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Newsletter

Friday 20th March 2026

Year Three and Four presentation



On Tuesday and Thursday, our Year Three and Four children took to the stage to perform their presentation of the Easter Story.

Year Four have shown their excellent performance skills, ably supported by the wonderfully melodic voices of Year Three.

The presentation this year has stepped up a notch, showcasing the incredible talents and abilities of so many of our performers, some of which remained very well hidden until audition day! All of the children have worked so hard to ensure audiences thoroughly enjoyed the event, singing their hearts out and performing with gusto and confidence, and we are incredibly proud of each and every one of them. A Special thanks must also go to the super talented Mr Kirkland, who not only accompanied us on piano but composed the music too. Thank you to all our parents and carers for your continued support.

Shoe Aid Donation

A big thank you to Shoe Aid for donating a fantastic selection of wellington boots for our children to use during OPAL playtime! Shoe Aid is a wonderful charity that provides "fit for purpose" footwear free of charge to community and educational groups.

Their generosity will help our children make the most of outdoor play. You can find out more about their amazing work [here](#).



OPAL Community Build Day

Join our Community Build Day and help us create Our Outdoor Mud Play Kitchen & Café! As part of our school's growing commitment to OPAL, we are excited to invite you, our wonderful school community, to help us create something truly magical for our children: a Mud Play Kitchen and Café, built from donated wooden offcuts and pallets. We would like to transform an unused corner of our school grounds into a bustling 'Mud Bistro', complete with wooden ovens and storage for pots, pans and crockery, worktops for preparation stations and imaginative menus seating for the children to dine and enjoy the freshly prepared meals. Whether you can spare an hour or stay all day, we would love to have you with us. No prior building experience is required, just enthusiasm, a willingness to get stuck in and perhaps some warm gloves and a coat!

Date: 14th April

Time: Throughout the day

Location: School Playground

This will be a fun, hands-on day where you can put your special skills to use, maybe skills you didn't even know you had! After all, it takes a real artisan's eye to transform humble pallets into cutting-edge culinary appliances for budding young chefs with big imaginations. And yes... it *will* be muddy. But mud is where the best memories (and recipes!) are made. We can't wait to see what we can build together. Let's create something beautiful, useful and full of imaginative possibilities for our children. See you on the 14th!

Robin Hood's Bay residential reminder

Please make sure your child brings a water bottle and warm clothing, including a waterproof coat, hat, and gloves, wellingtons should be packed instead of worn. They will also need a snack and a packed lunch for Monday. Thank you!



Foundation One

It has been a wonderful week of learning in Foundation Stage One! The children had great fun using puppets and objects to act out *The Bad-Tempered Ladybird* by Eric Carle. During forest learning, the children created beautiful observational drawings of trees. We explored the different features of trees and carefully chose colours to match what we could see.

Year Two

Last week, the children in Year 2 embarked on their second D&T project. This project was to make a hand puppet that they could use to retell the story of the Three Billy Goats Gruff. They tested out different ways to join their materials, conducted a survey with Year 1



children to gather information about what they would want a troll puppet to look like, and then used this information to produce a design. Carefully considering a set of design criteria. The children had a great time making their puppets; they were resilient, thought carefully about how to improve it and showed creativity in the ways they utilised the resources they had. What a great week we had!

Year Six

A highlight of Year Six's week this week has been planning their own adventure stories. They have been swept away by their class text, 'Darwin's Dragons', using it to inspire their own story plots. Their imaginations have shown no bounds as they have excitedly begun to craft their own tales of adventure. The children started by generating their own plot and have also explored vocabulary of the stormy seas - where their exciting stories will begin! From paradise islands, to mysterious volcanic landscapes and swamps, the stories are certainly going to be exciting to read! Keep up the hard work, Year Six!

Parking Procedure Reminder

This is a polite reminder regarding our school gate and parking procedures which are in place to ensure the safety and security of all children and staff on site. Unless you have been issued with a valid parking pass, please do not park in the school car park. Spaces are very limited, and there have been several occasions where staff members have been blocked in. Additionally, please do not follow staff vehicles through the gates at any time. If you have a parking pass, you must press the buzzer and wait for access to be granted unless there is a member of staff at the gate who can let you in, so that we can maintain an accurate record of who is on site. Please also ensure that your parking pass is visible in your car. This message has been shared previously; however, we are still seeing these procedures not being followed. Your co-operation is essential in helping us maintain a safe and secure environment for everyone. Thank you for your understanding and support

Make up

Recently, there have been a couple of incidents of children coming to school with make-up on. Our uniform policy states that no make up should be worn to school so please ensure that your child doesn't have any make-up on when coming to school. The policy is being updated to state that they will be provided with wipes to remove it if they wear it to school. Thank you as always for your co-



Comic Relief

More information will follow next week but I just wanted to say well done to our school council for organising a great Red Nose Day Celebration for the children. School was awash with the colour red today and the cookies and cakes went down extremely well.

