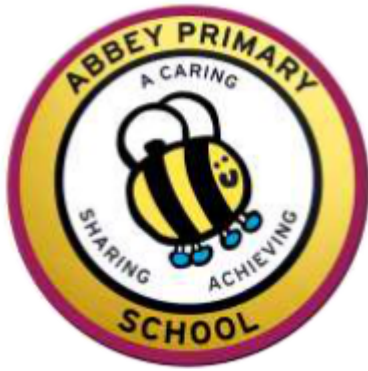




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Newsletter

Friday 16th October 2026

Happy Half-Term

We have reached the end of what has been an incredibly busy first half-term of the year. Well done to our wonderful children who have started the year in their usual fantastic manner. Thank you to all of you for your support, and a big thank you to all of our staff for making Abbey such a wonderful place to be. We hope that you all enjoy a lovely, restful break, and look forward to welcoming the children back for the new half-term in November! A huge thank you to all the parents who engaged with parents' evenings this week. Your support strengthens the home-school partnership and helps us work together to ensure every child reaches their full potential. If you were unable to attend, please contact your child's class teacher to arrange an alternative time or telephone call.

Our Value of the Term: Respect

This term, we have been learning all about our school value of Respect, linking this to our Jigsaw PSHE theme, Being in My World. The children have been exploring what makes them special, celebrating their achievements and recognising that although we are all different, everyone deserves to feel valued and included. We have talked about the little things that can make a big difference, from using kind words and gentle hands to showing empathy, listening to others and helping our friends feel welcome. The children have also been learning about recognising their feelings, sharing their worries with trusted adults and understanding why everyone has the right to learn, play and feel safe at school. It has been lovely to see the children developing their understanding of how their actions can make others feel and how we can all help one another. As we reach the end of the term, we hope our children continue to show respect in the classroom, in the playground and at home, remembering that even the smallest act of kindness can make someone's day.



Being Me in My World

Year 5/6 Rugby Festival

Our Year 5/6 children had a fantastic time at the rugby festival at Mansfield Rugby Club, developing their skills and taking part in exciting touch rugby games alongside four other local schools. They showed brilliant teamwork, sportsmanship and encouragement throughout, and we are very proud of how they represented Abbey! A huge thank you to Mansfield Rugby Club for hosting. If your child is interested in trying rugby, the club welcomes both boys and girls. Please contact them for further information!

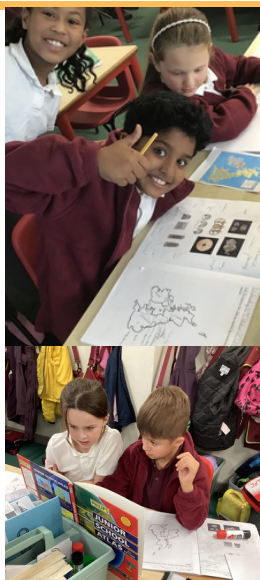
BBC Concert Orchestra

On Thursday we were visited by 13 members of the World-Famous BBC Concert Orchestra, who gave performances for all of the Key Stage 2 children, as well as some visiting children from Holly, Heatherley and Wynnndale Primaries.

They performed a broad range of classical music from different eras, different parts of the world, and the children even got to conduct along to the Plants vs Zombies Theme tune!

It was such an amazing experience to hear such high-quality musicians up close!





Year Four

In history this week, Year 4 have been exploring Viking place names, realising they have even visited some of the places that have Viking place names before! We learnt that a lot of Vikings struggled saying the Saxon place names so they changed a lot of towns and cities' names, such as Skegness and Whitby. We also applied our English knowledge of suffixes to identify that a lot of the changed place names have suffixes such as -by or -ness. Ask your child if they can remember any place names renamed by the Vikings!

Nottinghamshire Cross Country Winter League – Meeting 1

On Saturday, 11 of our Year 5/6 pupils took part in the first of three winter league meetings, achieving some fantastic results in a large field of runners. The girls finished 47th, 52nd, 55th and 58th out of 76, placing their team 15th overall. The boys finished 7th, 16th, 34th, 48th, 60th, 61st and 64th, leaving the teams in 6th and 17th place overall.

We are incredibly proud of all our runners and grateful to the parents who came to support. A special mention goes to Miss Summerville, who kindly supported a struggling runner from another school, helping them finish the race. A marshal praised her as a “national treasure” – a wonderful example of the kindness and values we are proud to promote at Abbey!



Year Two

Year 2 have been busy exploring the world of art through our topic, The Great Fire of London. We've looked at paintings as a primary source to discover more about our topic and to inspire our own artwork. In art, we learnt all about tints, shades, base colours, and gradients, and practised mixing our own tints and shades to create different colours, these skills were then applied to create a fiery background filled with red, oranges and yellows. We then used our knowledge of 2D shapes to paint Tudor houses to add to our backgrounds to create our final 'Great Fire of London' scenes.



Friends of Abbey
FIREWORKS EXTRAVAGANZA
★ **Thursday 5th November** ★
CASH ONLY EVENT! **Pay on the gate**

Gates open 5:00pm	Gates close 6:45pm	Fireworks 7:00pm
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Adult £5.00	Child £3.00	Family ticket £13.00 2 adults and 2 children OR 1 adult and 3 children	Children under 2 Free
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It is not permitted to bring your own sparklers on site!

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Children under 16 must be accompanied and supervised by an adult.

Be the difference...
Help shape the future of our school

Parent Governor Vacancies
We are looking for enthusiastic and committed parents to join our governing board.

Come and have a chat!
Our current governors will be available to speak to at the upcoming parents evenings on
13th and 14th October
to answer any questions you may have about the role and what's involved.

Why become a parent governor?

