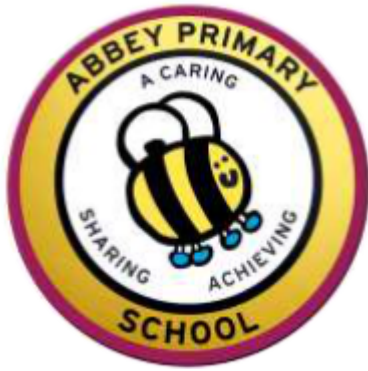




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Newsletter

Friday 18th September 2026

Year Six House Captain Launch

This week marks the exciting launch of Abbey Primary's annual House Captain and Vice House Captain elections for our Year 6 pupils!

Our special assembly introduced pupils to the principles of democratic decision-making, explored how voting works in the UK and highlighted the importance of fair representation, reflecting our commitment to British Values.

Each Year 6 child will bring home a copy of the leadership role description, outlining the responsibilities and expectations for those wishing to stand as a House Captain or Vice House Captain.

Next week, our Year 6 pupils will begin creating their very own manifestos during English lessons. These will not only support their candidacy but also give them the opportunity to reflect on their strengths, achievements and contributions to school life.

Each House Team will come together for a special assembly where candidates will have the chance to present their manifestos to their peers. Voting will take place after the speeches on Wednesday 23rd September, and we're looking forward to hearing the confident, thoughtful and inspiring presentations from our aspiring young leaders!

We kindly ask families to support their children throughout this exciting process, whether they are standing for election or simply learning more about leadership and how democracy works within a community. Children may use PowerPoints to support their speeches; however, please note that no glitter, gimmicks, pre-recorded videos or props are permitted, you can save all of that for when you're running for Prime Minister!

Good luck, Year 6! We can't wait to hear your ideas!

For reference, the leadership role description is also available in the 'Children' section of our school website.



Parents' Meetings

A huge thank you to everyone who has attended the parents' meetings this week. Lots of information has been given by the teachers and some really useful thoughts and questions have been shared by yourselves, particularly around the new things we have introduced this year. Please remember that if you have any questions or difficulties around the new programmes, please contact your class teacher and we will support you to get up and running. Individual Parents' meetings are taking place on the 13th and 14th October and a letter will be coming out about this shortly.

OPAL Play: New Year, New Rangers!

With the new academic year underway, it is time to elect our new Play Rangers, Site Rangers and Play Paparazzi!

We have already held an introductory assembly to explain the three roles and how children can get involved in helping to make our lunchtimes fun, safe and inclusive for everyone.

Some children may already have started looking at the job descriptions and signing the relevant charter.

Play Rangers help other children enjoy their lunchtime, encourage positive play, support inclusion and help look after play resources.

Site Rangers liaise with Mr Pratt to care for our outdoor spaces, equipment and environment, helping to keep our play areas safe, tidy and ready for everyone to enjoy.

Play Paparazzi capture OPAL in action, looking out for creative play, teamwork and those special moments that show just how much fantastic play happens across our school.

You can see the three role charters on our school website [here](#). If your child is interested in applying, please encourage them to read the job description carefully and think about the qualities they could bring to the role.

Foundation One

The Foundation Stage 1 children have had a wonderful time acting out the story of Monkey Puzzle by Julia Donaldson. They particularly enjoyed using puppets and animal characters to retell the story. As part of our learning about different families, the children have also been talking about their own families and sharing stories about their family members.



Year Four

In Year 4, we have begun an exciting art project where we will be designing and sculpting our own Viking shields from clay. We have taken inspiration from the work of sculptor Andy Goldsworthy, who uses natural materials, patterns and shapes to create beautiful artworks. Using Goldsworthy's work as inspiration, the children have designed their own Viking shields, incorporating natural patterns and shapes inspired by things such as leaves, waves and the delicate patterns found on flower petals. We are now looking forward to getting our hands on the clay and bringing our designs to life through sculpting!



Year Five

This week in Year 5, we welcomed Mr Darlington, who helped us bring our History and RE learning together in an exciting way. We

began by revisiting our knowledge of hieroglyphics, using the ancient Egyptian symbols to decode words linked to our RE learning. We then listened to the story of Moses, exploring his connection to Ancient Egypt and learning about how, according to the biblical account, he was discovered by an Egyptian princess. We continued to explore Moses' life and used his story to think carefully about right and wrong actions, considering choices and consequences. It was a fantastic opportunity for



us to make links between different areas of our learning and deepen our understanding of both Ancient Egypt and RE.

