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Newsletter

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Welcome back

I write at the start of a new half-term to welcome everyone back to school and to hope that you all had a lovely half-term break. It's definitely been nicer to come back to some warmer weather. Although it's only a shorter half-term (5 weeks) it is, as always a busy one with the parents' evenings that have just taken place, World Book Day, Red Nose Day, Easter Presentations and the start of our residential programme amongst many other events. A big thank you to everyone who was able to attend the parents' evening sessions this week and we hope you found it useful in knowing how your child(ren) is doing at school. We look forward to a successful few weeks as we head towards Easter. Thank you as always for all you do to support your child and school.

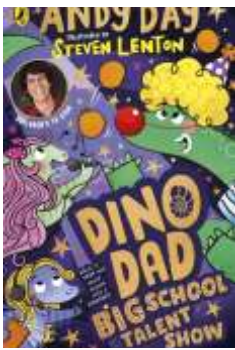


First Chapter Friday

Today, our classrooms were once again buzzing with excitement as pupils took part in their second 'First Chapter Friday' storytime of the year. This time, Abbey's teachers selected their books from the fantastic range available at the Scholastic Book Fair... The reading bug is well and truly alive and kicking!

Here are our brilliant book choices this time...

Year One



Year Two



Year Three



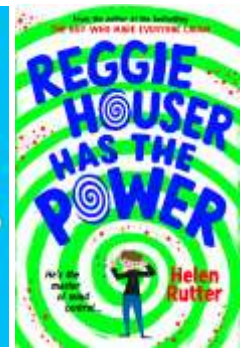
Year Four



Year Five



Year Six



Scholastic Book Fair

We would like to remind you that our Scholastic Book Fair is running in school until Tuesday 10th March. The fair will be open each morning from 8:20am and again straight after school. Purchases can be made using cash or card. If the book you would like has sold out, please speak to a member of staff, as we are able to place orders through Scholastic. Thank you for your continued support. Every purchase made at the fair helps us provide our children with a wide range of new and exciting books to enjoy.



School Uniform

Please can I take this opportunity at the start of a new half-term to politely remind everyone about our school uniform policy, particularly with reference to shoes, jewellery/ hair accessories and PE Kits. You can find our policy [here](#).

Footwear should be sensible, flat, black shoes, not trainers. The only jewellery to be worn is a watch (not a smart watch) and earrings which should be one pair of stud earrings. Headbands and bows should be sensible, small and neat. Thank you as always for your co-operation. Any tracksuits for PE should be plain and dark colours please. Should you have any questions regarding uniform, please do not hesitate to contact school.



Year Three

In Year 3, we brought our English learning to life with an outdoor experience lesson after finishing our book, *The Last Bear*. The children explored the incredible size of polar bears by measuring and marking out the real-life length of both a male and female polar bear. They were absolutely amazed at just how enormous these animals are! There were lots of gasps and wide eyes as we compared the two sizes, and even more excitement when the children challenged themselves to see how many of them could fit inside the life-sized outlines. We will now use this knowledge to inspire our next writing outcome!



February Holiday Club



Our February Holiday Club was full of exciting activities for the children to enjoy. We celebrated our proud winners of the dodgeball competition, had great fun making delicious sandwich skewers and enjoyed an energetic pancake toss. The children also took part in a variety of other activities, including creative crafts and giant homemade games, which brought lots of laughter and teamwork. Please take a look at some of our photos to see the children having a fantastic time at the club. We are now looking forward to planning even more fun and

engaging activities for the upcoming Easter holidays. This is also a friendly reminder that our Holiday Club pricing has now been updated. The new prices are as follows:

- Breakfast Club – £4.00
- After School Club – £10.00
- Breakfast & After School Club – £13.00



Year Six

It has been another busy and exciting week in Year 6! In PE, we have launched our new topics for the term. In sports hall athletics, pupils have been developing their throwing techniques and have begun practising javelin skills, focusing on control, accuracy and safe technique. Alongside this, we have started our "net games" unit, where the children are working hard to master a strong and controlled forehand shot in tennis. There has already been some fantastic determination and teamwork on display. In Writing, we explored poetry through the creation of kenning poems about the Sally Lightfoot Crab, which lives on the Galápagos Islands. The children enjoyed using imaginative language to describe the crab's movements, appearance and behaviour through creative compound phrases. Our History lessons have focused on analysing sources that provide evidence about what life was like during the Blitz. Pupils carefully examined a range of materials, discussing how reliable each source might be. We considered whether sources could be biased or persuasive, or whether they were intended to inform truthfully. It was wonderful to see such thoughtful and mature discussions. We have also introduced this half term's value: integrity. Through a range of scenarios, pupils positioned themselves along a scale to show whether they agreed or disagreed with different choices, before discussing the impact our actions have on others. We reflected on what it means to be trustworthy and honest, and whether we can be relied upon to do the right thing — even when no one is watching, including in our online lives.

