



# Abbey Road News

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**Dear Parents/Carers**

## Spring Fair – A Celebration of Community

On the last day of term, our HSA organised a fantastic Spring Fair - a multi-faith celebration bringing together children and families to mark Easter, Holi, Eid and Vaisakhi.

The event was filled with fun activities for everyone to enjoy. Children decorated biscuits and crowns, explored coloured powder, followed an Easter-themed trail, tried their luck on the chocolate tombola, chased a giant inflatable egg around the field and proudly showed off beautiful henna designs on their hands.

The sun shone, the playground and field were filled with smiles and there was a wonderful community atmosphere as so many families gave up their time to volunteer and support the event.

A huge thank you to our amazing HSA for planning and organising such a joyful event. It was a real celebration of togetherness - and an absolute pleasure to be part of.



## Year 4 Equals Trust Football Tournament

Our Year 4 footballers did us proud this half term, as they represented Abbey Road at the Equals Trust Football Tournament. With twelve teams taking part, the competition was fierce - but our children rose to the challenge with determination, skill and fantastic sportsmanship throughout.

After an exciting group stage, our team qualified for the Champions League final. They showed great resilience and teamwork during some very tense matches, and their hard work paid off - they went on to win their group and lift the trophy!

We are so proud of their achievement and the way they represented our school. A huge well done to all the players - what a brilliant team effort!







## Year 6 Glee Club Shine at the Albert Hall

Members of our Year 6 Glee Club had an unforgettable experience last week as they took part in the annual Equals Trust 'Let's Sing' event at the Albert Hall.

Joining choirs from other schools across the Trust, the children raised the roof with an incredible performance themed around *Songs from Stage and Screen*. Together, they sang a selection of well-known tracks, including songs from *Moana*, *Encanto* and *Matilda*, before finishing the night with a show-stopping Queen medley that had the whole audience clapping along.

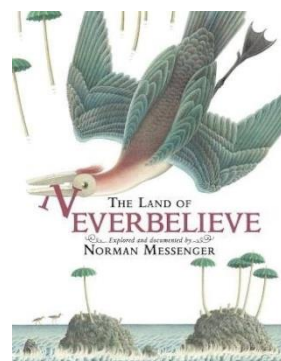


A particular highlight was a lively joint performance of *I'm Still Standing* with children from Tollerton Primary School - complete with energetic dance moves that made the audience smile!

It was a truly brilliant evening and a wonderful opportunity for our children to sing in such a beautiful venue, alongside so many other young performers. We are incredibly proud of them all!

## World Book Day – A Whole Week of Reading Adventures!

This year, we celebrated World Book Day in style - with a whole week of reading activities based around the incredible book: *The Land of Neverbelieve* by Norman Messenger. The week began with a very special video link from the author and explorer himself, who shared stories about the magical island featured in the book. Inspired by this, the children spent time reading the book in class and creating their own fantastical plants, creatures and landscapes that might be found on their very own 'Neverbelieve' island. Later in the week, Norman Messenger even paid a surprise visit to school to see the wonderful work the children had produced — he was very impressed!



We rounded off the week on Friday with a brilliant day of book-themed celebrations. Children dressed in 'wild' clothing, featuring animal or nature prints and colours, and enjoyed a packed day of reading fun.

The day began with a second-hand book sale, raising £233 to spend on new books for school. Children voted on the titles they most wanted to see on their classroom bookshelves. Parents were invited into school to see the fantastic work children had produced during the week and to spend time reading together. Across the day, children shared their work with other classes, took part in 'book talk', played book bingo and found all sorts of places to read - both indoors and outdoors.

It was a wonderful week of creativity, imagination and, of course, a love of books!







## Year 5 Rainforest Adventure

As part of their Rainforests topic, Year 5 were treated to an unforgettable visit from Simon from *The Explorer Academy*. From the very first minute, Simon had the children captivated with incredible photos and videos from his expeditions to rainforests around the world.



The children spent the morning investigating the location of the world's rainforests, the different layers of the rainforest and the extraordinary variety of plants and animals found there. A real highlight was watching breathtaking drone footage of the rainforest canopy, exploring the different layers and the creatures that call them home.

Later in the day, the children explored some of the specialist clothing and equipment needed for a modern-day rainforest expedition. Using a green screen, Simon transported the children deep into the

jungle for a virtual rainforest adventure — an experience they won't forget!

