



# Abbey Road News

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## Dear Parents/Carers



### Year 2 Residential Adventure – Beaumanor Hall

At the end of April, our Year 2 children headed off on their much-anticipated residential to Beaumanor Hall. For many, this was their very first experience staying away from home, and we could not be prouder of how confidently and enthusiastically they embraced every moment.

From the excitement of den building and the curiosity sparked during the minibeast hunt and pond dipping, to the laughter and singing around the campfire while roasting marshmallows; each activity brought new experiences, challenges and lots of smiles. The nature trail gave us a chance to explore the beautiful surroundings, while archery and woodland games brought out our inner adventurers!

Throughout the trip, the children showed remarkable independence, teamwork and resilience. Whether making their beds or cheering each other on in activities, they represented Abbey Road beautifully, showing kindness, courage and a real sense of fun.

It was a joy to share this experience with them, and the memories they've created with their friends will hopefully last a lifetime. Well done, Year 2 – you were amazing!

Here are just a few pictures from their time at Beaumanor. We've shared many more on our school website – take a look using the links below to see all the fun they had!



[2WP Beaumanor Hall Trip! - Abbey Road School - West Bridgford](#)

[2M Beaumanor Hall Trip! - Abbey Road School - West Bridgford](#)

## A Polite Parking Reminder

This week, a local resident contacted us as they were unable to leave their driveway for 15 minutes while a parent dropped off their child at school. Unfortunately, this delay caused unnecessary stress as they were trying to get their own child to an important A-Level exam. The parent has also shared this message with St Edmund Campion, as it applies equally to both school communities. Please help us maintain good relationships with our neighbours and keep the area around school safe and accessible for everyone.

## Fabulous Flying Machines - Equals Trust Scitech Final



This term, three of our budding engineers took part in the SciTech Flying Machine Challenge final, going head-to-head with winners from other schools across the Trust. It was an exciting afternoon filled with creativity, innovation, and some seriously impressive flying skills!

Each of our winning designs flew brilliantly on the day, drawing admiration from the other schools. The Year 5/6 team launched second to last, and their plane soared the full length of the hall - taking the lead in dramatic style! In the end, the final competitor just pipped them to the post, claiming the overall distance medal.

Our children were a pleasure to spend the afternoon with. They represented Abbey Road with pride, positivity and great team spirit. Well done to all four children – your designs truly took flight!



## Staffing Update

We wanted to let you know about some upcoming staffing changes for September.

Firstly, after a full day of recruitment this week, we are very pleased to have appointed two new teachers who will be joining us in September.

Alice Malbon is currently teaching at Sycamore Primary School, where she has been working in Key Stage 1 for the past three years. And Ellie Hughes is currently completing her teacher training in Upper Key Stage 2 at Robert Miles Junior and will be joining us as an Early Career Teacher.

We're excited to welcome them both to our school community and look forward to introducing them to the children and families later this term.

These appointments follow some changes to our current staffing. In July, we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Seagrave and Mrs Pearson, who are both moving on to new adventures after many years of dedicated service at Abbey Road. Between them, they have taught and supported hundreds of children, helping to instill a love of learning. We know they will be greatly missed and we will take time to thank and celebrate them properly before the end of term.

We'll share more information about class organisation and staffing plans for September in the coming weeks.



## Year 6 Adventures in Whitby

Our Year 6 children have spent an unforgettable week in Whitby, enjoying sunshine, sea air and a packed schedule of fun and memorable experiences. From coastal walks and fossil hunting to polishing jet, paddling in the sea and enjoying the classic seaside treat of ice cream, the children have embraced every activity with enthusiasm and energy.

They've explored Whitby's rich history at the museum, taken on the arcades with excitement and had the chance to get creative by designing and building their own model lighthouses. It's been wonderful to see their teamwork, curiosity and joy throughout the trip.

After such a busy few days, we're sure everyone – children and staff alike – will be ready for a well-earned rest this weekend!

Here are just a few pictures from their adventure. We'll be sharing more with parents very soon.



## Upcoming Music Events

### Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June – Summer Festival

Glee Club and Abbey Road's got Talent finalists will be performing.

### Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June – Music Recital (3.30pm)

Children who have music lessons in school have been invited to perform to their families.

### Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June – Equals Trust Combined Orchestra

Some of our older instrumentalists have been invited to perform at the Equals Trust Combined Orchestra event at Round Hill Primary School.

### Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> June - Music Concert (6pm)

Glee Club and Orchestra are invited to perform at our annual Music Concert. If your child is in years 4, 5 or 6, has music lessons outside of school and would like the opportunity to play individually or in a small group at our concert, please chat to me or Mr Marshall or email: [head@abbeyroadprimary.co.uk](mailto:head@abbeyroadprimary.co.uk). We ask that children putting themselves forward to play an instrument are confident musicians - ideally those working at grade level or who have been learning for at least a year. We will share a letter about this event after the half term break, which will provide more information.

## New School Website

We're excited to share that our brand-new school website is now live!

There are still a few sections we're putting the finishing touches to, and we'll soon be showing teachers how to update their class pages and post articles to their blog areas. In the meantime, we'd love for you to have a browse and see what's new.

You can visit the new site here: [Home - Abbey Road School - West Bridgford](#)

We hope you find it useful – and if you spot anything missing or have feedback, please do let us know!

## School Dinners – Ready Reckoner

If you prefer to pay for school meals on a half-termly basis, the cost for next half term will be £126.

We look forward to seeing everyone back in school after the half-term break on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June.

Best wishes,



## Dates for the Term Ahead

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| 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>  |
| w/b 2 <sup>nd</sup> June                                   | <b>Year 4 Multiplication Check</b> (Children carry out this short assessment of their multiplication tables knowledge via an ipad.)              |
| w/b 9 <sup>th</sup> June                                   | <b>Phonics screening – year 1</b> (Children carry out this short assessment of their phonics knowledge with their class teacher on a 1:1 basis.) |

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| Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> June                               | <b>Summer Festival</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>   |
| Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June                               | <b>Music Concert – Glee Club and 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 Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> July | <b>Year 6 production</b>   |
| Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July                             | <b>Year 6 transition visit to Rushcliffe Spencer Academy<br/>Reception – Year 5 - ‘Move up morning’<br/>New Reception children visiting school</b>   |
| Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> July                               | <b>am – Key Stage 2 ‘Potted Sports’<br/>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> |
| Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July                               | <b>Year 1 to Clip and Climb</b>  |
| 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>  |