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Newsletter

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It doesn't seem long at all since I was writing to say that we had reached the end of the Autumn Term, and here we are having come to the end of the Spring Term. What a busy one it has been as well with our Easter Productions, Y4 residential, Comic Relief, World Book Day and a multitude of other clubs and events for the children to take part in. All on top of the lessons and learning that they do so well.

We are so proud of what the children have achieved again this term and they are definitely ready for a well-earned rest. We hope that you all have a wonderful Easter Holiday whatever your plans may be. We all look forward to welcoming you back to school on Monday April 13th for the Summer Term.

Year 4 Residential Adventure – Robin Hood's Bay



Earlier this week, our Year 4 pupils enjoyed an unforgettable residential trip to Robin Hood's Bay, packed full of exciting activities and new experiences.

On the journey, we stopped at Perlethorpe Outdoor Learning Centre, where the children took part in a fantastic Viking workshop led by a "real-life" Viking! They also explored the woodland and worked brilliantly in teams to build their own shelters. After arriving at Boggle Hole, everyone settled into their rooms before enjoying dinner. The day ended in the best way possible, gathered around the campfire, sharing stories and songs, while warming up with hot chocolate and toasted marshmallows.

Our first full day began with a beautiful walk along the cliffs into Robin Hood's Bay. The children loved exploring the charming seaside village and were rewarded with a well-deserved ice cream after tackling the many steps! In the afternoon, we headed to the beach for a seashore safari, where the children searched in the rockpools for signs of marine life. This was followed by "Walking with Dinosaurs," an exciting fossil-hunting adventure along the shore.

The day finished with a fun-filled pirate party, complete with dancing, pass-the-parcel, and a brilliant dance-off—Miss Coleman's cartwheel and Mrs Savage's "funky chicken" were definite highlights! On our final day, the children worked together to build model lighthouses and enjoyed some calm, creative pebble painting. It truly was an action-packed and memorable residential.

Please visit the Year 4 class page to see more photos from our adventure. A huge thank you to Miss Coleman, Mrs Savage, Mrs Mountain, Mr Kemp, and Mrs Warren for making the trip such a success!

Year One



In RE this week, Year 1 have been learning about the different artefacts you might find inside a church and understanding their purpose. They were introduced to a range of new vocabulary and had great fun testing their knowledge with an online quiz, where they identified the various items found in a church. The children also learned that many traditional churches are designed in the shape of a cross when viewed from above. Why not ask your child what they can remember about their learning this week?

Year Three



On Tuesday, Year 3 enjoyed a special visit from Mr Darlington who introduced the children to "Easter in a Box." This engaging and interactive session gave pupils the opportunity to revisit the Easter story in a meaningful and memorable way.

The children took part in a range of activities that helped deepen their understanding of the importance of Easter for Christians. They explored the feelings of key characters in the story and reflected on how these events can connect to their own daily lives. Alongside this thoughtful learning, the session was filled with fun and creativity. The children particularly enjoyed hands-on activities such as decorating their own Easter eggs. It was a wonderful balance of learning, reflection, and celebration!

Year 5 Sports Leaders

We are both pleased and proud to share that a new group of Year 5 pupils has been selected to take part in Sports Leader training. This training was delivered by Mrs Biggs, the Mansfield School Games Organiser, who works across both primary and secondary schools in Mansfield, supporting them with sporting events and the Sports Leader programme. The 16 selected pupils will now work alongside Mr Blackwell to support the wide range of sporting events held here at Abbey. This role provides an excellent opportunity for children who aspire to work in sport or coaching, allowing them to begin developing their skills and understanding from an early stage.

Red Nose Day



On Friday 20th March, the entire school came together to celebrate Red Nose Day in a truly memorable way. Our dedicated school council worked hard throughout the week, giving up their lunchtimes to bake and decorate over 400 delicious cakes and cookies for everyone to enjoy.

The day itself was filled with excitement, as pupils and staff proudly wore red-themed non-uniform in exchange for a £1 donation. A special assembly brought everyone together, and the school council announced the winners of the Red Nose decorating competition, showcasing some wonderfully creative designs. A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to making the day such a success. Thanks to your generosity and enthusiasm, we raised an incredible **£616.34** for a fantastic cause!

	PE Days Summer 1
Year 1	Tuesday outdoor (PM) Wednesday indoor (PM)
Year 2	Monday Outdoor (PM) Friday outdoor (AM)
Year 3	Tuesday Indoor (PM) Thursday outdoor (PM)
Year 4	Tuesday Outdoor (PM) Thursday Indoor (PM)
Year 5	Monday Indoor (AM) Friday Outdoor (PM)
Year 6	Monday PM Indoor (PM) Wednesday Outdoor (PM)

Year 5 Dive Under the Sea

On Wednesday, year 5 visited Samworth Church Academy to watch their fantastic "Under the Sea" musical dance showcase. The performance told the story of Ariel and her journey to escape Ursula, with each dance bringing a different part of the story to life. The music was varied and engaging, featuring music from Taylor Swift and Alex Warren. It also included classical interpretations of an Ariana Grande song. We were impressed by the wide range of dance styles, including street, hip-hop, tap, ballet and contemporary, all performed with great confidence and skill. Lots of our pupils loved the jumps, spins and lifts!

