Abbey CE Academy Weekly Newsletter

"Together, anything is possible"

"Everything is possible for one who believes"

Mark 9:23

Date— 13th September2024

Principals Message

Principal's Message

Happy Friday everyone! The children have been working really hard in their first full week back after the summer and I have enjoyed seeing some wonderful examples of what they are doing.

Gardening club on Tuesday had a wonderful time harvesting potatoes which had been planted before the summer and I am told that they were delicious.

Year 3 have settled in well and are particularly enjoying their artwork.

The choir have been invited to sing in the Mayor's Civic Service again this year and this will take place on Saturday 28th September at the Holy Cross Church at 2PM. Do feel free to come and hear them sing.

A reminder please that children should not be bringing toys into school unless this has been previously agreed with myself or Miss Thornton for a specific need.

Also, we are a NUT FREE school so nuts or things containing nuts are not permitted in school. We do have children with severe allergies. Thank you.

If anyone is interested in starting a FRIENDS group to support the school by raising funds, please contact the school office.

As always, if you need anything, please contact me on Dgodfrey1@abbeyceacademy.co.uk at anytime or call me on the school number during work hours.

Thank you for your continued support and have a lovely weekend.

School Attendance

Attendance

The attendance for the school this week was 97.21%

The class that achieved the highest attendance Picasso Class with 98.85%

If you need any help or support with your child's attendance, please see Mrs Godfrey or Mrs How

School Messages

Water Bottles

Please ensure your child brings a water bottle to school with them each day, This should be filled with water only, no juice please. This can then be topped up from the water fountains during the day.

School Photographer

The school photographer will be visiting school on Tuesday 24th September.

Lunches

The menu is on MCAS for the term. Please remember to book lunches by midnight on Tuesday ready for the following week.

Apply for a secondary school place - Year 6

The deadline for applying for a Secondary School place for September 2025 is Thursday 31st October 2024.

School Admissions | West Northamptonshire Council (westnorthants.gov.uk)

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Year 3 2025 Open Days

If you have a child due to start Year 3 in September 2025 please come along to one of our upcoming open days to see our fabulous school. We will be running these at the following times. If you are unable to make the below dates, please contact the school office and we can arrange a suitable time for you.

Please remember to book your school meals on MCAS by Tuesday for the following week

Please ensure you have the My Child as School (MCAS) app downloaded.
Parents are able to book dinners by selecting them via the MCAS app and the dinner widget.

There are no longer any parent or school codes needed for the app.

If you are having any issues try resetting your password in the first instance.

Top Tips

- Use the same email address we have registered at school
- Parents set the password and pin
- Ensure you book in time, otherwise the meal booking becomes 'locked' and you cannot select it. You can check this by seeing if you can book a future date. Meals must be booked by a Tuesday for the following Monday to Friday.

Click here for MCAS parent manual. Please pop in to the school office if you need any help.

Curriculum News

Year 3

Year 3 have had an amazing second week at the Abbey!

In Talk for Writing, we have continued to get to know our model text, Kassim and the Greedy Dragon. We are getting fantastic at our echo reading too. We recorded our likes, dislikes, connections and questions. Also, we looked at any unfamiliar vocabulary and answered some comprehension questions by retrieving information.

In our Talk for Reading lessons, some children started their new phonics groups and some started a new unit in unity - Rosa Parks. We had another visit to the school library.

We have moved on to Place Value in maths, reading and writing 3-digit numbers.

In RE we continue with our Creation unit, story boarding from the bible story and thinking about why Christians listen to God.

Have a super weekend - Mrs Clarke.

Year 4

This week in Year 4 we have been working on our understanding of vocabulary from our key texts in reading and writing as well as answering vocabulary and retrieval questions. In maths, we have been working on number sequences and rounding numbers. In arithmetic, we are working on using the column method to help us add and subtract numbers. We have been working hard on our handwriting joins too In PE, we have been learning how to pivot in netball and we started our football unit with Mr Daly too! In PSHE we are learning to understand who is in our school community and what we can do to be a great community. In History, we have been re-enacting the story of Romulus and Remus. Our art work this week was completing a critique of Van Gogh's artworks. We had lots of fun in science learning about our bones and immobilizing the area as quickly as possible when a bone might be damaged - we even practised this in class!

