



Abbey Primary School

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Newsletter

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The new school year has begun with smiles and excitement as we greet our returning families and welcome the newest members of our Abbey community, both children and their families. The children have started the term full of eagerness and enthusiasm, and it's been a joy watching them settle into their classrooms and routines so smoothly. Staff have been full of praise for the positive energy and readiness to learn. We're excited for all the adventures, achievements, and fun that lie ahead this year!

Senior Leadership Team



Mr Harris is the Headteacher with responsibility for the strategic leadership of our school. He is a Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead.



Mrs Wolfe is the Deputy Headteacher with responsibility for the school's curriculum, teaching and learning, and behaviour across the school. She is also a Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead.



Mrs Lovatt is an Assistant Headteacher and SENCO responsible for the leadership of Special Educational Needs and the PSHE Programme. She is the Designated Safeguarding Lead.



Miss Chick is an Assistant Headteacher and leader of the Early years Foundation Stage. She is a Foundation 2 class teacher as well as leading Design Technology and Oracy across the curriculum. She is also a Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead.



Mrs Townsend is an Assistant Headteacher with responsibility for the leadership of Phonics and Early Reading. She is a Year 2 class teacher and the Key Stage 1 Phase Leader.



Miss Cairns is an Assistant Headteacher and the Key Stage 2 Phase Leader, as well as being a Year 6 class teacher. She leads English across the school.

Should you have any concerns about your child, however small, you should in the first instance, speak to your child's class teacher. If the problem cannot be resolved, then please speak to your child's Phase Leader. In the unlikely event that the problem still cannot be resolved then an appointment will be made for you to meet with either Mrs Wolfe, Mrs Lovatt or myself. This system will ensure that any concerns are resolved swiftly.

Treasure Chest Books and Reading Books

This week, the year one children have each chosen a special book from the classroom's treasure chest collection. These books are exciting, age-appropriate texts that they can enjoy at home and share with you. Books may be kept for extended periods and exchanged at any time, once you are ready for another exciting read. Next week, we will begin handing out reading books. These won't all go out on the same day, but by the end of the week, every child will have one to take home. We kindly ask that you help your child take good care of all our books so they can continue to be enjoyed by all.

Imagination Gaming

I am delighted to say that, starting on Monday 15th September and for each Monday and Tuesday up to half-term, we are welcoming Nigel from Imagination Gaming in during this term to work with the children and develop a range of skills through the use of board and card games. Nigel came in a couple of years ago and the children and staff had a wonderful experience. There will also be an after-school club on the Mondays for families to attend with their children and learn some of the games that they have played and share in the fun that can be had at the same time.

More information about the club will be sent out next week. The dates when they are working with each class are on the key dates document that was sent out before the holidays and is on the website.

Parents' Information Meeting Invitation

We would like to invite you to a short, informative meeting where you will meet your child's class teacher and receive information in relation to their current year group routines and expectations. This will also provide you with the opportunity to ask any questions. The meetings will be held in the studio. We look forward to seeing you there!

Year Group	Meeting Time
Year 1 - Monday 8.09.24	3.25 - 4.00
Year 2 - Tuesday 9.09.24	3.25 - 4.00
Year 3 - Wednesday 10.09.24	3.25 - 4.00
Year 4 - Thursday 11.09.24	3.25 - 4.00
Year 5 - Monday 15.09.24	3.25 - 4.00
Year 6 - Tuesday 16.09.24	3.25 - 4.00

PE Days for Autumn Term

Children need to come to school in 'weather appropriate' PE kits on the days listed below.

- * **Y1** - Monday & Friday
- * **Y2** - Monday & Wednesday
- * **Y3** - Tuesday & Thursday
- * **Y4** - Thursday & Friday
- * **Y5** - Wednesday & Thursday
- * **Y6** - Monday & Tuesday

Please see the website for P.E uniform

Important Reminder: No Nuts at School Please

To keep all our students safe, we kindly ask that children do **not** bring any nuts or nut-based products to school. Some of our pupils have severe nut allergies which can cause serious reactions.



Please check lunchboxes and snacks carefully and choose nut-free options. Thank you for your co-operation

Medical Concern 2025/26

At the beginning of each year, it is essential that we have up to date medical information for all our children. Once we have collated all the information, it will then be the parents/carers responsibility to inform the school as soon as possible of any changes to the information.

Please log in to the Arbor parents' app for each of your children, and click on the medical section of their profile. Check the information is still correct (if it is blank we have no information to record). If anything needs editing, removing or adding, please do this within this section and we can approve this information.