A huge thank you to all the pupils and staff involved - it was a pleasure to be your audience and a great opportunity for our pupils to see what can be achieved at secondary school.



Friends of Abbey Easter Bonnet Competition

A huge thank you to all the children who took part in this year's Easter Bonnet competition! The creativity and effort were amazing, and it was clear how much thought went into every bonnet. Our judges, Mrs. Mellors and Miss Webster, had a tough time choosing the winner and 2nd and 3rd place from each Key Stage with so many fantastic entries. Thank you to everyone who participated and supported this fun event - we can't wait for next year's competition!



Foundation One

1st Place - Maeve
2nd Place - Blake
3rd Place - Seffie

Foundation Two

1st Place - Toby
2nd Place - Arthur
3rd Place - Mason

Key Stage 1

1st Place - Saffy
2nd Place - Luanna
3rd Place - Jacob

Lower Key Stage 2

1st Place - Aria
2nd Place - Hollie
3rd Place - Maisie

Upper Key Stage 2

1st Place - Maisie
2nd Place - Fraya
3rd Place - Maximus

Class Attendance

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

F2 Miss Chick:	93.5%	Y3 Miss Nuttall:	95.8%
F2 Mr Blackwell:	92.8%	Y4 Mrs Savage:	97.4%
Y1 Mrs Stephens:	95.1%	Y4 Miss Coleman:	96.9%
Y1 Miss Stirland:	96.5%	Y5 Ms Thomas:	96.0%
Y2 Miss Hitchcock:	95.5%	Y5 Mr Potter :	96.5%
Y2 Mrs Townsend:	96.3%	Y6 Miss Cairns:	95.7%
Y3 Miss Bytheway:	96.6%	Y6 Miss Spalding:	95.6%

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

Our whole school attendance figure for this week is: 95.5%

School Meals Menu - Week 1

Please find below the school dinner menu for week commencing **13th April 2026**.
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 tomato pasta with garlic bread & vegetable sticks	Pinwheel pizza with diced potato & mixed salad	Roast Gammon with Yorkshire pudding, mash, Vegetables & gravy	Nottinghamshire sausage OR Linda McCartney™ Sausage with mash, baked beans & sweetcorn	Fish OR Fishless fingers with chips, Peas & tomato ketchup
Banana mousse With a shortbread crumb	Chocolate crispie	Iced school cake	Butterscotch shortcake	Fruit ice lolly

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.



OPAL Community Build Day

Don't forget our Community Build Day is coming up soon!

Date: 14th April

Time: Throughout the day

Location: School Playground

We'll be working together to create a magical **Outdoor Mud Play Kitchen & Café** for our children, transforming pallets and wooden offcuts into a fun, imaginative 'Mud Bistro' space. Whether you can join us for an hour or the whole day, we'd love your help. No building experience needed, just enthusiasm, warm clothes, and a willingness to get stuck in! Expect a fun, hands-on (and yes... muddy!) day as we build something truly special for our school community. Let's create something amazing together, we can't wait to see you there!

Spring/ Summer Term Key Dates

13.04.26	School re-opens - Summer 1
16.04.26	Year 3 Residential to Castleton until 17.3.26
11.05.26	Year 6 SATs week until 14.05.26
22.05.26	Last Day of Summer 1
01.06.26	School re-opens - Summer 2
03.06.26	Y6 Residential to London (BC Class) until 05.06.26
10.06.26	Y6 Residential to London (LS Class) until 12.06.26
19.06.26	Book Bus in school
26.06.26	Year 2 Staycation Yorkshire Wildlife Park
05.07.26	FOA Summer Fayre
08.07.26	UKS2 Performance 1:30pm and 6:00pm
09.07.26	UKS2 Performance 6:00pm
09.07.26	Foundation Two sports day and family picnic
10.07.26	KS1 and KS2 sports day
16.07.26	Foundation Two Graduation 9:00am
20.07.26	Y5 Residential to Dukes Barn until 22.07.26
23.07.26	Leavers' Memories Assembly (2:00pm)
24.07.26	Last Day of Summer 2

First Week Back Diary Dates

Monday 13th April

Y1/2 Football Club 15:15-16:30
Y1-3 Forest School Club 15:15-16:15

Tuesday 14th April

Gardening Club 15:15-16:30
Eco Warriors Club 15:15-16:30

Thursday 16th April

KS2 Choir 15:15-16:15
Y2 DT Club 15:15-16:15

Friday 17th April

Guinea Pig Carer club 3:15- 3:45