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Newsletter

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Parents' Evening Appointments

As previously shared, Parents' Evening appointments for the 24th and 25th February will be booked online using the Arbor Parent App.

We would like to remind parents and carers that **appointment slots will be available to book from Monday 2nd February at 7:30am**. Booking appointments online allows families to select a time that is most convenient for them and ensures a clear and efficient booking process.

Once booked, appointments will appear instantly within your Arbor account, with all details stored securely in one place. This helps reduce the risk of missed messages or lost paper slips and supports clearer communication between home and school.

Thank you for your continued co-operation and support.



Lost property

We would like to remind parents and carers to please check the school's lost property box outside the office as it currently contains a large number of items. The lost property box will be emptied at the end of next week and any unclaimed items will be donated to Friends of Abbey.

To help us return belongings to their owners, we kindly ask that all clothing and personal items are clearly labelled with your child's name.

Thank you for your continued support and co-operation.



Premier League Primary Stars U11 Girls Cup

The Year 5 and 6 girls delivered a strong performance at the Mansfield Town Community Trust Primary Stars football competition.

Throughout the event, they showed excellent determination, teamwork and a fantastic work ethic. The team created some great chances and scored some brilliant goals. Defensively, the girls worked incredibly hard together, showing resilience and organisation. Lily was also outstanding in goal, making several excellent saves to keep the team competitive.

We were unfortunate not to go through to the next round but the girls represented their school brilliantly and should be very proud of their efforts.



Year Six

Year 6 have had a busy and exciting week of learning! In English, the children created vivid descriptive writing inspired by the dragon from

Darwin's Dragons, carefully focusing on its appearance, movement and the sounds it might make. In Science, we explored how shadows are formed, investigating what makes a shadow bigger and how shadows change throughout the day. Our RE lessons involved revisiting the story of Joseph and reading the story of Esther, discussing how they can be seen as examples of upstanding citizens and comparing their actions to characters who made less positive choices. In PE, pupils developed their map-reading skills by mapping cones around the school and working with a partner to find them. A fantastic week of creativity, teamwork and thoughtful discussion!

Foundation One

Foundation Stage One children have been learning about "The Train Ride" by June Crebbin this week. We have loved using puppets and a range of objects to act out and retell the story. The children then worked together to create their very own train and set off on an exciting journey with their friends in Foundation One. There was lots of imagination, teamwork and laughter, and we had so much fun!



What Parents & Educators Need to Know about ROBLOX

Roblox is an online gaming platform where users can play and create games (often referred to as 'experiences') made by other players. It is extremely popular with children; however, much of the content is user-generated and difficult to moderate consistently. This means children may be exposed to themes, skins or weapons that are not appropriate for their age. We encourage parents and carers to remain vigilant – regularly checking content, privacy settings and parental controls – to help ensure children are accessing Roblox safely and appropriately. The attached guide highlights this in further detail with some helpful hints and tips on keeping children using the game safely.

Friends of Abbey Valentine's Disco tickets

This is a reminder that tickets for the Valentine's disco will be on sale after school from 3.00pm on **Tuesday 3rd, Wednesday 4th, and Thursday 5th February** in the meeting room next to the school reception.

If you are unable to purchase tickets in person, please send an envelope into school **by Thursday 5th February** containing:

- Your child's name and class
- Food choice (if required)
- The correct money

Please post the envelope into the box available in reception. Tickets will then be sent home with your child.

As hot food is pre-ordered in advance, no additional food will be available to purchase at the event.

After Thursday 5th February, tickets can only be purchased on the night at a cost of £3 per child and £1 per adult (KS1 only).

Clothes Appeal

We are collecting spare black leggings and white T-shirts (any size or age). If you're able to donate items you no longer need, your support would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.



OPAL

We're still happily accepting donations of play equipment and resources for our OPAL programme. Every contribution helps keep our playground fun, creative, and full of adventure!



You can find our **OPAL Bingo sheets** [Here](#) for some ideas of what donations we are looking for. Thank you for your support in making our playtimes enjoyable.

Year Three

Year 3 have really enjoyed their recent gymnastics lessons! On Monday, the children practised creating 1, 2 and 3 point balances, both independently and with a partner. They showed excellent focus and determination as they tried new ideas, refined their movements and supported one another. It was lovely to see their resilience as they kept practising, even when things felt tricky at first. Year 3 should be very proud of their effort and positive attitude — a great example of resilient learners in action!



Gardening Club

This week in Gardening Club, the children got to taste the microgreens they've been growing, and what a fun (and delicious!) experience it was! Here's what they thought:

Green peas are so yummy & salty

The Broccoli calabrese are sweet & yucky

The Radish China Rose was hot & spicy!

The sunflower shoots were tasty!



The Tuscan Blak Kale was bland

Class Attendance

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

F2 Miss Chick:	98.3%	Y3 Miss Nuttall:	99.0%
F2 Mr Blackwell:	94.3%	Y4 Mrs Savage:	95.5%
Y1 Mrs Stephens:	91.7%	Y4 Miss Coleman:	95.0%
Y1 Miss Stirland:	96.0%	Y5 Ms Thomas:	97.4%
Y2 Miss Hitchcock:	95.2%	Y5 Mr Potter :	100%
Y2 Mrs Townsend:	93.7%	Y6 Miss Cairns:	97.8%
Y3 Miss Bytheway:	95.0%	Y6 Miss Spalding:	87.9%

Well done to **Mr Potter's Class** for **100%** attendance this week!

Our whole school attendance figure for this week is: 95.3%

School Meals Menu - Week 2

Please find below the school dinner menu for week commencing **2nd 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
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.

Medication in school

We would like to remind parents and carers that any medication brought into school must be handed in at the school office and should be provided in its original packaging, clearly labelled with your child's name.

Medication must be accompanied by a completed medication form, which is available from the school office or on our website. We are unable to administer any medication without this form and without your approval on Medical Tracker.

Please do not send any medication into school in children's bags.

Thank you for your co-operation in helping us keep all children safe.

Next Week's Diary Dates

Monday 2nd February

Parents evening booking opens 7:30

KS2 Boccia Club 15:15-16:15

Y3/4 Tennis Club 15:15 - 16:30

Year 6 Reflective Readers' Club
15:15- 16:15

Tuesday 3rd February

Y4/5 Dance Club 15:15 – 16:15

Y3-5 Athletics Club 15:15 – 16:30

Gardening Club 15:15 -16:30

Band Club 15:15 -16:15

Y6 Maths Club 15:15– 16:15

Thursday 5th February

KS2 Choir 15:15 -16:15

Year 3 Art Club 15:15 - 16:15

Year 5/6 Girls Football Club 15:15–
16:30

KS2 Magical Maths 15:15– 16:15

Spring Term Key Dates

02.02.26 National Story telling Week Celebration

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

25.02.26 Parents' Evening

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**