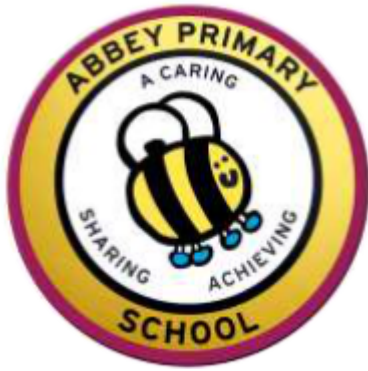




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Newsletter

Friday 9th October 2026

House Cross Country Competition

Last Thursday, 115 of our children from Year 1 to Year 6 participated in the Inter House Cross Country Competition, here at Abbey. It was incredible to see so many runners taking part and we'd like to congratulate every single runner that took part, with everyone finishing their respective race.

However this was a competition and we'd like to congratulate our individual winners, who are as follows:

<u>Year 1 and 2</u>		<u>Year 3 and 4</u>		<u>Year 5 and 6</u>	
<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>	<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>	<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>
1 st - Brody	1 st - Niyah	1 st - Thomas	1 st - Sienna	1 st - Hugo	1 st - Isla
2 nd - Toby	2 nd - Olivia	2 nd - Albi	2 nd - Georgia	2 nd - Victor	2 nd - Lois
3 rd - Edison	3 rd - Martha	3 rd - Leo	3 rd - Birdie	3 rd - Matty	3 rd - Shyana

And the overall results are:

In 4th place - Earth with 140 points - they will receive 25 house points

In 3rd place - Air with 139 points - they will receive 50 house points

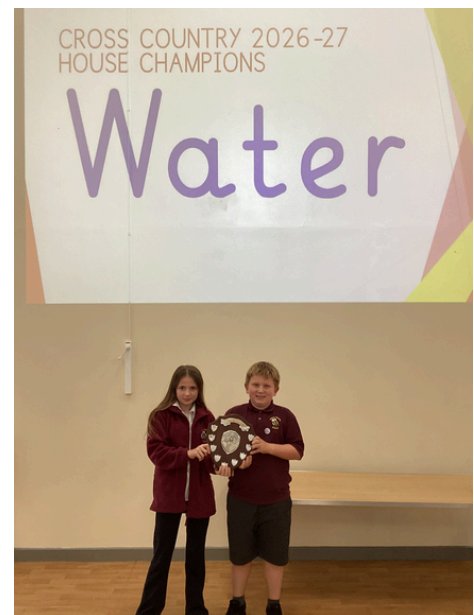
In 2nd place - Fire with 131 points - they will receive 100 house points

THIS YEAR'S WINNERS, In 1st place are Water with 96 points - they will receive 200 house points!!!

Congratulations again to everyone, including the 12

Year 5/6 runners that will represent Abbey at the Mansfield District Qualifying event later this year. Also,

thank you to the parents and carers that came to support and helped to create a fantastic atmosphere for the children to run in.



Don't forget
parents
evening!

Parents' Evening Reminder

Parents' Evening will take place next week on Monday 12th October (1 LS Class), Tuesday 13th October and Wednesday 14th October. We look forward to welcoming you for this opportunity to discuss your child's progress and review how they are settling in. Thank you for your continued support.

Year Six

This week, Year 6 have been learning about a key event during World War 2: The Battle of Britain. We have explored the events through reading, videos and first-hand accounts from people who experienced this period of history. The children discovered that Britain was hugely outnumbered, which led us to an important question: how did Britain win the Battle of Britain? Next week, we will investigate this further and explore some of the reasons why Britain was successful.

In outdoor PE, we have continued to develop our rugby skills. The children have been practising their ball-handling and passing through a range of different drills, focusing on accuracy, control and working effectively with others.

In art, we have been preparing for our upcoming landscape artwork inspired by the wartime artist Eric Ravilious. The children have sketched their own landscapes, using photographs and ideas from the world around them to develop their designs. Next week, we will bring these ideas to life as we sketch and paint in the style of Ravilious.

Year 3/4 Rugby Festival

On Tuesday, 9 of our Year 3/4 children got to represent Abbey at a local Rugby Festival, hosted at Mansfield Rugby Club. The children first got to grips with T.R.E.D.S (Teamwork, Respect, Enjoyment, Discipline and Sportsmanship) and understanding what it takes to play rugby. They then started with some skills and skill based sessions before finishing the session with two games. The skills learnt in the training clearly paid off as the two games finished

2-2 and 3-0 with lots of tries scored by different children. It was a fantastic event and the children that were interested in continuing this love of rugby took fliers home. If your child is interested in joining Mansfield Rugby club then please email the school for more information. Thank you to the parents and carers that came to support the event.



Year One

Year 1 have been busy exploring the properties of different materials in their science lessons! The children worked together as a class to test a range of materials, investigating their different properties and discovering what makes each material unique.

The children recorded their findings by writing or drawing their observations, showing great enthusiasm and curiosity throughout the investigations. They then came together as a class to share and discuss their results, comparing their discoveries and thinking carefully about what they had learnt.

Well done, Year 1, for being such fantastic young scientists! We are so proud of your hard work, teamwork and growing scientific knowledge.

