



# Abbey Road News

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## Dear Parents/Carers

As we reach the end of another busy and rewarding school year, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all our families for your continued support. Your kind words, encouragement and thoughtful gestures are very much appreciated. A special mention goes to the families who are leaving us this summer as children move on to secondary school. Thank you for being such an important part of our school community - often for many years! We wish you all the very best for the future, and hope you take fond memories of your time at Abbey Road with you.

The children have had a fantastic final few weeks, packed with events, celebrations and achievements, and they are definitely ready for a well-earned rest - and I know the staff are too!

We hope everyone enjoys some time to relax and refresh over the summer break, and we look forward to welcoming the children back in September, ready for the year ahead.

Here's a look at what's been happening in school during July...

## Sport and Wellbeing Week

This year's Sports and Wellbeing Week was another fantastic success, packed with energy, enthusiasm, and plenty of smiles! Children across school took part in a wide range of activities that promoted physical health, resilience and teamwork.

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 had a great time bouncing through their trampolining sessions, while Years 3 and 4 channelled their inner strength in Mighty Warriors - though the teachers, who faced a fair few forfeits involving push-ups, were perhaps less impressed! Our oldest pupils in Years 5 and 6 enjoyed the thrills and skills of BMX workshops, showing courage and determination on two wheels.

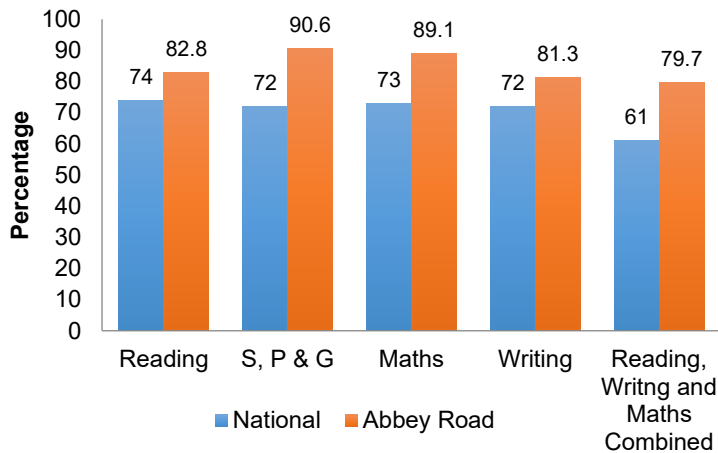
Throughout the week, children also took part in forest school sessions, where they connected with nature, collaborated with their peers, and got super muddy! We were also treated to some inspiring assemblies, encouraging the children to keep active, look after their wellbeing, and never give up.

A huge thank you to staff who worked hard to organise such a varied and enriching week, and to our fantastic Year 6 Sports Leaders, who supported younger classes and led games and challenges brilliantly.

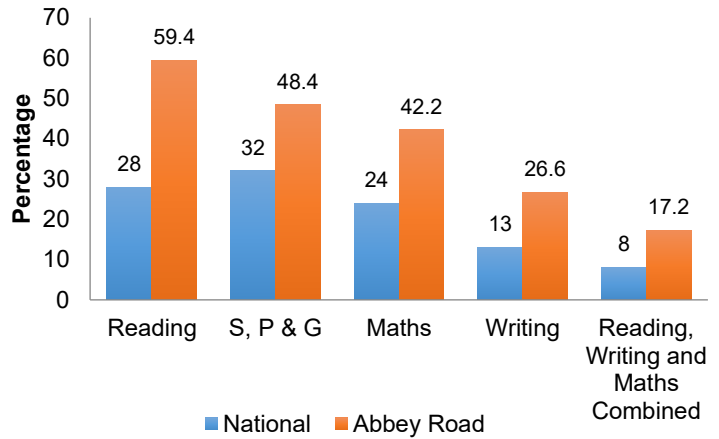
Here's a small snapshot of the fun and achievement on display throughout the week.