- ✓ Help support and challenge our school's leadership
- ✓ Make a positive difference to children's education
- ✓ Bring your unique perspective and experiences
- ✓ Be part of a supportive and welcoming team

All backgrounds welcome
We welcome applications from all backgrounds, experiences and communities.

No experience needed
You don't need any prior experience – just a willingness to get involved and a commitment to our children.

Your voice matters
Parent governors bring valuable insight, fresh ideas and a real understanding of our school community.

Interested? We'd love to hear from you!
Come and speak to a governor at the parents evenings on **13th and 14th October.**

Foundation Two

This week, Foundation 2 attended 'The best wedding yet. The wedding no one will ever forget!' Harry and Betty finally tied the knot and we got the chance to be part of their special day. Mrs Warren led the service which saw us singing songs and listening to a bit of the bible. This was followed by a wedding breakfast, a toast to the new bride and groom, the cutting of the cake, a first dance and a good dance to finish.

We now look forward to following Harry and Betty on their honeymoon around the world.



Year Five Mosque trip

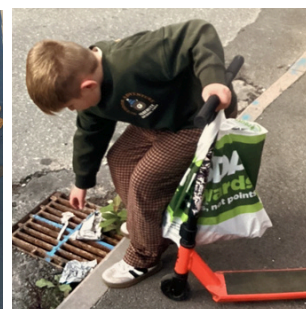
Year 5 had a fantastic trip to the Open Centre in Derby this week. We learnt lots of information about Muslim life in the UK and even got to dress up in some of their cultural clothing. We also got to explore the Jamai Mosque and learnt about the prayer rituals in their beautiful prayer room, as well as playing a scavenger hunt game to find various Islamic artefacts. The trip was thoroughly enjoyed by all children and was a great way of bringing our RE learning to life. We are looking forward to returning next year!



OPAL Treasure Hunt and Stay and Play

What a fantastic response to our Autumn Treasure Hunt and OPAL Stay and Play! Thank you to all the families who took part and joined us in school. It was wonderful to see so many children enjoying the outdoors, getting creative and sharing their play with you. The children were very excited to show you the different ways they explore, create and work together through OPAL.

We are delighted to have raised **£50.68** through our Autumn Treasure Hunt, with all funds going directly towards the development of our exciting new OPAL water wall.



We would also like to say a huge thank you for the generous donations received during our OPAL Stay and Play. Your support makes such a difference, and we hope to continue building our collection of loose parts to give the children even more opportunities for imaginative, creative and adventurous play. Thank you for being part of our OPAL journey. We look forward to welcoming you to our next Stay and Play!

Class Attendance

Figures for This Week are as follows:

F2 Miss Chick:	97.5%	Y3 Miss Nuttall:	95.7%
F2 Mr Blackwell:	96.1%	Y4 Mrs Savage:	94.3%
Y1 Mrs Stephens:	91.0%	Y4 Miss Marriott:	84.3%
Y1 Miss Stirland:	98.2%	Y5 Ms Thomas:	95.3%
Y2 Miss Hitchcock:	92.0%	Y5 Miss Coleman:	94.7%
Y2 Mrs Townsend:	92.9%	Y6 Mr Potter:	91.0%
Y3 Miss Bytheway:	96.3%	Y6 Miss Spalding:	88.3%

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

Our whole school attendance figure for this week is: **93.6%**

School Meals Menu - Week 1

Please find below the school dinner menu for week commencing **2nd November 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
Inset Day	Pizza with diced potatoes & peas	Bacon steak cob with roast potatoes, carrots, green cabbage & gravy	Notts-So-Silly hot dog, chips & beans served with carrot & cucumber sticks	Fin-tastic breaded fish with oven chips, peas & sweetcorn
	Gooley blondie	Jam sponge with custard	Flapjack (Special Bonfire menu)	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.				

Black History Month

October marks Black History Month, a time to celebrate and recognise the achievements and contributions of Black individuals across sport, literature, music, business and beyond.

Across Abbey, classes have explored Black History Month through enrichment activities linked to our curriculum. In the Foundation Stage, children have been introduced to Floella Benjamin through Coming to England, while Year 4 have explored Michelle Obama's inspirational work with families and children, creating fact files about her life. Other classes have linked their reading to influential figures including Mary Prince, Marcus Rashford and Martin Luther King Jr. Year 6 have studied Flight Lieutenant Arthur Wint, making a direct link to their Second World War history topic.

Through these activities, children have deepened their understanding of the lasting impact of these remarkable individuals and why their contributions continue to be remembered today.



Autumn Term 2 Key Dates

02.11.26 Inset Day	
03.11.26 Autumn 2 begins (Children back to school)	
05.11.26 Friends of Abbey Firework Extravaganza	01.12.26 F2 Christmas play (9:30am)
06.11.26 EYFS Nursery rhyme dress up day	02.12.26 F2 Christmas play (9:30am)
09.11.26 Foundation 2 Phonics parents' meeting	07.12.26 F2 Perlethorpe visit
10.11.26 Celebration of Learning	08.12.26 F1 Christmas play (9:15am)
11.11.26 Remembrance day	09.12.26 F1 Christmas play (9:15am)
13.11.26 Children in Need Day	10.12.26 Christmas jumper day
17.11.26 F2 Library visits AM & PM	15.12.26 UKS2 Christmas Carol Concert (St. Lawrence's Church 2:00pm)
26.11.26 F2 Local Area Walk 9:00am	16.12.26 Y1-6 Pantomime visit
27.11.26 Flu Vaccinations	18.12.26 Christmas Extravaganza
01.12.26 F2 Christmas play (9:30am)	12.12.26 Last day of Autumn 2
02.12.26 F2 Christmas play (9:30am)	05.01.27 Start of Spring Term 1
07.12.26 F2 Perlethorpe visit	