A fantastic start to the half term — well done, Year 6!

KS2 Swimming Gala

After qualifying just before half term, 18 swimmers took part in the Mansfield and Ashfield Schools Swimming Gala, held at Lammas Leisure Centre. The swimmers performed exceptionally well, delivering consistently strong results and winning several races along the way. We are proud to announce that the team finished in 4th place out of 12 schools. With a total of 251 points, we were just 5 points behind 3rd place and only 19 points behind 2nd, highlighting how competitive the event was. We would also like to recognise how proud we are of those swimmers who stepped up to compete in a higher age group, as we understand the additional challenge this brings. Their determination and effort were truly commendable. Finally, we would like to thank all the adults who came along to support the event. Your encouragement and support were greatly appreciated by everyone involved.

Foundation Two

What an exciting start to the half term, as we jetted off to the sixth destination on Harry and Betty's round-the-world honeymoon. We travelled to Beijing Airport ready to fly back to the UK, where we will be spending the next two weeks in Wales. We have already begun our time in Wales by trying some local Welsh rarebit, painting beautiful daffodils, appreciating the artwork of Sir John Kyffin William, and listening to a selection of traditional Welsh folktales. We also have a jam-packed week ahead, including our trip to the library, our sponsored Bring a Bike Day and World Book Day. We can't wait for all the exciting experiences to come!

Class Attendance

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

F2 Miss Chick:	93.3%	Y3 Miss Nuttall:	94.3%
F2 Mr Blackwell:	97.9%	Y4 Mrs Savage:	97.4%
Y1 Mrs Stephens:	95.3%	Y4 Miss Coleman: 99.3%	
Y1 Miss Stirland:	97.3%	Y5 Ms Thomas:	96.1%
Y2 Miss Hitchcock:	97.3%	Y5 Mr Potter :	99.0%
Y2 Mrs Townsend:	98.0%	Y6 Miss Cairns:	96.9%
Y3 Miss Bytheway:	98.7%	Y6 Miss Spalding:	97.1%

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

Our whole school attendance figure for this week is: 96.9%

School Meals Menu - Week 3

Please find below the school dinner menu for week commencing **2nd 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, mashed potatoes, seasonal Vegetables & gravy	Fish portion with oven chips, peas, sweetcorn & Tomato ketchup	World Book Day Kitchen Disco menu – please find this here
Sponge cake & vanilla sauce	Jelly	Chocolate Cracknell	Butterscotch shortcake	

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.



Considerate Parking

On Wednesday evening, we received a complaint from a local resident who reported that she was verbally abused by one of our parents/carers. The parent/carer had parked across her driveway and, when politely asked to move, refused and responded in a verbally abusive manner.

As parents and carers of children at our school, we ask that you always act with courtesy and respect towards our local residents. They should not have to tolerate inappropriate or abusive behaviour.

Please ensure that you park considerately and respond politely if approached. We value our relationship with the local community and appreciate your cooperation in maintaining a positive environment for everyone.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

Residential payment reminder

This is a friendly reminder that payments for the upcoming residential trips are due. Please ensure your payment is made by the agreed deadline. If you have already made your payment, thank you. If not, we kindly ask that you do so as soon as possible.

If you have any questions or require support regarding payments, please contact the school office.
Thank you for your cooperation

Spring Term Key Dates

03.03.26	Y2 SATs Parents' meeting
04.03.26	Swimming changes to Wednesday (HS Class)
06.03.26	World Book Day Celebrations – Pyjama day
17.03.26	Y3/4 Easter Production - 2:00pm
19.03.26	Y3/4 Easter Production - 9:30am & 2:00pm
23.03.26	Y4- Boggle Hole Residential until 25.3.26
27.03.26	Last Day of Spring 2
13.04.26	School re-opens - Summer 1

Next Week's Diary Dates

Monday 2nd 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 3rd February

Band Club 15:15 -16:15
Y5 Dance 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
Y4/5 Girls' Netball Club 15:15-16:15

Thursday 5th February

KS2 Choir 15:15 -16:15
KS2 Magical Maths 15:15– 16:15
Y5/6 Girls' Football club 3:15– 4:30
Y4 Art Club 15:15-16:15

Friday 6th February

Guinea Pig Carer club 3:15- 3:45
World Book Day