If you do not have the Arbor parents app, please contact the school office to help you set this up. Once you have checked the information and sent any changes through the app, please complete the following forms link to confirm this has been completed.

<https://forms.office.com/e/NB3TyPC4P7>



Parking

As we begin a new academic year, we'd like to take this opportunity to thank families for their continued co-operation with our parking procedures. Ensuring the safety and wellbeing of our pupils remains our highest priority at all times and is a shared responsibility for us all. Your support continues to play a key role in helping us maintain a safe and respectful environment for both our pupils and our neighbours. Please note that access to the car park during drop-off and pick-up times remains restricted to those with prior approval. In the event of an emergency, we ask that you ring the buzzer and speak to a member of our Office Team. For safeguarding reasons, we kindly ask that no one enters the car park without pressing the buzzer—even if the gates are open. This will help us monitor who is on site and ensures the continued safety of all children at Abbey Primary. Thank you for your ongoing support and understanding.



Alternative collection arrangements

A gentle reminder to please let your child's teacher and the school office know if someone different will be picking up your child- especially if it's someone we haven't seen before. This helps us keep all children safe and avoid delays at the end of the day! Thank you for your support!

Year Two

Year 2 have settled back into the routine of school brilliantly. They have enjoyed creating their own respect rainbow, as we launched our first school value, and remembered lots about the Great Fire of London. During English they have had chance to share their experiences over the summer and write about them, carefully choosing adjectives to describe. What fun they all had!

Online safety

This poster from The National College shares 10 top tips for using parental controls to help keep children safe online. From managing screen time to blocking in-app purchases, these simple steps can make a big difference. Take a moment to chat with your child about staying safe online!



https://drive.google.com/file/d/18_kFNGfJnQaAsi66bt5oWeRJ6i8jar_q/view

Weekend fun



On Saturday, 6th September, from 11am - 5pm, Mansfield Town Centre will host **The Full Shebang**—a free outdoor arts event with music and performances for all ages. Bring your family and enjoy a fun day out!

More info: thefullshebang.co.uk

Class Attendance

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

F2 Miss Chick:	91.9 %	Y3 Miss Nuttall:	93.3 %
F2 Mr Blackwell:	87.4 %	Y4 Mrs Savage:	96.5 %
Y1 Mrs Heath:	95.6 %	Y4 Miss Coleman:	96.7 %
Y1 Miss Stirland:	98.3 %	Y5 Ms Thomas:	97.9 %
Y2 Miss Hitchcock:	100 %	Y5 Mr Potter :	100 %
Y2 Mrs Townsend:	98.7 %	Y6 Miss Cairns:	95.5 %
Y3 Miss Bytheway:	97.8 %	Y6 Miss Spalding:	96.0 %

Our whole school attendance figure for this week is: 96.1 %

Well done to
**Mr Potter's and
Miss Hitchcock's Class**
for **100%** attendance
this week!

School Meals Menu - Week 1

Please find below the school dinner menu for week commencing **8th September 2025**.
School dinners cost **£3.16** per day. If you wish your child to have a school meal, you must top up your ParentPay 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

I am delighted to welcome new staff members to the Abbey Team



Mrs Mountain
joins us as our
Year Six Teaching
Assistant



Miss Nuttall
joins us as our
Year 3 teacher



Mr Jukes
Joins us as part
of our cleaning
staff

Autumn 1 Term Key Dates

W/C 08.09.25 Parents' information meetings	29.09.25 Y6 Level 3 Bikeability
11.09.25 Year 4 Swimming Lessons Begin (Y4KC)	29.09.25 Imagination Gaming day 5
15.09.25 Imagination Gaming Day 1	30.09.25 Imagination Gaming day 6
16.09.25 Imagination Gaming Day 2	02.10.25 Y3 Cresswell Crag
19.09.25 House Captain Launch Assembly	03.10.25 Harvest Food collection and activities
22.09.25 Imagination Gaming Day 3	06.10.25 Imagination Gaming day 7
23.09.25 Imagination Gaming Day 4	07.10.25 Imagination Gaming day 8
24.09.25 House Captains' Presentation Assembly	07.10.25 Parents' Evening– Settling-in Review
26.09.25 House Captain Election Announcements Assembly	08.10.25 Parents' Evening– Settling-in Review
26.09.25 Saul Isaac– Individual and Sibling photos	13.10.25 Imagination Gaming Day 9
	14.10.25 Imagination Gaming Day 10
	17.10.25 End of Autumn 1 Half-Term