## Year 6 SATs



**Percentage of children attaining the expected standard  
(scaled score 100+)**



**Percentage of children attaining the higher standard  
(scaled score 110+)**

Here are the outcomes of our Year 6 statutory assessments for 2025, compared to national standards.

*The expected standard in the tests is a scaled score of 100 or above. The range for scaled scores is between 80 and 120. The graph on the left shows the percentage of pupils scoring 100+ (expected standard).*

*A scaled score above 110 is classed as achieving at a 'higher standard'. The graph on the right shows the percentage of pupils achieving a score between 110 and 120 (higher standard).*

We are incredibly proud to share our Year 6 SATs results, which are a testament to the children's hard work, resilience, and determination. Their achievements are truly impressive and reflect the outstanding progress they have made. Beyond the test scores, our Year 6 pupils have been fantastic role models throughout school, consistently showing a positive attitude, kindness, and maturity. A huge thank you goes to the whole staff team who have supported them throughout their time at Abbey Road — from their earliest days in Reception to their final weeks in Year 6. We are very proud of every member of Year 6, as they all worked incredibly hard to make excellent progress and achieve their very best.

## Oliver, with a Twist

The Year 6 journey at Abbey Road is about so much more than just SATs, and their end-of-year production of *Oliver with a Twist* was a brilliant celebration of their creativity, teamwork, and confidence. The children threw themselves into their roles with energy and enthusiasm, delivering a performance full of humour, heart and talent.

It wasn't just on stage where Year 6 shone - many pupils took responsibility for sound, lighting, and stage management, helping to bring the whole show together.

A huge thank you to the Year 6 staff team for guiding and supporting the children through every step of the process, to Miss Piovesana for her choreography expertise, and to Rushcliffe Spencer Academy and Mr Pitts for their invaluable help with sound and lighting.



## Sunflower Competition

Congratulations to Alex Bailey for growing the tallest sunflower this year! Alex's sunflower reached over 220cm by judging day, which is an amazing height! Griff Lewis finished in second place and Albert Walker in third. Well done to all and thanks to our HSA, who have been running this popular competition for many years.







## Year 6 Bike Club Residential

A huge well done to our Year 6 Bike Club members, who recently enjoyed a fantastic residential visit to the Robin Hood Activity Centre. Staff who accompanied the group were full of praise for the children, commenting on their excellent manners, positive attitudes, and great sense of teamwork throughout the trip.

A huge thank you goes to our dedicated Bike Club leaders and volunteers, whose commitment makes opportunities like this possible. What a wonderful way

for the group to round off their time at Abbey Road—cycling, laughing and making memories together!

## Cup Winners

At the end of each school year, we take great pride in presenting two special awards that recognise individual excellence in music and sport.

The *Royston & Lund Sports Cup* was awarded this year to Tahlia Dean, a remarkably talented athlete who has represented the school in a wide range of sports. Outside of school, she excels in gymnastics at a high level and is currently training with the national under-12 touch rugby team - an outstanding achievement. Tahlia gives her all in everything she does, showing real determination, skill and sportsmanship.



Our *Annual Music Cup*, awarded in memory of Andrew Rootham - a much-loved music teacher who inspired many Abbey Road pupils - was presented to Finn Wheeler. Finn is a passionate and dedicated musician who sings in our Glee Club and plays both the guitar and the piano. This year, he went the extra mile for the Equals Trust combined orchestra event by learning the repertoire on *both* instruments, as he simply couldn't choose between them!

Both Tahlia and Finn's dedication, passion and quiet determination shine through in everything they do. Congratulations to both on these well-deserved awards!

## Year 5 Visit the National Justice Museum

Our Year 5 pupils had a fascinating and memorable day at the National Justice Museum last week, deepening their understanding of crime and punishment through the ages.

The interactive exhibits and immersive activities really brought history to life, and the highlight of the day was re-enacting a courtroom trial. The children took on the roles of judge, jury, barristers, witnesses and defendants - debating the evidence and deciding the fate of some rather intriguing characters!

It was a great opportunity to explore how justice has changed over time and to practise teamwork, critical thinking and public speaking in a fun and engaging way. Well done, Year 5, for your enthusiasm throughout the day!





