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Newsletter

Friday 6th February 2026

Alan Darlington workshop

On Thursday, Year 2 had a visit from Mr Darlington for a Religious Education workshop. We identified different inspirational people such as Jesus, David Attenborough, Marcus Rashford and Rosa Parks before moving on to focus on Paul. Year 2 learned how Paul met Jesus and the impact Jesus had on him, which led us on to Paul's journey. We watched a video that showed the routes of three of his missionary journeys. Paul travelled over 9,000 miles by foot and boat! In groups, we



then zoomed in on a few places Paul had visited and what he did there. Using this information, Year 2 created posters showing things they are thankful for, things they are looking forward to in the future, activities they enjoy, and ideas on how to help someone feel better. The workshop helped us to learn about Paul's journey, why he was inspirational, and how he can inspire us to be good people.

Year Three Southwell Minster Trip

Year 3 had a fantastic and engaging trip to Southwell Minster on Wednesday, where they enjoyed stepping back in time to learn more about the Romans. The children took part in a range of exciting activities, discovering why the Romans were drawn to Southwell because of its natural springs and fertile land. They learned how Romans made jewellery using natural materials such as bone and wood, and even worked like real archaeologists by carefully finding, cleaning and identifying evidence from the past. The children were thrilled to see and hold real artefacts from Roman times, including tesserae used to



create mosaic floors and pieces of Roman fineware pottery. We also explored the grounds and identified where a Roman villa and bathhouse would once have stood. Did you know there is even evidence that the Romans were once in Mansfield Woodhouse? The children were enthusiastic, curious and a real credit to the school throughout the day. Please visit our class pages to see photos from our trip and be sure to ask the children about everything they learned!

Celebration of Learning

A reminder that our termly Celebration of Learning sessions will take place on **Tuesday 10th February**. Parents and carers are invited into school at the end of the day to visit their child's classroom and look through their books together from 3:15pm to 3:45pm. These sessions are always very popular and well received, and we hope you are able to join us.



Wraparound care price increase

This is a reminder following our previous message regarding changes to the prices of our Breakfast and After-School Clubs.

After many years of keeping prices unchanged, despite increasing staffing and food costs, we unfortunately need to increase the cost of these sessions.

The new prices will be effective from **23rd February 2026** and are as follows:

Breakfast Club – £4.00

(Includes breakfast and a drink)

After-School Club – £10.00

(Includes a two-course meal)

Breakfast & After-School Club (Combined) – £13.00

We are confident you will agree that these sessions continue to offer excellent value for money for childcare. Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

Year Four

Year 4 have been diving into the fascinating world of the water cycle this week! Building on their learning about states of matter, they have explored evaporation and condensation through a hands-on classroom experiment. By placing water-filled sandwich bags on the window, the children



have been able to observe the water cycle happening right before their eyes — and they will be watching how it changes over the next few days. To deepen their understanding, the children have also been labelling diagrams of the water cycle and writing clear sentences to explain each stage of the process.

Year Five

Year 5 have really enjoyed starting their new history topic on mining. We have been learning about the different roles that children (as young as four) and adults would have had down in the mines during Victorian times. This has been supported by our new reading text, *Broken Lives*, which is helping us to learn what it was like to be a child working in a mine.

We have also been very lucky that some grandparents have been happy to share original mining artefacts for us to explore — what a fantastic way to learn!



Holiday Club

This is a reminder that bookings are still open for Honeycomb Holiday Club, running during the February half-term from Monday 16th to Friday 20th February 2026.

We are currently taking bookings for both full-day and half-day sessions.

Session options:

- **Full day:** 8:00am–5:15pm (£30.00)
- **Morning half day:** 8:00am–12:00pm (£18.00)
- **Afternoon half day:** 1:00pm–5:15pm (£18.00)

Prices include breakfast (for morning and full-day sessions) and a snack. Children attending full-day sessions should bring a packed lunch. All bookings must be made and paid for via the Arbor app by 3:30pm on Monday 9th February 2026.

A wide range of activities will be available, catering for different age groups, to ensure all children have an enjoyable and fun-filled half-term. We look forward to welcoming the children to Honeycomb Holiday Club.