Sponsored 'Cycle to Cardiff' event

We would like to take this chance to extend our huge thanks to all the children and their families in Foundation 2 that raised money as part of the sponsored 'Cycle to Cardiff' fundraiser. We were blown away with the amount we raised, shattering our initial target. The total amount raised came to £1,462.

This money has gone towards the purchasing of nine new bikes and scooters, but also some more unusual modes of transport that will challenge the children in different ways. We expect the new bikes and scooters to arrive over Easter so that the children can enjoy them over the summer term.

Thank you again to all those that supported us, a huge well done to the F2 children on completing their combined efforts in cycling to Cardiff.

Top Table Winners

Today, our Top Table winners enjoyed their special VIP dining experience in the Studio!

Congratulations to Evie, Kobi, Hollie and Olivia-Mai, who were chosen in this week's Tidy Token Big Draw in recognition of their fantastic efforts in tidying up during OPAL sessions.

Each winner brought a friend to join them and used their queue-jumping token to enjoy their lunch at the Top Table. Well done to all of our winners for showing such great teamwork and responsibility!



Gardening Club Request

Gardening Club would really appreciate any donations of empty cardboard egg boxes, as they are perfect for helping us plant seeds in the garden. Thank you so much for your help!

FOA Easter Bonnet Competition



KS1 health and wellbeing sessions

This week, children in Years One and Two have taken part in a health and wellbeing session led by Mrs Dickens from NHS services. They revisited learning around a healthy diet and the Eat Well plate, spoke about what good sleep looks like and had a discussion around healthy routines linked to screen time. The children enjoyed movement breaks where they acted out different animal movements, and this sparked conversation around how being physically active can help to keep our bodies healthy. During the session, the children got to 'taste the rainbow'. They tried a range of different fruits and vegetables and then Mrs Dickens spoke to them about what they liked and where those would be on the Eat Well plate.

We would like to say a big thank you to Mrs Dickens and her team for their time. The children thoroughly enjoyed their sessions with you.



Class Attendance

Figures for This Week are as follows:

F2 Miss Chick:	92.7%	Y3 Miss Nuttall:	95.7%
F2 Mr Blackwell:	97.3%	Y4 Mrs Savage:	96.1%
Y1 Mrs Stephens:	94.3%	Y4 Miss Coleman:	99.3%
Y1 Miss Stirland:	97.7%	Y5 Ms Thomas:	95.3%
Y2 Miss Hitchcock:	95.3%	Y5 Mr Potter :	96.2%
Y2 Mrs Townsend:	97.3%	Y6 Miss Cairns:	94.4%
Y3 Miss Bytheway:	99.3%	Y6 Miss Spalding:	94.6%

Well done to
**Miss Bytheway's and
Miss Coleman's class**
for the best attendance
this week!

Our whole school attendance figure for this week is: 95.8%

School Meals Menu - Week 3

Please find below the school dinner menu for week commencing 23rd March 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
Quorn dipper wrap with roasted new potatoes, tomato ketchup & vegetable sticks	Pasta Neapolitan with garlic bread & mixed salad	Roast meat of the day with Yorkshire pudding, mash, Vegetables & gravy	Beef burger with jacket wedges, BBQ sauce & mixed salad	Fish portion with oven chips, peas, sweetcorn & Tomato ketchup
Sponge cake & vanilla sauce	Jelly	Chocolate Cracknell	Butterscotch shortcake	JimJam 'nut free' chocolate brownie

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.

Our New Facebook Page

Thank you to everyone who has already followed our Facebook page, we're delighted to have reached 111 followers so far!

Find us on 

If you haven't followed us yet, we'd love you to join us. Please also ensure your social media consents are up to date on the Arbor app.

1 ☐ - Click the search icon at the top right of Facebook

2 ☐ - Type Abbey Primary School into the search bar

3 - Select the Pages tab from the menu

4 ☐ - Look for our page with the Abbey Primary School logo

5 - Click on the page and hit Follow to stay up to date with all our latest news and events!

Spring/ Summer Term Key Dates

23.03.26	Y4- Boggle Hole Residential until 25.3.26
27.03.26	FOA Easter Bonnet Competition
27.03.26	Last Day of Spring 2
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

Next Week's Diary Dates

Monday 23rd March

Y3/4 Tag Rugby Club 3:15-4:30

Y6 Reflective Reader Club 3:15-4:30

Tuesday 24th March

Band Club 15:15 -16:15

Gardening Club 15:15-16:30

Y6 Maths Club 15:15-16:15

Thursday 26th March

Y5/6 Girls' Football club 3:15- 4:30

Y4 Art Club 15:15-16:15

Y3 Parents' meeting for Castleton
15:30

Friday 27th March

Guinea Pig Carer club 3:15- 3:45

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