## Year 4 Step Back into Viking Times

This month, our Year 4 pupils travelled back in time to explore the world of the Vikings! Through a series of exciting, hands-on activities, they discovered what life was like for these fierce warriors and skilled settlers.



From investigating replica artefacts and trying out traditional Viking games to creating Viking-themed artwork, the children were fully immersed in the sights, stories, and skills of the era. They also learned more about Viking battles and everyday life, uncovering some surprising facts along the way.

It was a fantastic day that sparked curiosity and really brought their history topic to life!



## Summer Fun for Sunshines and Rainbows

Our Sunshines and Rainbows had a fantastic day out at Rushcliffe Country Park, where they explored the sensory trail and hunted for wooden ladybirds hidden among the trees. After their adventure, they enjoyed plenty of time playing in the park with friends - such a lovely way to enjoy the sunshine and nature together.

Back at school, the children packed their suitcases and set off on an exciting make-believe trip to Italy! With passports in hand, they boarded their flight in the school hall and set off on their Italian adventure. After 'landing', they tucked into some delicious Italian treats and had fun at the beach and water park!

The day ended with a return 'flight' back to school, full of happy memories and lots of smiles. What a wonderful way to round off the year with some summer fun and imagination!



## Headteacher for the Day

Last week, Mr Ghodke took the reins as Headteacher for the Day - and what a day it was! After winning this coveted role at the Summer Festival raffle, he stepped into leadership with confidence and a big smile (alongside his two trusty deputy

headteachers, of course!).



Mr Ghodke's day in charge was packed with fun and treats for everyone: non-uniform, extra-long playtimes, movie time with popcorn and squash, and even a special sing-along on the field. Spirits were high, and the children thoroughly enjoyed the joyful atmosphere he helped to create.

I don't think he was quite ready to hand the job back at the end of the day and think he might have his sights set on a return to this role one day! Well done, Mr Ghodke, on a brilliant day in charge!



## Mascot Moment at Trent Bridge!

We were incredibly proud to hear that one of our Year 5 pupils, Vic, recently had the unforgettable opportunity to be mascot for the Notts Outlaws during their match against Lancashire at Trent Bridge.

Although understandably nervous at first, Vic showed great courage and confidence—stepping out onto the pitch with the team, being interviewed for the big screen, and even making a surprise appearance on Sky Sports!

Vic has been passionate about cricket since he was a toddler, so this experience meant the world to him. We're so pleased he had such a brilliant time and created memories that will last a lifetime. Well done, Vic!



## Chess Champions!

A huge congratulations to Milo and Dan in Year 5, who both competed in the Chess Giga Finals in Manchester last weekend—the biggest national chess tournament for young players.

Reaching the Giga Finals is an incredible achievement in itself. After qualifying through our school competition run by Mr London, they each progressed through the Mega Finals, where they had to win at least 3.5 out of 6 games to make it to the national stage.

At the Giga Finals, Milo and Dan played seven intense games over the course of the day, showing amazing focus and resilience. Milo won 4 games and Dan won 3 - an outstanding result at such a high level, competing against some of the best young players in the country.

A special highlight was Milo's victory over a highly rated opponent who had beaten him previously - proof of just how much progress both boys have made. Well done to Milo and Dan on their fantastic achievement!

## Dinner Money – Ready Reckoner

If you prefer to pay for school meals on a half-termly basis, the cost for next half term will be £103.95 (£3.15 per day).

## Dates for the Term Ahead - Many more events will be added next term.

Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> and Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	<b>INSET days</b>
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	<b>Back to school for all year groups</b>
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>Welcome coffee morning for Reception parents – 9am</b>
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>Year 1 parents information evening – 5.30pm</b>
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>Rushcliffe football tournament - girls</b>
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>Rushcliffe football tournament - boys</b>
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>MacMillan Coffee Morning – from 8.15am</b>
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>Individual and sibling photos</b>
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> and Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Parents Evening</b>
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> October – Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	<b>HALF TERM</b>

Best wishes for a happy summer holiday!

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