Year 3/4- 6 Nations Rugby Challenge

On Tuesday, 12 children from Years 3 and 4 took part in the Mansfield 6 Nations rugby challenge. The session started by looking at the TREDs principle, which encompasses all rugby values. These stand for teamwork, respect, enjoyment, discipline and sportsmanship. After a quick warm-up, we moved on to developing our passing skills, with integrated spatial awareness activities. As the session progressed, Abbey really began to show their skills, weaving in and out with speed and control. To finish the session, we moved into small-sided games of touch rugby. After a quick briefing on the rules, they were off. During the games, the players showed great resilience, making mistakes but learning from them and showing huge improvements, scoring more and more tries as the games went on. To conclude the session, all children were awarded teamwork certificates and invited to attend Mansfield Rugby Club training sessions, should they have enjoyed their time. Please see the attached flyer if your child is interested in taking part in any sessions. We would also like to thank the adults who came and supported the children throughout the event.



Cross Country County Final

On Saturday, seven of our cross-country runners, having gone through two rounds of qualifying (Abbey Primary and district qualifying), were invited to represent Mansfield at the Nottinghamshire County Finals. This was held at Worksop College, with hundreds of representatives competing across a range of age groups. We are incredibly proud of all our runners who, having put in an incredible amount of hard work, delivered some outstanding performances. It was also wonderful to see past Abbey pupils continuing their love of cross-country by representing Mansfield in the older age brackets. We would like to thank all the adults who came along to support our runners. With six out of the seven runners being in Year 6, and this being the final cross-country event of the year, we would like to congratulate them on the dedication and hard work they have shown throughout their time here at Abbey. We look forward to seeing them at future events.



Year One



This week, Year 1 have been working with the Bee-Bots. They have been learning how to programme them to move to different spots on our grids. If they did not work, the children showed resilience by debugging the programme. By working out the problem, they were then able to move the Bee-Bot to the correct shape on the grid.

Online Safety

Sadly we are still experiencing children who are not always staying safe online, particularly when they are at home. This week children have participated in Safer Internet Day. Please talk to your child about how they can stay safe online. [This link](#) takes you to a page with posters for different ages helping your child to stay safe online. Should you have any questions or require help with keeping your child safe online, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher in the first instance. Thank you.



Class Attendance

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

F2 Miss Chick:	97.7%	Y3 Miss Nuttall:	97.1%
F2 Mr Blackwell:	96.0%	Y4 Mrs Savage:	98.1%
Y1 Mrs Stephens:	88.3%	Y4 Miss Coleman:	89.7%
Y1 Miss Stirland:	99.0%	Y5 Ms Thomas:	96.1%
Y2 Miss Hitchcock:	93.7%	Y5 Mr Potter :	96.3%
Y2 Mrs Townsend:	94.8%	Y6 Miss Cairns:	95.0%
Y3 Miss Bytheway:	97.4%	Y6 Miss Spalding:	93.9%

Well done to
Miss Stirland's Class
for the best attendance
this week!

Our whole school attendance figure for this week is: 94.9%

School Meals Menu - Week 3

Please find below the school dinner menu for week commencing **9th February 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	INSET DAY
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.				



Updating information on Arbor

Please ensure your contact and medical details are up to date on the Arbor Parent App or Parent Portal. Log in, select **View Student Profile**, then

click **Contacts** to review addresses, phone numbers, emergency contacts, and **medical information**. You can submit updates directly through the app, although changes may require school approval and may not appear immediately. Please ensure at least **two emergency contacts** are listed and that medical information is accurate. If your details are already correct, no action is needed, but we recommend checking them regularly. If you are unable to update any information, please contact the school office.

Next Week's Diary Dates

Monday 9th February
No clubs– FOA Valentines' Disco

Tuesday 10th February
Band Club 15:15 -16:15
Celebration of learning

Thursday 12th February
KS2 Choir 15:15 -16:15
KS2 Magical Maths 15:15– 16:15

Friday 13th February
Inset Day

Drinks and Breaktime Snacks

Please can I take this opportunity that all throughout school we try and encourage children to have healthy living habits. We strongly encourage children to bring water to school in their drinks bottles to keep hydrated. Squash can often have sugars or sweeteners in that are not good for them. At break time, please send your children in with a healthy snack for them to have. Some children have been bringing in sweets and crisps. These can form part of a balanced lunch box if the children are on packed lunches but should not be brought in for breaktime. Thank you as always for your co-operation.

Spring Term Key Dates

09.02.26	Children's Mental Health Week
10.02.26	Safer Internet Day
10.02.26	Celebration of Learning
12.02.26	Last Day of Spring 1 (Fri 13th is an Inset Day)
23.02.26	School re-opens - Spring 2
24.02.26	Parents' Evening
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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 1
13.04.26	School re-opens - Summer 1