming' to help develop social skills. The sessions started with some mini puzzles, looking for patterns in different challenges. The children then split into groups, and each group was introduced to a new game. These included matching block patterns, balancing burger parts and risking walking the plank. How to play each game was demonstrated, then the children had a chance to play before rotating on to the next game. Each time they rotated, one child volunteered to stay behind to teach the next group, building on their leadership and communication skills. The children all had a fantastic time and are excited to welcome Imagination Gaming back to Abbey Primary over the next couple of weeks to explore more games!



EFSA Football competition

On Tuesday, it was the turn of the boys to take part in the EFSA Football Competition at West Nott's College. Due to the number of entries, this was a qualifying round with the top two sides progressing to the finals next Tuesday. The side got off to a great start winning their first match 4-1. The second game didn't quite go to plan with the side losing 4-1. This meant that everything came down to the final game, with the two sides battling it out for second place. Abbey

got off to a great start with Oliver capitalising on a mistake by the goalkeeper, to put us one up. We were then pegged back just before half time. Going into the final half, the side came out up for the challenge, with some brave challenges, great tackles, and even better saves, but an incredible freekick from Oliver saw the side come away with a 2-1 win. This saw the side finish in second place (1 point behind first) and progressing through to the finals. We wish the side the best of luck next week in the final. We'd also like to thank the fantastic support shown by the parents and carers that were in attendance.



Foundation Two

On Thursday, Foundation 2 welcomed our parents in for the first parent-child session of the year. The children and parents took part in 9 different sporting activities that link closely to the gross motor development skills the children will work on throughout the year, these include: Throwing and catching, movement skills, balance, teamwork, agility and most importantly... having FUN!!! We even believe that some of the adults secretly had a great time too! We would like to thank the parents and carers that were able to attend as it was great to see the fun and engagement you all displayed, the children had a wonderful time. Don't forget to check out our class page on the website for photos from the event.



Parents' Evening Notice

Parents' Evening slips have been sent home with your children. The meetings will take place on:
Tuesday 7th October and Wednesday 8th October.
Please ensure your completed slip is returned to your child's class teacher **by Thursday 2nd October** so that appointment times can be arranged.
Thank you for your cooperation

OPAL Programme

We are about to begin The Outdoor Play and Learning (OPAL) Primary programme to improve opportunities for physical activity, cooperation, resilience, imagination and enjoyment (to name but a few) through improved play at Abbey.

To learn more about the OPAL Primary Programme, please have a look at the OPAL website where you will find lots of useful information and several videos about the programme.

www.outdoorplayandlearning.org.uk

Over the next 18 months, we will work with OPAL to implement the programme and there will be opportunities for you to join in the fun too!

Here is a link to a short survey, inviting you to share your thoughts on current playtimes and lunchtimes.

We'd really value your input. Please take a moment to complete the short survey by Tuesday

7th October and help us identify ways to improve.

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Sign of the week

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



Please



Thank you

Book Sale

Thank you to everyone who purchased books this week. There will be another sale next week on Monday after-school. All books are just 20p.

This is a perfect chance for your child to grab a new favourite read!

BOOK SALE
MONDAY
AFTERSCHOOL
UNDER THE CANOPY
ALL BOOKS
20p EACH



Year One

This week in Year One, we have been exploring what life was like in the Scutari hospital before Florence Nightingale arrived. The children used their senses to imagine the overcrowded and dirty conditions, as well as the lack of basic medical supplies. They learned how Florence Nightingale's efforts to clean the hospital and improve patient care saved many lives. Using all of their ideas, the children then wrote their own eyewitness accounts. They have really enjoyed learning about Florence and discovering what life was like in the past.

Year Six

This week in history, Year Six have stepped back in time to explore what life was really like for children during the Second World War, and how their daily routines changed in lots of different ways. Working in pairs, they discovered how mothers began working in factories and volunteering for the Women's Voluntary Service, how rationing affected what went on the dinner table (and how much of it!), and how children had to get creative with the toys and games they played. Finally, the class put themselves in the shoes of wartime children to decide which of these changes would have been the trickiest, sparking some brilliant debates and comparisons with life today!

Class Attendance

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

F2 Miss Chick:	91.4%	Y3 Miss Nuttall:	93.9%
F2 Mr Blackwell:	83.3%	Y4 Mrs Savage:	96.7%
Y1 Mrs Heath:	100%	Y4 Miss Coleman:	99.3%
Y1 Miss Stirland:	94.0%	Y5 Ms Thomas:	97.1%
Y2 Miss Hitchcock:	95.3%	Y5 Mr Potter :	99.3%
Y2 Mrs Townsend:	98.0%	Y6 Miss Cairns:	95.5%
Y3 Miss Bytheway:	97.3%	Y6 Miss Spalding:	90.0%

Well done to
Mrs Heath's Class
for **100%** attendance
this week!

Our whole school attendance figure for this week is: 95.1%

School Meals Menu - Week 2

Please find below the school dinner menu for week commencing **29th September 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
Pork Meatballs in tomato sauce, garlic bread, carrot & cucumber sticks	Chicken taco with BBQ sauce/ tomato salsa, potato noisette, carrot & cucumber sticks	Bangers & mash, Seasonal vegetables & gravy	Roast gammon, jacket wedges, roasted summery vegetables & gravy	Fish finger cob with tomato ketchup, oven chips, sweetcorn & peas
Gingerbread cookies	Pancakes & honey	Butterscotch shortcake	Jelly	Strawberry fairy cake

Please see full menu on website for any allergens.

Foundation 2 to year 6 have the choice of the main meal, jacket potato or a sandwich option

Next Week's Diary Dates

Monday 29th September

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

Tuesday 30th September

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

Wednesday 1st November

Year Six Art club 15:15– 16:15

Thursday 2nd November

Cross Country Development 15:15-16:15
Choir 15:15– 16:15

Friday 3rd November

Guinea Pig carer club 15:15– 15:45

Request for Small Vehicles

Our F1B class would love some extra small vehicles (cars, trucks, etc.) for playtime. Any donations would be greatly appreciated!

Grade Two Teaching Assistant Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a Grade Two Teaching Assistant. If you're interested in joining our team, please visit our website for more information and how to apply.

Closing date: Monday 6th October, 12 noon.

Encouraging Reading at Home

We would love your support in encouraging children to read regularly at home. Just a few minutes each day makes a big difference, and when children see reading as enjoyable, they develop confidence and a love of reading.



Autumn 1 Term Key Dates

29.09.25 Y6 Level 3 Bikeability
29.09.25 Imagination Gaming Y6
30.09.25 Imagination Gaming F2 & Y1
02.10.25 Y3 Creswell Crags
03.10.25 Harvest Food collection and activities
06.10.25 Imagination Gaming Y2 & Y3
07.10.25 Imagination Gaming Y4

07.10.25 Parents' Evening– Settling-in Review
08.10.25 Parents' Evening– Settling-in Review
13.10.25 Imagination Gaming Y5
14.10.25 Imagination Gaming Y6
16.10.25 FOA Spooky Disco
17.10.25 End of Autumn 1 Half-Term