



# Abbey Road News

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**Dear Parents/Carers**

## Farwell and Best Wishes

Today, we say a heartfelt goodbye to Mrs Hill, our School Business Manager, and Mr Smith, our Site Manager, as they officially begin their well-deserved retirements. Over their combined years at Abbey Road, they have contributed so much to the life of our school, ensuring everything runs smoothly and going the extra mile to support our children, staff and families.

On behalf of everyone in the Abbey Road community, I want to express our deep gratitude for their dedication. We will miss them greatly but wish them every happiness in this exciting new chapter of their lives.

★ **HAPPY** ★  
*Retirement*

## Exciting News!

We are thrilled to share some wonderful news from our senior leadership team! Our Deputy Headteacher, Mrs Lever, is expecting a baby, due in May. This is an incredibly exciting time for Mrs Lever and her family, and I know you will all join me in sending them our warmest congratulations.

We're also delighted to announce that Mr Jones, our Assistant Headteacher, is preparing for a new addition to his family too, as his wife is expecting a baby in March. We look forward to hearing his baby news early next year!

## Hathersage Adventures

Our Year 4 children kicked off the half term with their eagerly awaited residential visit to Hathersage. Over three action-packed days, they took part in exciting activities such as river dipping, orienteering, den building and tackling a challenging six-hour hike!

The children returned with big smiles and countless stories of their adventures in the beautiful Peak District. Their enthusiasm and resilience were a credit to them, and the teachers have been full of praise for how brilliantly they represented Abbey Road throughout the trip. Below are just a few snapshots from their time away – many more can be found on our website.





## Snow Fun!

This Tuesday brought a wonderful wintery surprise – snow! As it is quite a rare sight, the children were thrilled to head outside and make the most of it. Laughter and excitement filled the air as they built snowmen, rolled enormous snowballs and created snow-angels. It was such a joy to see the children playing together so happily with friends. Here are just a few snapshots of the snowy fun!



## Children in Need

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our Children in Need activities this year – together, we raised an incredible £1,714.80!

The day had been thoughtfully planned by our School and Wellbeing Councillors and there was plenty of fun and excitement. Highlights included a non-uniform day, the ever-popular cake sale, and two thrilling virtual duck races, which filled the school with cheers and laughter. Congratulations to Sunshine class and 6T, who triumphed in the races and enjoyed negotiating their well-deserved prizes with their teachers!

As part of the day, the children also took part in a meaningful backpack walk. Carrying heavy bags around the school helped to highlight the burdens that some children face every day. It was a poignant reminder of the importance of the work supported by Children in Need.

Thank you again for your generosity and enthusiasm – it was a memorable day for a wonderful cause.





## Special Days

We've enjoyed some special, themed days recently, bringing learning to life in creative and exciting ways!

Year 2 stepped back in time with a special Florence Nightingale Day, dressing up in historical costumes and exploring her remarkable work in hospitals during the Crimean War.

Year 1 celebrated the season with an *Autumn Day*, filled with art and science activities inspired by nature. The children looked fantastic in their autumnal outfits and had a brilliant time exploring the colours and changes of the season.

These days always create lasting memories for the children, combining fun with meaningful learning experiences.



## Christmas Carol Service

The weather hasn't been on our side for the last few years, but we are hoping the rainclouds stay away so we are able to hold our outdoor carol service on the last day of term again. Friends and family are all welcome and we invite you to come along and gather on the top playground at 2.45pm to lend your voices to the Abbey Road congregation! Our singing will be accompanied by live music and we are always on the lookout for new band members! If you play a musical instrument and would like to join our group of merry musicians, please contact the office or speak with Mr Marshall or Mrs Smart so we can share the relevant music with you.

Any donations received on the day, will be shared with the Salvation Army, who work hard to help vulnerable people – offering practical help, friendship and support.



## Robin Hood Runners

A huge well done to our Robin Hood Mini Marathon runners who were invited to the annual presentation evening last week. The team won joint first place in the schools' competition and the following age groups were awarded with individual medals too: U7 Boys - 3<sup>rd</sup>, U11 Girls - 2<sup>nd</sup>, U9 Girls - 1<sup>st</sup> and U11 Boys - 1<sup>st</sup>.

Great work everyone!

## Dates for the Term Ahead

Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>'Making Sense of Autism' coffee morning 9.15-11.45</b>
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Equals Trust storytelling event – Year 6 group</b>
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Year 5 visit to National Space Centre</b>
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>HSA Christmas Fair</b> (after school)
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December – 9.30-10.15 Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December – 9.30-10.15	<b>Reception Nativity</b>

Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December – 1.45-2.30 Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December – 9.30-10.15	<b>Year 1 Nativity</b>
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Year 1 grandparent's afternoon</b>
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Year 1 visit to Nottingham Playhouse</b>
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Year 3 visit to Cresswell Craggs</b>
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Christmas Dinner</b>
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Pantomime - Years 2–6</b> (in school)
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>2.45pm – Outdoor Carol Service</b> (weather permitting!)
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Last day of term</b>
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	<b>Back to school</b>
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> and Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>24-hour Bikeathon (more news of this exciting event to follow in the new year!)</b>

Best wishes,

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