The children also discovered some of the dangers lurking in the rainforest for those who are unprepared, and learned about the many ways animals have adapted to survive in such a challenging environment.

In the afternoon, Simon shared stories and videos about the indigenous tribes who live in the rainforest and depend on its resources. The day ended with an important discussion about deforestation and its devastating impact on the rainforest and the people and animals who live there. One child summed it up perfectly - describing it as *"The best day ever!"*

We are very grateful to the HSA for funding these enrichment opportunities, allowing the children to experience learning in such an exciting and memorable way.

## Young Voices 2025

Earlier this term, 140 children travelled to Birmingham to take part in this year's Young Voices concert - and what an unforgettable experience it was! There really is nothing quite like being part of an arena show, singing alongside professional artists and thousands of other children from schools across the country. The energy, excitement and sense of togetherness make it such a special event. A huge thank you to all of the staff and parent volunteers who helped make the day possible - we couldn't do it without you. This year's concert was made even more memorable for those children who had the chance to meet Andy, the leader of Urban Strides, and to have the opportunity to chat with him in person!

Young Voices 2025 — another fantastic Abbey Road memory made. More photos from our day can be found on our school website: [Young Voices 2025 – Abbey Road Primary School](#)



## Red Nose Day 2025

Well done to our School Council who organised this year's Red Nose Day event. Abbey Road turned red once again as we joined in the celebrations marking 40 years of Red Nose Day!

As well as dressing up, children could also pay to enter our 'Design a Legendary Nose' competition. We had so many creative and imaginative entries, making it a really tricky



job to choose just two! Congratulations to Olive in Year 4 and Jack in Year 2, whose fantastic designs earned them the top spots.

Thank you to everyone who supported the day — together we raised an incredible £1100.69 for Comic Relief!

## Exciting Update: New School Website Coming Soon!

We are excited to announce that we will be launching a brand-new school website in the summer term. This updated site will include password-protected class blog pages, where you will be able to see updates, photos, and news from your child(ren)'s class.

We are currently working behind the scenes with our new provider to get everything ready for launch. Once the new site is live, we will provide parents with passwords to access these class blogs. If, at that time, you would like to change your photo consent preferences, we will be sending out further information to offer this opportunity.

More details and the exact launch date will be shared with you soon.

## Rushcliffe Pre School – Places Available for September 2025

Rushcliffe Pre School is based within the Children Centre, situated next to Abbey Road. They operate Monday to Friday 9am to 3.15pm, term-time only. They can offer 15 or 30 hours of government funded Early Years Education for children from 2 to 5 years.



If you are interested in having a chat or wish to have a look around - please contact either Pat Southern – 07535265300 or Diane Brazil – 07956053006 or you can email at [RushcliffePre-school@gmx.com](mailto:RushcliffePre-school@gmx.com).

## INSET days 2025/26

A reminder of our INSET days for next academic year:

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

Thank you all for your continued support throughout this term. I wish you all a restful and enjoyable spring break and look forward to welcoming the children back for the summer term on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April.

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## Dates for the Term Ahead

Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> April to Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> April	<b>Easter holidays</b>
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	<b>Back to school</b>
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Y6 Whitby residential - parent meeting – 6pm</b>
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>2WP residential visit to Beaumanor Hall</b>
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>2M residential visit to Beaumanor Hall</b>
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>White Post Farm visit for Year 1</b>
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	<b>Grand final of Scitech Flying Machine challenge</b>
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Bank holiday</b>
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>HSA Safari Sale</b>
w/b Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Year 6 assessment week (SATs)</b>
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> May to Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	<b>Year 6 residential visit to Whitby</b>
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	<b>INSET day</b>
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> May to Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Half term</b>
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	<b>Back to school</b>
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Equals Trust Ultimate Frisbee tournament (Year 6 team)</b>
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Summer Fair</b>
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Rattle &amp; Roll music recital – 3.30pm</b>
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Equals Trust combined orchestra</b>
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>HSA disco</b>
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> and Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>24-hour Bikeathon</b>
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>5.30-6.30pm – Meeting for new Reception parents</b>
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Year 6 production</b>
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Year 6 transition visit to Rushcliffe Spencer Academy Reception – Year 5 - ‘Move up morning’ New Reception children visiting school</b>
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>am – Key Stage 2 ‘Potted Sports’ pm – Key Stage 2 Sports Day</b>
w/b Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Health &amp; wellbeing week</b> <i>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.</i>
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Reception/Key Stage 1 sports day (pm)</b>
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Last day of term</b>