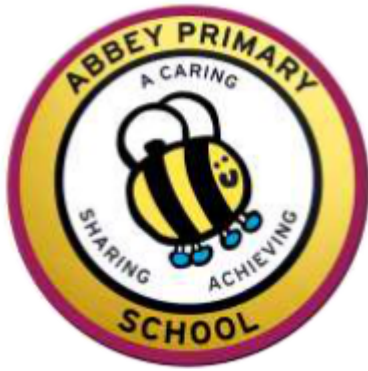




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Newsletter

Friday 25th September 2026

Year Six House Captain Annoucement

We ARE PROUD TO PRESENT...

Abbey's New Year Six House Captains and Vice House Captains for 2026/27



Captain - Ellis
Vice Captain - Ivy

Captain -Maisie
Vice Captain - Thea

Captain - Sienna
Vice Captain - Henry

Captain - Chloe
Vice Captain - Maximus

We are delighted to introduce our newly elected Year Six House Captains and Vice-House Captains for this academic year. Taking on one of these important leadership roles is a wonderful opportunity for our pupils to represent their houses, support others and play an active part in school life throughout the year.

This year, we were incredibly impressed by the number of children who put themselves forward for election. Preparing and delivering a speech in front of others takes real courage, and the standard was exceptionally high. The children spoke with confidence, enthusiasm and passion, sharing some thoughtful ideas about what they could bring to the role and how they would support their fellow pupils.

The voting was extremely close, making the final results very difficult to predict. We are enormously proud of every child who took part. Whether they were elected or not, they should feel proud of having challenged themselves, shared their ideas and had the confidence to stand in front of their peers. Experiences like these help children develop valuable skills that will stay with them well beyond primary school.

Our new House Captains and Vice-House Captains will soon take their places on our Hall of Fame boards, joining the many pupil leaders who have represented their houses before them. We are really looking forward to seeing what they achieve during the year ahead.



SAVE THE DATE - Opal Stay and Play!

We would love to invite you to join us for our Opal Stay and Play afternoon at Abbey Primary School on Tuesday 13th October.

This will be a fantastic opportunity to see how we have used Opal to develop our school site and transform our lunchtimes. Through Opal, we are continuing to create exciting play opportunities that encourage children to use their imagination, independence, creativity and problem-solving skills, while also learning how to assess and take appropriate risks as part of their play.

The afternoon will begin at 1.45pm, when you will meet our OPAL Lead and hear a little more about the principles behind OPAL and why high-quality play is so important for our children.

Our Opal Rangers will then take you on a short journey through the development of Opal at Abbey so far. They will share some of the changes we have made, the things they particularly enjoy and some of their ideas for what they would like us to develop next.

From 2.15pm, it will be time to experience Opal for yourselves! You will have the opportunity to join the children outside and take part in play across our Opal provision. Be prepared to get a little messy, be creative and, most importantly, have some fun!

At the end of the session, we will all help with our usual Opal tidy-up before the children return to their classrooms. Children will then be dismissed from their classes in the usual way at the end of the school day we are really proud of how Opal is developing at Abbey and would love you to come along, experience it first-hand and see just how much fun, learning and independence can come from great play. We look forward to welcoming you!



Foundation Two

Foundation 2 have started the year by showing respect for the environment and the world around us. As part of our Forest Learning sessions, we have been out and about with litter pickers, helping to keep our school grounds clean and tidy. We have also been looking for signs of autumn, sketching autumn trees and using maps to explore our school site.

We have also been showing respect and care for our animals by making sure our chickens and guinea pigs have everything they need to stay happy and healthy. We are very proud of the way the children have been caring for our environment and the animals we share it with!



Nottinghamshire Healthcare
NHS
NHS Foundation Trust

Would you like to help shape the local children & young people health services?

Come along to our Stop, Look & Listen session in school. You can find out about the local services on offer plus help develop our services and resources for local families.

Your input really matters to us!

CAN YOU HELP?

CREATE **CHAT** **COMMENT**

CALLING ALL PARENTS AND CARERS!

LOOK! **REVIEW**

Date: Thursday 15th October 2026
Time: 9am
Venue: Abbey Primary School, Stuart Avenue, Mansfield, Nottingham, NG19 0AB.

WE ARE RECRUITING



LUNCHTIME Leader

7.5 HOURS

Join our friendly team and help keep our school a clean, safe and welcoming place for everyone.



ALL INFORMATION
ON OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE

Year One

This week in English, Year 1 have continued exploring our wonderful story 'Rapunzel'. We have been taking a closer look at the witch and thinking carefully about what she is like. The children enjoyed coming up with lots of adjectives to describe the witch, thinking about her appearance and personality. We then used our ideas to help us create our very own wanted posters for our independent writing. The children worked incredibly hard to apply their phonics and sentence-writing skills. It was fantastic to see them becoming more confident writers and producing some lovely sentences by the end of the week. We are so proud of their hard work and the effort they have put into their writing!

