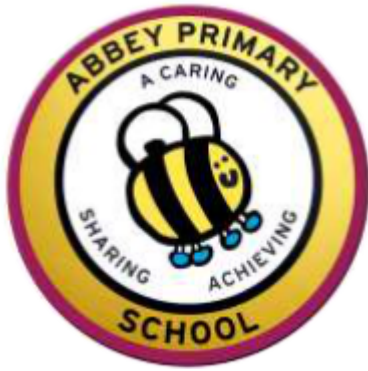




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Newsletter

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Our Value of the Term: Respect



This term, we are shining a spotlight on one of our important school values: Respect.

Through our Jigsaw PSHE theme, Being in My World, children will be thinking about the big question: **What am I grateful for in my world?**

We'll be exploring what makes us who we are, how we fit into our school community and how we can make others feel welcome. Children will develop their understanding of how to socialise, build positive relationships and work together as part of our Abbey community.

We'll also be thinking about our Learning Charter and school ethos, exploring our rights and responsibilities and how our choices can have an impact on ourselves and others. Along the way, we'll explore community and citizenship, pupil voice and democracy, helping children understand that everyone has a voice and that their opinions and ideas matter.

Exciting OPAL Play Day!

Get ready for an afternoon of fun, adventure and play! As part of our ongoing Outdoor Play and Learning (OPAL) journey, we are delighted to be hosting a special OPAL Play Day on Tuesday 13th October from 1.30pm.



Families are invited to join their child/children for an afternoon of outdoor play across the school grounds. Together, you'll have the chance to build dens, create imaginative stories, dress up, explore the mud kitchen, take part in creative play and discover all the exciting opportunities that OPAL brings to our school.

This is a fantastic opportunity to experience first-hand the joy, creativity and sense of adventure that outdoor play provides. We look forward to welcoming you for what promises to be a memorable afternoon of fun and laughter.

Keep an eye out for further details and information about how to take part, which will be shared closer to the event.

Online Safety - Privacy Settings

This week we would like to highlight a focus on privacy and confidentiality settings. This means making sure your child's digital footprint is secure by locking down app privacy settings, turning off location sharing, and maintaining open conversation with your children about online activities. The following video gives more advice on privacy settings and parental controls.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zu9xyy91t70&t=137s>

Please also take the time to regularly review the settings on your own social media accounts so that you are aware of how can see you photos etc.

Wraparound Care Request

Our wonderful Wraparound Care team would like to put out a request for any good quality sporting balls which can be used in after-school and holiday club. Specifically they are looking for footballs, rugby balls, basketballs and tennis balls. If you have any that you are happy to donate, please drop them off in the school office. Thank you in advance for your support.

Foundation Two

Foundation 2 have settled in well and have thoroughly enjoyed their first full week here at Abbey Primary School. They have been introduced to Grandma Fantastic, Fred the frog and Jerry the cat. We have explored the wider school area during forest learning session, we have begun our NELI session where we are going to learn more about our bodies, we have also started to explore this half terms key text- Each, Peach, Pear Plum. We have also had lots of independent learning time where we have been able to progress our learning further both inside and outside. We can't wait for what's to come for the rest of this half term.

Foundation One

The Foundation Stage 1 children have had a wonderful and exciting first week, getting to know their teachers and making lots of new friends. We have had a fantastic time learning new songs during our music sessions, and the children have particularly enjoyed using puppets to retell the story Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See? by Bill Martin Jr. It has been lovely to see the children settling in so well.



Year One

What a fantastic start to the year we have had in Year 1! In history, the children enjoyed creating a special collage of the significant people in their lives. They thought carefully about the people who are important to them and then proudly shared their collages with the class. It was lovely to hear the children talk about the special people in their lives and explain why they are important to them. Year 1 have also enjoyed their first science lesson, where they became material detectives! The children explored the classroom and looked carefully at different objects, identifying the materials they were made from. What a wonderful start to our Year 1 learning journey! We are so proud of the children's enthusiasm, curiosity and confidence already.

Year Two

Year 2 have had a fantastic start to the year. The children have settled in brilliantly, are quickly getting back into our school routines, and are already being positive role models for younger years. We have begun our exciting new PSHE curriculum, where the children thought about their worries for the year and developed strategies to support themselves, they have particularly enjoyed listening to our sound chimes during calm time within these lessons. Our history topic, The Great Fire of London, is continuing to spark lots of enthusiasm. The children have remembered key knowledge from our transition days, and some have even been singing our Great Fire of London song! In maths and science, we have enjoyed practical activities to develop our understanding of place value and everyday materials. The children have worked hard and are already showing great enthusiasm for their learning.

Well done for a positive start Year 2!

Year Three

What a fantastic start to the new school year for Year 3! The children have settled in brilliantly and have been busy learning and practising their new routines, showing fantastic enthusiasm and growing independence along the way. They have already begun their exciting journey of 'thinking like historians', stepping back in time to discover what life was really like during the Stone Age. In science, they have also been getting hands-on with rocks, discovering how igneous, sedimentary and metamorphic rocks are formed and beginning to understand the fascinating processes that shape our world.

Although we are only at the very beginning of our Year 3 adventure, the children have already shown such curiosity, enthusiasm and determination and we cannot wait to see where their learning takes them next! Here's to an exciting year ahead!