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Year 5

Matisse continue to work hard showing how fantastic they are in all of our subjects.

In Talk for Writing we have continued to work on our new text 'The Ice Forest' by Pie Corbett. We have looked at the features of the text and the types of words used. We then looked at how to write a set of instructions on how to stay safe in the forest.

Reading this week continues to be about a Grimms Fairytale 'Jorinda and Joringle'. We have learnt lots of new vocabulary and compared it to other fairytales that we know. WE have also answered comprehension questions on the text.

Our unit in maths is Place Value. We are have been comparing numbers with each other and rounding to the nearest 10, 100 and 1,000.

RE this term is looking at what it means to Christians if God is Holy and Loving. We have created our own God and then looked at how Christians perceive their God.

Well done Matisse Class, you have continued to make a brilliant start to your time in Year Five.

Year 6

Year 6 have been superstars in their attitude to work and we have been impressed with their application to the assessments that we have been doing this week. We have continued our work on place value in maths and will be concluding this next week. In writing we have been looking at different types of sentences and using punctuation accurately. Retrieval questions has been our focus in reading and using our skills to locate pertinent information. In RE we continue to look at what it means for God to be holy and loving to Christians. We have learned the words omniscient and omnipresent - ask your children for an explanation!

Have a lovely weekend and we look forward to another week of learning next week.

Air Ambulance Clothing Bank

We are extremely fortunate to have required a clothing bank for the Air Ambulance,

It is located within the carpark ready for your donations.

What you can donate:

- Clothing
- Towels
- Sheets
- Blankets
- Curtains
- Paired Shoes

Dates for the Diary

September

Tuesday 24th - Individual School Photos

Thursday 27th - Flu Vaccinations

October

Wednesday 2nd - Wednesday 9th - Book Fair

Wednesday 9th - Y3 New Intake Tour 2024-2025 9:30am—11am

Tuesday 15th - Y3 New Intake Tour 2024-2025 1:30pm—3pm and 4:30pm—5:30pm

Thursday 31st - Closing date for secondary school application

November

Wednesday 13th - Parents Evening (more details to follow)

Thursday 14th - Parents Evening (more details to follow)

Friday 15th - Children In Need (more details to follow)

Thursday 21st - Y3 New Intake Tour 2024-2025 9:30am—11am

Monday 25th - Y3 New Intake Tour 2024-2025 1:30pm—3pm

December

Wednesday 11th - Christmas Dinner Day

Thursday 12th - Christmas Fair

Monday 16th - Whole School Trip—Panto (more details to follow)

Wednesday 18th - DRET Santa Run (more details to follow)

Thursday 19th - Christingle/Christmas Service 2pm Holy Cross Church (Parents Invited)

January

Term Dates for Academic Year 2024-2025

Term 1	**Training Day**	**Friday 30th August 2024**
	Training Day	**Monday 2nd September 2024**
	Term Begins	**Tuesday 3rd September 2024**
	Term Ends	**Friday 18th October 2024**
Term 2	**Term Begins**	**Monday 4th November 2024**
	Term Ends	**Friday 20th December 2024**
Term 3	**Training Day**	**Monday 6th January 2025**
	Term Begins	**Tuesday 7th January 2025**
	Term Ends	**Friday 14th February 2025**
Term 4	**Term Begins**	**Monday 24th February 2025**
	Term Ends	**Friday 4th April 2025**
Term 5	**Term Begins**	**Tuesday 22nd April 2025**
	Bank Holiday	**Monday 5th May 2025**
	Term Ends	**Friday 23rd May 2025**
Term 6	**Term Begins**	**Monday 2nd June 2025**
	Term Ends	**Tuesday 22nd July 2025**
	Training Day	**Wednesday 23rd July 2025**
	Training Day	**Thursday 24th July 2025**