Year Six

It has been another busy and exciting week in Year 6! We have planned and written our House Captain speeches before presenting them on Wednesday. We would like to say a huge well done to every child who put themselves forward. It takes real confidence and courage to stand up in front of others and share your ideas, and we are incredibly proud of them all!

In English, we have also begun writing our diary entries from the perspective of David, based on our class book Friend or Foe. We have been exploring David's thoughts and feelings and considering how he might have felt during the events of the story. In Art, we have appraised the work of British wartime artist and illustrator Eric Ravilious. We explored some of his artwork, discussed what we noticed and researched his life and career as an artist.

We were also very excited to have our first rugby session with a coach from Mansfield Rugby Club. The children began learning the basics of rugby, focusing on throwing and handling the ball. It was fantastic to see so much enthusiasm and teamwork from everyone.

Parents Meetings and Parents' Evening

A big thank you to everyone who was able to attend the "Meet the Teacher" Parents' meetings held over the last couple of weeks.

There were some really productive conversations that took place and lots of useful information was shared. The slides from the evenings will shortly be appearing on the class pages on the website.

Our Autumn Term parents' evenings take place on Tuesday 13th and Wednesday 14th October (Y1LS will take place on Monday 12th rather than Tuesday 13th due to a prior commitment). They are a wonderful opportunity for you to meet with your child's class teacher and hear how your child has settled in to their new class. Please do your very best to attend these evenings.

Appointments are to be booked through Arbor. Should you have any difficulties, please contact the school office.

THANK YOU!

Class Attendance

Figures for This Week are as follows:

F2 Miss Chick:	95.8%	Y3 Miss Nuttall:	99.3%
F2 Mr Blackwell:	96.4%	Y4 Mrs Savage:	96.9%
Y1 Mrs Stephens:	96.9%	Y4 Miss Marriott:	97.3%
Y1 Miss Stirland:	96.9%	Y5 Ms Thomas:	98.7%
Y2 Miss Hitchcock:	93.8%	Y5 Miss Coleman:	98.7%
Y2 Mrs Townsend:	94.7%	Y6 Mr Potter:	99.3%
Y3 Miss Bytheway:	95.7%	Y6 Miss Spalding:	95.9%

Well done to
**Miss Nuttall's class and
Mr Potter's class** for the
best attendance
this week!

Our whole school attendance figure for this week is: **96.5%**

School Meals Menu - Week 2

Please find below the school dinner menu for week commencing **28th September 2026**.
School dinners cost £3.40 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 peasy pasta with garlic bread & peas	Cheese & tomato pizza with chips & crunchy vegetable sticks	Notts-so-silly sausage with Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes, carrot, green cabbage & gravy	Swedish style chicken meatballs in a rich creamy sauce with mash & peas	Fin-tastic breaded fish with oven chips, peas & sweetcorn
Honey & oat cookie	Chocolate cake & pink sauce	Golden cherry flapjack	Cornflake tart & custard	Little pot of caramel
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.				

Headteacher Open Forum and Coffee Morning

Just a little advance notice that a Headteacher Forum will take place on Wednesday 3rd November at 9:00am. This will be an opportunity for parents to share their thoughts about school life, and the outcomes will be shared from last year's Parent Survey. Refreshments will be provided, with more information to follow nearer the time.

Parking

Please can I remind you about courteous parking around school. I must say that the vast majority of people are considerate but on just a few occasions there are issues with buses not being able to get round the bend on Stuart Avenue due to people parking on the corner. Please try not to park on areas where large vehicles may need more space. Thank you as always for your co-operation.

Contacting Staff

As part of our desire to work with you in the best interests of your child, staff are always willing to discuss any issues that you may have. If you wish for a phone call or a meeting with a member of staff, please contact the office or email the year group and a mutually convenient time will be arranged. We do say that a response will be made within 48 hours but it is usually much sooner and the same day. Unfortunately it is not always possible for staff to meet or respond to messages straight away as I am sure you will appreciate that staff are incredibly busy meeting the needs of lots of children and parents, and the demands of the job. Thank you as always for your co-operation and understanding.

Next Week's Diary Dates

Monday 28th September

Y5/6 Football Club 15:15- 16:30
Friends Of Abbey AGM 15:30

Tuesday 29th September

Y5/6 Girls Football Club 15:15- 16:30
Y3/4 Dance Club 15:15- 16:15
Year 5/6 Rugby Club 15:15- 16:15

Thursday 1st October

F1 Harvest Festival singing 11am & 3pm
Choir 15:15- 16:15
Run Club (invite only) 15:15- 16:00

Friday 2nd October

F2 Harvest Festival singing 9:00
Harvest Food collection and activities

Autumn Term 1 Key Dates

02.10.26 Harvest Food collection and activities
12.10.26 Y1 LS class – Parents' Evening – 3:00pm to 6:00pm
08.10.26 Foundation Stage 2 Road Safety Walk (9:00am)
13.10.26 1:30pm OPAL stay and play afternoon
13.10.26 Parents' Evening – (3:30pm to 6:30pm)
14.10.26 Parents' Evening – (3:30pm to 6:30pm)
16.10.26 Foundation Stage 2 Scarecrow Wedding