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Newsletter

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World Book Day



Last Friday, 'World Book Day' was celebrated with a sprinkling of fairytale magic and an excellent day was had by all - as is usual tradition at Abbey! The theme was 'Go All In!' and all children and staff were invited to come to school in their pyjamas for a day of snuggling up with teddy bears and books! The morning began with an assembly, where the true meaning of 'World Book Day' was shared – the joy of reading and all things books!

World Book Day at Abbey is just one way that reading is celebrated – during assembly, the children talked about all the other ways that reading is promoted... treasure chest books, the book fair, the library and reading books were mentioned – to name just a few! During the assembly, this year's exciting World Book Day competition was launched... 'The Masked Reader'. Staff across school chose an emoji to represent themselves, then recorded a mystery voice clip of them reading part of a story. The children's job was to guess whose voice was behind each emoji! If you would like to join in



with the fun, the clips can be found [here](#). From there, it was non-stop action as classes embarked upon a whirlwind of thrilling activities. For more information about the activities that each class participated in, together with some photos, please see the World Book Day page on the website by clicking [here](#). Thank you to Miss Cairns for all her work organising the day and putting together the fantastic competition, and to all the staff who took part and recorded themselves.

Top Table Winners

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

Congratulations to Oliver, Mollie, Freddie and Isabella-Grace, 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!





Year Three

This half term in Design and Technology, Year 3 pupils have been learning about healthy eating and how to prepare simple food safely. As part of their project, the children explored what makes a balanced and varied diet and investigated different ingredients that

could be used in a healthy toasted sandwich. They practised important food preparation skills such as spreading, grating and chopping while learning about kitchen hygiene and safety. The children then designed their own healthy toastie, carefully choosing ingredients from different food groups to create a tasty and nutritious snack. The highlight of the project was making and tasting their toasties, which filled the classroom with wonderful smells! Finally, the pupils will be evaluating their creations, thinking about the flavour, appearance and how well their toastie met the healthy design brief. The children showed fantastic creativity and enthusiasm, and we are very proud of their growing confidence in cooking and making healthy choices.

Dance Festival

On Wednesday, it was the turn of our Year 4/5 dance troupe to take part in a Dance Festival.

The six girls who attended have been working incredibly hard all term to perfect an amazing routine with an Indian theme. They performed their routine in front of six other schools, as well as a large audience of parents who came along to support. After each performance, schools were invited to give feedback to one another. The feedback our dancers received was extremely positive, with comments such as "It was magical" and "It flowed beautifully." Although there were a few nerves before the performance, the girls thoroughly enjoyed the experience and did the school proud. They delivered a fantastic performance and also showed great respect and encouragement towards the other schools and their routines. We would also like to thank the adults who came along to support the dancers, as always, this was greatly appreciated.



Year Five

Over the past couple of weeks, Year 5 have been busy learning about life cycles in science, comparing mammals (including humans), amphibians, insects and birds. They are now exploring plant reproduction and enjoyed dissecting an alstroemeria flower to learn about the stamen and pistil. Year 5 have also started their new computing topic and are loving building images using vector drawings, increasing their skills in manipulating shapes.



Year One

This week in year 1 the children have been busy making Mother's Day cards and pictures for the special people on their lives. On Tuesday the children went up to the art room to do some painting, and on Thursday, they carefully crafted their Mother's Day cards. We are also so proud of the children who have shown great resilience this week during their first assessment week. Well done everyone!



Year 4/5 Gymnastics Festival

On Wednesday, some of our Year 4 and Year 5 pupils attended a Gymnastics Festival at 776 Gymnastics, where they had a fantastic time developing their skills. The children took part in a variety of activities, practising different stretches, jumps and movements before exploring a range of gymnastics equipment. Throughout the session, they had the opportunity to try new skills, challenge themselves and build their confidence in a fun and supportive environment. The pupils showed great enthusiasm, determination and teamwork, representing our school brilliantly. Well done to everyone who took part, you should be very proud of yourselves!



ONE & all: Abbey Unity Games

On Monday, Abbey Primary School proudly hosted the second annual ONE Academy Unity Games. Eight of our pupils had the opportunity to take part in a variety of inclusive sporting events alongside children from other schools within our Academy Trust. With six schools taking part in total, the event provided

a wonderful opportunity for the children to represent our school while also meeting and competing alongside pupils from across the Trust.

During the event, every child participated in four sporting activities: Boccia, Polybat, seated volleyball and a team obstacle relay. The pupils showed great enthusiasm throughout the day and did a fantastic job representing our school. We would also like to thank the other schools who attended for their support and for the excellent sportsmanship shown by all the children throughout the event.