Year Three

Year 3 made the most of a rainy day by taking their PE lesson indoors! We set up a different throwing and aiming challenge at each table, using equipment such as ping pong balls, tennis balls, cones and targets. Working in teams, the children rotated around each station, developing their throwing accuracy, control and co-ordination. They showed great teamwork and enthusiasm as they challenged themselves to improve their scores at each activity!



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**

OPAL Stay and Play session

A reminder that our OPAL Stay and Play afternoon is taking place on Tuesday 13th October. We would love you to join us to see how play at Abbey is developing and celebrate our journey with us!

Come prepared to get a little messy!

Younger siblings are very welcome to attend. However, they must remain under your supervision and are your responsibility throughout the event.

If you are able to join us, please complete the Microsoft Forms so that we can plan for the afternoon

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/4vcaMU2mAF>

Don't forget that Tuesday 13th October is also the deadline for our sponsored OPAL Autumn Treasure Hunt Challenge. We hope you are enjoying your autumn adventures and adding coins to decorate your trees. Every penny raised will support future OPAL developments and every contribution is appreciated, however small.

Each child who returns a completed Treasure Hunt will also enter our prize draw. Three lucky winners will receive a special Lunchtime Pass, giving them priority in the lunch queue, a place at our OPAL Top Table and extra OPAL playtime for a whole week!

We are also always looking for loose parts to add to our play resources; everyday items that children can move, combine and transform using their imaginations. These might include sturdy crates, buckets, pots and pans, fabric or tubes.

Thank you for helping us make play at Abbey even more exciting. We look forward to seeing you there!



Introducing Our Year 6 School Councillors

We are delighted to introduce our newly elected Year 6 School Councillors! Each house has elected two representatives: a Chair and a Vice Chair, who will work together to represent the pupil voice of their house and help share children's ideas and views. Our councillors will have an important role in listening to their peers, sharing suggestions and helping to make a positive difference across our school community.

A huge well done to all of the children who put themselves forward for this important role. We are very proud of our Year 6 councillors and look forward to seeing them demonstrate our school values throughout the year!

The School Council roles for the rest of the school were introduced in assembly this week, and we are now looking forward to welcoming our next group of pupil representatives. We are inviting pupils from each class to put themselves forward, with candidates having the opportunity to speak in their phase assemblies next week and explain why their classmates should vote for them. The School Council will help organise events throughout the year and ensure pupils have a voice in decisions across our school. We wish all those taking part the very best of luck!

Class Attendance

Figures for This Week are as follows:

F2 Miss Chick:	98.8%	Y3 Miss Nuttall:	93.3%
F2 Mr Blackwell:	100%	Y4 Mrs Savage:	97.0%
Y1 Mrs Stephens:	95.2%	Y4 Miss Marriott:	95.7%
Y1 Miss Stirland:	98.6%	Y5 Ms Thomas:	98.7%
Y2 Miss Hitchcock:	100%	Y5 Miss Coleman:	97.3%
Y2 Mrs Townsend:	95.4%	Y6 Mr Potter:	96.9%
Y3 Miss Bytheway:	98.7%	Y6 Miss Spalding:	96.3%

Well done to
Mr Blackwell's class for
100% attendance
this week!

Our whole school attendance figure for this week is: **97.1%**

School Meals Menu - Week 1

Please find below the school dinner menu for week commencing **12th October 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, carrots, green cabbage & gravy	Notts-so-silly sausage with Yorkshire pudding, mash, carrots, green beans & gravy	Fin-tastic breaded fish with oven chips, peas & sweetcorn
Goosey blondie	Wobbly jelly & shortbread	Jam sponge with custard	Sweet cinnamon 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.

Trust Partnership Review

This week we have had a 2 day review by the Trust to assess our provision for the children in line with the current Ofsted criteria. The review team consisted of the trust Director of Education Headteachers from within and external to the Trust. I am delighted to share that the outcome was extremely positive and the children definitely showed them what makes Abbey such a special place to be. Thank you also to those parents who spoke so highly of the school to the member of the review team on Tuesday morning. Thank you also to our amazing staff who again rose to the occasion and made sure that they saw the many strengths of the school.

Pupil Jobs

In assembly today, Miss Chick launched our "Pupil Job" applications for this year. This is always a highlight for the pupils and an exciting opportunity for them.
All of the job adverts and the pupil application form is available on the school website for you to download. Applications need to be in school by 9:00am next Wednesday 14th October. The successful applicants will be announced in next Friday's Assembly

BBC Concert Orchestra Visit

Next Thursday we are delighted to be hosting members of the BBC Concert Orchestra in school to perform concerts for the Key Stage 2 children. We are incredibly excited by this opportunity for the children to experience some world class quality musicians here at school.

Next Week's Diary Dates

Monday 12th October

Friends of Abbey Spooky Disco
Parents' evening (Y1LS Class)

Tuesday 13th October

OPAL Stay and Play afternoon
Parents' evening

Wednesday 14th October

Parents' evening

Thursday 15th October

Art Club (invite only) 15:15-16:15

Friday 16th October

Foundation 2 Scarecrows' wedding

Autumn Term 1 Key Dates

12.10.26 FOA Spooky Disco 15:30- 16:30 (KS1) & 16:45- 17:45 (KS2)
12.10.26 Y1 LS class – Parents' Evening – 3:00pm to 6:00pm
13.10.26 1:45pm 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