



Abbey Road News

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Dear Parents/Carers

Carol Service

The weather forecast for this afternoon is looking rather wet, and unfortunately, it seems the rain has claimed our outdoor carol service once again! Instead of gathering outside as planned, we'll be holding our end-of-term carols in the school hall. Sadly, there won't be enough space for families to join us this time, but we will still bring the term to a close with this tradition for the children.

Our outdoor carol service is always a special way to end the term, and we'll be crossing our fingers for clear skies and crisp, winter weather next year!



Christmas Joy!

The lead-up to Christmas is always a whirlwind of excitement in primary schools and over the past few weeks, the festive spirit has definitely been building!

Our Christmas Fair was a huge success, raising valuable funds for the school. A huge thank-you to parents for supporting the event in so many ways; to our Year 6 pupils (and their parents!) for their incredible effort in planning and

running games and stalls. And we're especially grateful to our amazing HSA and all the volunteers who worked tirelessly to make the event such a triumph.

Our nativity performances were a heartwarming highlight of the season. Reception and Year 1 children amazed us with their dedication, learning all their words, songs and actions so beautifully. Their storytelling brought smiles to our faces and warmth to our hearts, capturing that special magic that young children can. These moments create lasting memories, not only for the audience, but for the children themselves, who remember this experience for years to come. Your generous donations – for both Friary Drop-in Centre and Footprints have been warmly received—thank you!



To round off the term, children have had a fun time enjoying parties, pantomimes and a host of other Christmas activities.



Year 1 Grandparents Afternoon

This half term, Year 1 have been exploring toys and how they have changed through the decades. As part of this exciting topic, grandparents were invited into school to share some of the cherished toys from their own childhoods. The children were delighted to see and play with a variety of well-loved items, including beautiful teddy bears, classic dolls, amazing toy cars, and traditional board games.

A heartfelt thank-you to all the grandparents who joined us – the children had a wonderful time and gained so much from the experience!

School Council Toy Appeal

Mrs Phillips and our School Council representatives would like to pass on their thanks to everybody who kindly donated toys and other gifts for the Great Notts Toy Appeal. Our School Councillors worked hard to sort the presents, and our Year 6 representatives accompanied Mrs Phillips in delivering your donations.

Lunchtime Supervisor - Job Opportunity

We are looking to employ two new lunchtime supervisors, to start work as soon as possible. Employment is during the school day and term time only, so it could be a great opportunity for someone with children of school age. The role involves working for an hour and a quarter over the lunchtime period each day, although if you are only able to work for part of the week, job share arrangements will be considered.

Our midday team are a friendly and positive group and they work really hard to help the children to have a happy lunchtime. I would be very grateful if you could take time to consider whether this position would be of interest to you, or someone you know.

For further information please visit [Midday Supervisor vacancy Abbey Road](#) or contact Grace Cooper: 0115 9748055 or sbm@abbeyroadprimary.co.uk.

Cross Country Success

Big congratulations to our cross-country team for their fantastic performances at the Rushcliffe School Championships. We came home with five top ten finishers, including a first place for Joshua and a third place for Eleanor. These children will now go on to represent Rushcliffe in the County Championships in the New Year.



Year 5 Reach for the Stars!



Earlier this term, our Year 5 children had a really enjoyable experience at the National Space Centre. The hands-on exhibits and activities perfectly complemented their learning about space, bringing the topic to life in exciting and interactive ways. The children were a credit to our school and an absolute pleasure to accompany.

Back in school, the children's learning was further enriched by a special visit from a parent who previously worked for NASA. Their fascinating insights and stories truly inspired the children and added an extra layer

of wonder to this engaging topic. A big thank-you to everyone who made these experiences possible!

Attendance Update

We share attendance information with parents on a termly basis. Your child's autumn term report will be shared with you when we return to school in January.

Dates for the Term Ahead

Friday 20 th December	Last day of term
Monday 6 th January 2024	Back to school
Friday 4 th and Saturday 5 th July	24-hour Bikeathon (more news of this exciting event to follow in the new year!)

Wishing you all a joyful and restful Christmas holiday, filled with health, happiness, and plenty of festive cheer! For those who will be working over the break, I hope you are able to enjoy some time with family too.

Best wishes,



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