Year Four

Year four have had an excellent start to the new school year and have settled well to life in their new classrooms. After meeting their new teachers and getting to know their classrooms, they have begun their learning about a range of new topics including the Vikings in history, sound in science and being part of a community in RE. The children have already begun to impress the adults with their mathematical knowledge and their writing skills, and we are looking forward to seeing how this develops over the coming weeks.

Year Five

What a fantastic start Year Five have had this year! The children have settled brilliantly back into our Abbey routines and values, and we could not be prouder of how well they have begun the year.

We have kick-started our history topic on the Ancient Egyptians by learning all about mummification. The children have particularly enjoyed having a go at mummifying their very own oranges! We will have to wait until the end of the year to see how successful their mummification has been!

The children have also loved starting our new PE topic, cricket. They have been developing their throwing and catching skills, whilst learning more about the importance of teamwork, participation and encouraging others. It has been a brilliant start to the year!

Year Six

Year 6 have had a fantastic and settled start to the new school year! In history, we have begun our World War II topic, exploring primary and secondary sources to discover what life was like for children before the war. We have since investigated how life changed during the war, including rationing and evacuation.

The children particularly enjoyed exploring photographs, making predictions and carrying out their own research. This learning links perfectly with our class novel, Friend or Foe, where David and Tucky are evacuated to the countryside. The children used their knowledge of David and Tucky's experiences to support their suggestions. In science, we have revisited our Year 4 knowledge of electricity, recapping circuit symbols and electrical components before investigating complete and incomplete circuits. The children became electrical detectives, troubleshooting why bulbs wouldn't light and suggesting ways to complete the circuits. It has been wonderful to see how positively everyone has settled into Year 6 and embraced their learning. Keep it up, Year 6!

Friends of Abbey AGM – Monday 28th September

Friends of Abbey will be holding their AGM in the Studio on Monday 28th September at 3:30pm. The AGM is open to all parents, and we'd love for you to join us. We'll be serving a complimentary tea or coffee and a biscuit.

Further details will be sent out next week, we hope to see you there!

Class Attendance

Figures for This Week are as follows:

F2 Miss Chick:	97.1%	Y3 Miss Nuttall:	99.0%
F2 Mr Blackwell:	97.9%	Y4 Mrs Savage:	99.3%
Y1 Mrs Stephens:	94.1%	Y4 Miss Marriott:	98.7%
Y1 Miss Stirland:	99.3%	Y5 Ms Thomas:	100%
Y2 Miss Hitchcock:	99.7%	Y5 Miss Coleman:	98.7%
Y2 Mrs Townsend:	93.7%	Y6 Mr Potter:	97.9%
Y3 Miss Bytheway:	96.0%	Y6 Miss Spalding:	94.7%

Well done to
Ms Thomas' class for
100% attendance
this week!

Our whole school attendance figure for this week is: 97.7%

School Meals Menu - Week 3

Please find below the school dinner menu for week commencing 13th July 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.

W k3 Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Impossibly golden nuggets with cheesy mash sweetcorn & tomato ketchup	Tender pulled pork burger with potato balls & vegetable sticks	Notts-so-silly sausage with Yorkshire pudding, mash, carrot, green beans & gravy	Rustic spaghetti Bolognese with garlic bread & mixed salad	Ocean crunch fish bites with oven chips, peas & curry sauce
Goosey brownie	Vanilla sponge & custard	Chocolate Krispie	Sweet cinnamon cookie	Pancake with a raspberry splash

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.

Stranger Danger

As part of our ongoing work around keeping children safe, we will be sharing some information with children around "Stranger Danger" and keeping safe around unfamiliar adults. As well as keeping children safe if someone approaches them in the street, we will also share with them about staying safe when in public places such as libraries or shops. There is a very good website called "Clever Never Goes" <https://clevernevergoes.org/parents-2/> with lots of resources for parents to share with children. As always, should you have any questions or concerns, please come and speak to someone at school.

Staff Runners

Good luck to Mrs. Stephens, Miss Hardwick and Miss Summerville who are all running the Great North Run this weekend to raise money for the Emily Harris Foundation and Macmillan Cancer Support. They have raised an incredible amount and wish them every success for the run on Sunday. Hopefully we will be able to spot them on the television.

Autumn Term 1 Key Dates

14.09.26 Y1 Parents' Information Meeting 15:25-16:00
15.09.26 Y2 Parents' Information Meeting 15:25-16:00
16.09.26 Y3 Parents' Information Meeting 15:25-16:00
17.09.26 Y4 Parents' Information Meeting 15:25-16:00
18.09.26 House Captain Launch Assembly
21.09.26 Y5 Parents' Information Meeting 15:25-16:00
22.09.26 Y6 Parents' Information Meeting 15:25-16:00
25.09.26 School photos – Individual and Sibling
02.10.26 Harvest Food collection and activities
12.10.26 Y1 LS class – Parents' Evening – 3:00pm to 6:00pm
13.10.26 1:30pm OPAL stay and play afternoon
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Next Week's Diary Dates

Monday 14th September

Y1 Parents' Information Meeting 15:25-16:00
Y5/6 Football Club 15:15- 16:30

Tuesday 15th September

Y2 Parents' Information Meeting 15:25-16:00
Y5/6 Girls Football Club 15:15- 16:30
Y3/4 Dance Club 15:15- 16:15
Year 5/6 Rugby Club 15:15- 16:30

Wednesday 16th September

Y3 Parents' Information Meeting 15:25-16:00

Thursday 17th September

Y4 Parents' Information Meeting 15:25-16:00
Choir 15:15– 16:15
Run Club (invite only) 15:15– 15:45