Abbey CE Academy Weekly Newsletter

"Together, anything is possible"

"Everything is possible for one who believes"

Mark 9:23

Date— 22nd November 2024

Principals Message

Principal's Message

Happy Friday everyone.

This week, Year 4 have been smoothie making with Caterlink. They all thoroughly enjoyed this experience and made some inventive fruit smoothies.

Year 3 have just been doing Christmas crafts with Year 2 from St James. They made Christmas tree decorations and did Christmas colouring. Everyone was having a great time being creative and messy. As always, it is fabulous to have Year 2 joining us.

Next week marks the start of December, advent calendars and chocolate for breakfast. It also marks the start of Christmas events in school. Keep an eye out for dates of upcoming events on the newsletter.

As the weather gets colder, please ensure that children have coats, hats, gloves etc. appropriate for the weather.

A big thank you for all of the donations for the Christmas Fair and chocolate tombola, it is much appreciated.

Have a lovely weekend

Year 3 Parents are invited to a Violin Concert Tuesday 3rd December 3pm

Year 3 have had great fun this term learning the violin and they would like to share with you the progress that they have made since September. Please join us on Tuesday at 3pm.

Lunches

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

School Attendance

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The attendance for the school this week was 94.67%

The class that achieved the highest attendance is Lowry Class with 98.95%

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

School Messages

Christmas Dinner

Christmas Lunch in on Wednesday 11th December—if you would like your child to have a Christmas lunch at school, please book this via MCAS. If you require login details please contact the school office.

The deadline for booking is Tuesday 3rdDecember.

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.

Christmas Panto Visit—Monday 16th December

An email was sent out a little while ago with all the details, please could we ask that consent and payment is made via MCAS as soon as possible.

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.

DRET Santa Run—Wednesday 18th December

All online sponsorship pages must be completed by Thursday 28th November. Paper sponsorship forms also need to be handed in to the school office by Wednesday 27th November.

JOIN US IN THE JOLLIEST EVENT OF THE YEAR!

SANTA FUN RUN

Run, walk, skip or hop your way around your school grounds and raise money for the inspiration fund.

Over the past 4 years, The David Ross Education Trust have raised over £150,000 to support the Enrichment Programme.

Raise £9 or more and get a medal, Santa t-shirt and hat or Reindeer t-shirt and antlers to wear every year!

The deadline to meet the fundraising target is 27/11/24 for paper forms and 28/11/24 for online pages.

Prizes for the top fundraiser and fastest runner in each school, and the top two fundraisers trust-wide!

TO SET UP YOUR FUNDRAISING PAGE, GO TO:
HTTPS://APP.GOODHUB.COM/SANTARUN24

This School has 63 pupils!

HIGHEST AMOUNT RAISED BY A PRIMARY ACADEMY 2023
£3049

HIGHEST AMOUNT RAISED BY A SECONDARY ACADEMY 2023
£2203

2023/24
£44,342.27
raised

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE INSPIRATION FUND

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

Information was not available at time of publication

Year 4

Year 4 have been working hard this week across their learning.

In writing, we have been working hard using coordinating conjunctions, show not tell, expanded noun phrases and different sentence openers in our writing. In reading, we stepped into the character's shoes to answer questions as Alice (from Alice in Wonderland) and to write a diary from her perspective.

In maths, we have been working on equivalent fractions and we drew our own fraction wall.

In Geography, we looked at the Alps mountains and explored what glaciers are and what they look like.

In computing we looked at the internet, how to access it and what can be shared and stored online.

For RE, we looked at the Hindu idea of reincarnation and explored good and bad karma. We explored the ten commandments in our class worship this week and had some good ideas on which were the most important and why.

Year 5

Another fantastic week we have had in Matisse class.

In Talk for Writing, we have been thinking about what might have happened before our story began. We have created our own prequels, thinking about who the old man is and how he came by the key. We've also thought about why he gave the key to Ahmet. In Talk for Reading we have started our new text which is 'Migrant Crisis'. This is a news report about the increasing number of migrants trying to reach other countries.

In maths we are learning multiplication and division. We have looked at how the digits move if you multiply or divide by 10 or 100. We have also been practicing our arithmetic skills.

For RE this week we have looked at how Christians believe that Jesus died to take away all the sins in the world.

Well done Matisse for a fabulous week.

Curriculum News

Year 6

In talk for writing, we have been writing a diary entry related to our model text of Little Vixen Street where we have seen a fox and some of the responses have been brilliant - well done year 6. These will now be 'polished' and entered into our new 'polishing books' as a first entry. In Talk for Reading, we have explored our new text of Oranges in No Man's Land and have begun looking into the vocabulary used. In Maths, we have been comparing and ordering fractions and are now beginning to look forward to our next unit of percentages!

In Science, we made some observations of what happens when we put chalk into vinegar and also when we rub it against sandpaper to show what physical and chemical erosion would look like.

Finally, in RE, we explored how Jesus saved and helped people whilst also looking at Jewish people and meals we would serve them.

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

December

Tuesday 3rd - Year 3 Violin Concert 3pm, Parents Invited

Wednesday 11th - Christmas Dinner Day

Thursday 12th - Christmas Fair

Monday 16th - Whole School Trip—Panto

Wednesday 18th - DRET Santa Run

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

January

February

March

Wednesday 13th - Y4-6 Parents Evening 4pm—6pm

Thursday 14th - Y4 –6 Parents Evening 4:30pm—7pm

April

Thursday 3rd - Easter Service 2pm Holy Cross Church (Parents Invited)

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**