Abbey CE Academy Weekly Newsletter

"Together, anything is possible"

"Everything is possible for one who believes"

Mark 9:23

Date— 31st January 2025

Principals Message

Principal's Message

Happy Friday Everyone,

The children and staff are all working hard as we come to the end of January.

Year 5 are practising for the opera, Year 6 are working hard for SATs, Year 4 have been enjoying some fun science activities and Year 3 are enjoying learning about the Shang Dynasty.

A reminder please to ensure that children wear correct uniform at all times including shoes.

As we are in the winter bug season, if your child needs some medication please ensure that the medicine is taken to the office and you fill in the form to say how the medicine should be administered. Children cannot do this themselves, it must be an adult.

As always, please feel free to contact me at anytime on dgodfrey1@abbeyceacademy.co.uk or call the school office during school time.

Have a lovely weekend

School Attendance

Attendance

The attendance for the school this week was 96.21%

The class that achieved the highest attendance is Banksy Class with 98.18%

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

School Messages

Lunches

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

School Start Time

Just a gentle reminder gates open daily at 8.30am daily with registers taken at 8.45am. If your child arrives after 8.45am they are late to school.

Parent Governor Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a Parent Governor. Please contact the school office for further details.

DAVENTRY TOWN COUNCIL

MAYOR OF DAVENTRY'S

MUFTI DAY

Friday 14th February 2025

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Service Six
Changing Lives | Creating Futures

Northamptonshire Domestic Abuse Service

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Curriculum News

Year 3

It has been a successful week in Year 3!
In our writing unit the children completed a short burst formal letter write - asking Mr Big and his band to come and perform at our school. We also worked on punctuating speech. We started a new reading unit - Greta's Story, the children are very interested in her courage and willingness to help the planet. In this unit so far, we have shared our likes, dislikes, connections and questions we have about the model text.
In RE we have been linking the story of the Ten Lepers in our Gospel unit and in Sikhism we looked at how they treat their holy book.
Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Year 4

This week in Talk for Writing, year 4 have been learning new skills to use in our writing. We have looked at time conjunctions, sentences in 3's and boxing up. In Talk for Reading, we have been creating new book covers and blurbs for our text "Varjak Paw." We have also been working on our independent writing about our main character Varjak. In Maths, we have continued learning about our new topic of 'decimals and money.' We have looked at writing and recognising decimal equivalents up to hundredths, including tenths.

In year 4's Science, we looked at how gas affects the fizziness of drinks. We created an experiment to test this and had lots of fun! In History, we delved deeper into our topic of the Byzantine empire. In particular, we have looked at Justinian's code and laws in the empire, even creating our own set of laws for Daventry! RE in year 4 this week consisted of creating a newspaper report about the characters of Adam and Eve. We found it really interesting writing about these important characters from the bible. Finally, in PE, we have been learning new routines and moves in our gymnastics topic - we are starting to become skilled gymnasts! In orienteering, we looked at working together in a team and why teamwork is important for games.

Year 5

Another brilliant week in Matisse class. The children continue to work hard and show how determined they are to learn. We have been busy as usual in all subjects. We are enjoying learning our opera songs ready for our performance at the Derngate.
In Talk for Writing, we have continued to look at our new text 'Survival Guide'. We have written a 'message in a bottle' and looked at the different features of the text, including; relative clauses, modal verbs and rhetorical questions.
In Talk for Reading, we have been looking at out new text, The Highwayman. This is a poem by Alfred Noyes. The children have really enjoyed learning about this and how dramatic it is.
In maths we have finished our unit on Place Value and have started Addition and Subtraction.
Another fabulous week Matisse - Well done.

Curriculum News

Year 6

Another busy week for Year 6 where we discussed our results of the mock SATs and the children have now had a well-deserved rest from last week. In writing, we have written an explanation text where the children have had to explore different writing features to include such as third person and present tense, along with remembering to include all the other writing skills. In Reading, we have been reviewing our mock SATs answers where children have had the chance to understand what type of answers are required and where they may have gone wrong. We have also started our new book called Goodnight Mister Tom and identified the unfamiliar vocabulary. In Maths, we have continued our unit of place value where the children have been converting between measurements whilst also finding out strategies to find half way between two numbers.

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In Science we have compared two great scientists; Nikola Tesla and Thomas Edison and written fact files about each of them. In R.E we have looked at missions that work in Jesus' name to help people with ill health and we have also explored different places of worship that people of different religion can go to.

A great week for Year 6 so let's keep up all the hard work.

In RE, we have begun finishing off our units looking at how Christian's have communion and how they do this at Christmas.

A great week for Year 6 and look forward to our final week before we leave for the Christmas break.

Have a lovely weekend

Year 6

NHS School Nurse

Did you know that every school has an NHS School Nurse team? We are a team of Qualified School Nurses, Community Staff Nurses, Healthy Child Practitioners and School Nurse Assistants. We work all year-round Monday to Friday (excluding Bank Holidays). We are happy to provide information, advice, and guidance on a range of health needs from reception to Year 13

We can be contacted:

- **By phone 0800 170 7055 option 4**

Live Chat: https://www.nhft.nhs.uk/0-19
www.nhft.nhs.uk/childrenshub

- **Chat Health (our text-based School Nurse messaging service) for parents and young people aged 11 and over. Monday to Friday 8.30 -4.30 pm - 07507 329600**
- **On "X" (was Twitter) SchoolNursesNHFT**

You can also contact us for any school aged immunisation queries.

- **By phone: 0800 170 7055 option 5**

Website: Children's resources, tips and advice hub | NHFT

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.

Did you know...?

David Ross school's lunches are provided by **Caterlink**

10 reasons to choose a Caterlink school lunch!

1 Our meals are nutritious, balanced and checked by nutritionists to ensure they meet the School Food Standards

2 At least 85% of our meals are made onsite from fresh ingredient by our well-trained cooks

3 We use quality ingredients such as red tractor meat, free range eggs and MSC fish

4 We proudly meet the requirements of the Food for Life Served Here Silver standards

5 Our primary menus contain exciting theme days such as 'Yamas' - our Greek food day!

6 All our portion sizes meet recommendations, so you know your child is getting what they need!

7 We reduced sugar on our menus so that there is, on average, only 4g of sugar per lunch. This is below the national recommendation of 6.5g!

8 We link in with national & local public health campaigns such as Veg Power or Peas Please

9 We are committed to reducing our environmental impact by offering more sustainable food

10 Our menus reflect pupil tastes and preferences - we get feedback from pupils every term!

Please speak to your school to enroll your child for a lunch.
If your child requires a special diet menu please complete our allergy form.

For more information or to look at the Caterlink menus, please visit www.caterlinkltd.co.uk

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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

January

Tuesday 14th - Y6 Height and Weight Screening

February

Thursday 13th - Disco

Friday 14th - Mufti for £1 donation

March

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

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

Thursday 27th - Y5 The Magic Flute (Details to follow)

April

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

May

June

Wednesday 4th—Friday 6th - Y6 Residential

Wednesday 11th - Y4 Trip

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**