Reception Area Safety Reminder

If you are speaking with reception staff or waiting in the reception area, please ensure that your children do not touch the main reception doors or the door control panel. This helps to ensure the safety of your children and prevents damage to the door system.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Exciting OPAL Development: Introducing Wheeled Play!

We are delighted to share that, as part of the next phase of our OPAL development, we will be expanding our provision to include wheeled objects. This means that our play zones will soon feature a variety of bikes, scooters and other wheeled resources for children to enjoy.

Over the past few weeks, the children have been working hard to create our Risk Management Assessment. Together, they have been exploring the fun and creative ways we can use wheeled equipment, identifying potential risks and deciding on sensible strategies to help everyone play safely. Their thoughtful ideas have helped us design a play environment that is exciting, active and safe.

Safety First

With safety at the heart of this new development, all children will be required to wear a helmet whenever they are riding a bike or scooter. This ensures that everyone can play confidently while staying protected.

How You Can Help

To help us bring this new OPAL zone to life, we are kindly asking for donations of:

- Bikes
- Scooters
- Helmets

If you have any items at home that are no longer needed but still in good working condition, we would be incredibly grateful to receive them. Your donations will help us create a rich and varied wheeled play area that all children can enjoy.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Together, we are building a playful, active, and joyful outdoor environment for every child.

Class Attendance

Figures for This Week are as follows:

F2 Miss Chick:	93.4%	Y3 Miss Nuttall:	95.8%
F2 Mr Blackwell:	92.6%	Y4 Mrs Savage:	97.4%
Y1 Mrs Stephens:	95.2%	Y4 Miss Coleman:	96.9%
Y1 Miss Stirland:	96.4%	Y5 Ms Thomas:	95.9%
Y2 Miss Hitchcock:	95.5%	Y5 Mr Potter :	96.4%
Y2 Mrs Townsend:	96.2%	Y6 Miss Cairns:	95.8%
Y3 Miss Bytheway:	96.8%	Y6 Miss Spalding:	95.7%

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

Our whole school attendance figure for this week is: 95.6%

School Meals Menu - Week 2

Please find below the school dinner menu for week commencing 16th 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
Cheesy Naan bread pizza, baby new potatoes & mixed salad	All day brunch Nottinghamshire sausage, bacon, hash browns, baked beans & scrambled eggs	Roast gammon with Yorkshire pudding, mashed potatoes, seasonal Vegetables & gravy	Pasta Bolognese with garlic bread	Fish goujons with oven chips, peas, sweetcorn & tomato ketchup
Vanilla Sponge	Chocolate cookie	New York cheesecake	Goldren syrup flapjack	Pancakes with JimJam 'nut free' chocolate turnover

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.



Scholastic Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair has been a PHENOMENAL success yet again – it continues to grow and grow each year! We would like to extend an enormous 'THANK YOU!' to all parents, family members, pupils and staff members who have supported the fair, because, as a result of your VERY generous purchases, an amazing amount of **£1522.41** has been earned in rewards for Abbey to spend on books! This beats last year's total, too – by nearly £100! It was fantastic to see families talking about, sharing, and showing their excitement for books – many simply could not wait to get home and read! This pot of money will go towards purchasing more books for children to enjoy in school. We would also like to say an extra special 'THANK YOU!' to our very own Abbey Book Fair-ies! Without the support of our brilliant staff members, who go above and beyond for our pupils, the running of the book fair would not be possible.

Polite Reminder:

If your child is attending an after-school extra curricular club, please ensure that they are collected on time. If they are not collected within 10 minutes of the end of the club, they will be taken to the after-school club and a charge will be applied to your Arbor account.
Thank you for your co-operation.



Next Week's Diary Dates

Monday 16th February
Y3/4 Tag Rugby Club 3:15-4:30
Y6 Reflective Reader Club 3:15-4:30
KS2 Boccia Club 3:15-4:15

Tuesday 17th February
Band Club 15:15 -16:15
Y3-5 Athletics Club 15:15-16:30
Gardening Club 15:15-16:30
Y6 Maths Club 15:15-16:15

Thursday 19th February
KS2 Choir 15:15 -16:15
Y5/6 Girls' Football club 3:15– 4:30
Y4 Art Club 15:15-16:15

Friday 20th February
Guinea Pig Carer club 3:15- 3:45
Red Nose Day

Spring Term Key Dates

17.03.26 Y3/4 Easter Production - 2:00pm
19.03.26 Y3/4 Easter Production - 9:30am & 2:00pm
20.03.26 Red Nose Day (red-themed non-uniform day)
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