

# **Abbey Road News**

February 2025

#### **Dear Parents/Carers**

### **Keeping Kids Safe in a Smartphone World – Parent Information Evening**

A reminder that our 'Keeping Kids Safe in a Smartphone World' session takes place at 6pm in the school hall this evening (Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February). This event will explore the challenges and risks that come with children having smartphones and why delaying their use can be beneficial. We'll also share practical advice on how to help children navigate the online world safely.



### **Wellbeing Councillors at NottAlone Live**

Our Wellbeing Councillors recently attended this year's NottAlone Live event alongside Mrs Lovett, where they took part in a range of wellbeing-themed

workshops, enjoyed inspiring main stage performances, and explored stalls showcasing local mental health and wellbeing services for young people in Nottingham and Nottinghamshire. They had a fantastic day and have returned full of ideas on how to support and promote



wellbeing among their peers at school. We look forward to seeing their initiatives in action!



# **Cross Country Success at Wollaton Park**

Congratulations to all the children who represented Abbey Road at the recent cross-country event at Wollaton Park. Despite the freezing cold wind and a challenging course, they showed incredible determination and

resilience. We were thrilled to see some outstanding individual and team performances, and every runner should be extremely proud of their achievements.



A huge thank you to all the parents who joined us on the day - your support and encouragement were much appreciated.



## 'Sensory Processing and Interoception' coffee morning

A reminder that we are hosting an informal tea and coffee morning for parents and carers on Tuesday 25th February - 9:15am to 11:45am. A specialist from Nottinghamshire's Communication and Interaction Team will be joining us to discuss sensory processing and interoception - how we interpret internal sensations in the body. All parents and carers are welcome, whether or not their child has a diagnosis.

If you would like to attend, please can you email our SENDCo at <a href="mailto:send@abbeyroadprimary.co.uk">send@abbeyroadprimary.co.uk</a>.

#### **Chess Team Triumph at Trust Tournament**

Congratulations to four of our chess club members, who put in a fantastic performance at the recent Equals Trust tournament, winning 11 out of 12 games to take first place! They had a brilliant afternoon, demonstrating excellent sportsmanship - congratulating their opponents and praising their play - before proudly bringing the trophy back to share with their teachers and peers.

A big thank you to Nick London, our chess coach, who was on hand throughout the tournament, offering valuable advice and encouragement.

If your child is interested in joining chess club, we offer:

- Beginners' session Wednesdays before school, starting at 8am (it helps for children to have a basic understanding of how pieces move).
- Advanced session Tuesdays after school, finishing at 4:30pm.

For more information or to sign up, please contact the school office.



#### **Staff Update**

We wanted to share some updates about our team. Mr Di Micelli, one of our Year 1 teaching assistants, left us at half-term to begin an exciting new role as a Police Community Support Officer. While we are sad to see him go, we wish him all the best in his new career.

We are also pleased to welcome two new teaching assistants, Miss Del Olmo and Miss Wild, who will be joining us next week. We look forward to having them as part of our team!

#### **INSET days 2025/26**

Governors approved our INSET days for next academic year. They will be as follows:

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025 Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2025 Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026 Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026 Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2026

#### **Dates for the Term Ahead**

Monday 24 February	Parent meeting: 'Keeping Kids Safe in a Smartphone World' - 6pm in the school hall
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	Coffee Morning for parents - 'Sensory Processing and Interoception' 9.15-11.45
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	Young Voices
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> and Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents evenings
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Equals Trust football tournament – Year 3/4
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Equals Trust 'Let's Sing' Concert @ Albert Hall (Year 6 Glee Club members)
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	HSA Spring celebration (after school event)
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> April to Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> April	Easter holidays
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Back to school

w/b Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 2 residential visits to Beaumanor Hall
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank holiday
w/b Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 assessment week (SATs)
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> May to Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Year 6 residential visit to Whitby
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	INSET day
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> May to Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> May	Half term
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Back to school
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Equals Trust Ultimate Frisbee tournament (Year 6 team)
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Equals Trust combined orchestra
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	HSA disco
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> and Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	24-hour Bikeathon
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 production
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 transition visit to Rushcliffe Spencer Academy Reception – Year 5 - 'Move up morning' New Reception children visiting school
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	am – Key Stage 2 'Potted Sports' pm – Key Stage 2 Sports Day
w/b Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Health &amp; wellbeing week</b> There will be a range of activities linked to physical activity, health and wellbeing taking place during the week. More details will be posted in the months ahead.
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Reception/Key Stage 1 sports day (pm)
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 5 STEM day at Rushcliffe Spencer Academy
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of term

Best wishes,

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