Friends Of Abbey Uniform

A big thank you to everyone who donated uniform and purchased clothing from us last year.

Thanks to your support, we raised an amazing **£580.45!**

We have made the decision to stop accepting donations of the usual grey uniform items, such as skirts and trousers. This is because we very rarely get requests for these items, and our storage boxes are now overflowing.

We will, however, be keeping a small number of skirts and trousers in each size in case they are needed. We will also continue to keep a stock of shorts and summer dresses.

Any Abbey logo uniform that your child or children have grown out of or no longer need is always gratefully received.

As usual, if you require any pre-loved uniform, please contact the school office or visit our uniform page.

We kindly ask for a small cash donation when taking uniform. All donations go directly back into the Friends of Abbey funds, helping the school to provide additional activities and experiences for the children.

Thank you once again for your continued support.

School Photographs

Saul Isaac photography will be visiting school on Friday 26th September to take individual photographs, siblings photographs and family photographs with siblings or family members that do not attend Abbey Primary if required. All children on roll and with photo consent, will have their photograph taken individually and with their siblings that attend Abbey Primary during the school day. If you would like family photographs with younger /older siblings who are not currently at Abbey Primary, you are invited to bring them to have photographs together. The family photographs will be available, from 7:45am to 8:20am. You can arrive on the day and queue outside the studio on the playground at the rear of the building. There is no facility for children to remain in school afterwards unless booked into breakfast club.



FOUNDATION STAGE 1 & 2



OPEN EVENINGS



Thursday 12th November 2026 5:15pm

Tuesday 17th November 2026 5:15pm

Thursday 7th January 2027 5:15pm

We would like to welcome families to visit our wonderful school. These evenings will provide an opportunity for you to view our facilities and meet the Early Years Team and Headteacher to support you in making an informed choice about whether Abbey Primary is the right school for you and your child.

Please call the school on 01623 481117 or email office@abbey.notts.sch.uk if you wish to attend.

We look forward to meeting you !

Class Attendance

Figures for This Week are as follows:

F2 Miss Chick:	93.3%	Y3 Miss Nuttall:	98.6%
F2 Mr Blackwell:	98.9%	Y4 Mrs Savage:	98.3%
Y1 Mrs Stephens:	97.6%	Y4 Miss Marriott:	99.3%
Y1 Miss Stirland:	98.9%	Y5 Ms Thomas:	95.3%
Y2 Miss Hitchcock:	98.9%	Y5 Miss Coleman:	98.2%
Y2 Mrs Townsend:	87.9%	Y6 Mr Potter:	99.2%
Y3 Miss Bytheway:	98.3%	Y6 Miss Spalding:	96.3%

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

Our whole school attendance figure for this week is: **97.2%**

School Meals Menu - Week 1

Please find below the school dinner menu for week commencing 21st 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
Spiral pizza with diced potatoes & peas	Chicken, broccoli & sweetcorn tagliatelle with crusty bread	Bacon steak cob with roast potatoes, green cabbage & gravy	Notts-so-silly sausage with Yorkshire pudding, mash, carrot, green beans & gravy	Fin-tastic breaded fish with oven chips, peas & sweetcorn
Goosey blondie	Wobbly jelly & shortbread	Jam sponge & custard	Chocolate cookie	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.

Congratulations

I am sure you will join all the staff here in congratulating Miss Coleman and Miss Hitchcock as they have recently had it confirmed that they have successfully passed their ECT stage of their career. We know what fantastic teachers they are and hope they continue to have a successful teaching career here at Abbey.

Congratulations!



Lunchtime Leader Vacancy

An advert will shortly be coming out to appoint a new lunchtime leader. This is an exciting opportunity for someone looking for a few hours a week to be part of this wonderful Abbey Community.
If you or someone you know may be interested, please look out for the advert and get in contact if you wish to know more information.



Autumn Term 1 Key Dates

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
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

Next Week's Diary Dates

Monday 21st September

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

Tuesday 22nd September

Y6 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- 16:15

Thursday 24th September

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

Friday 25th September

School photos- individual and Sibling