



Abbey Road News

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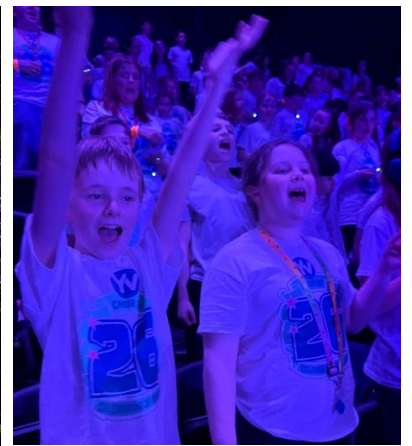
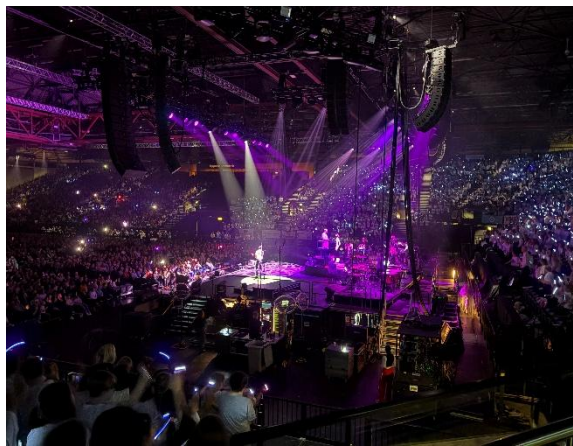
Dear Parents/Carers

Young Voices 2026

On Friday 27th February, over 130 members of our Glee Club took part in the rescheduled Young Voices concert - our largest group ever attending this event. The children were great ambassadors for Abbey Road, singing with great enthusiasm and confidence throughout the evening.

A huge thank you goes to the staff and volunteers who gave their time to accompany and support the children - events like this simply wouldn't be possible without you.

Well done to all of our singers - we are incredibly proud of you!



Important Health Information: Meningitis and Septicaemia

Following the recent outbreak in Kent, Nottinghamshire County Council's Public Health Team has asked us to share information about meningitis and septicaemia to help keep children and families safe.

Attached to this newsletter, you will find a poster and an information sheet detailing the signs and symptoms to look out for. We encourage all parents and carers to read these carefully so you are aware and can act quickly if needed.

If you have any concerns about your child's health, please contact your GP or seek medical advice promptly.

More Chess Success!

Earlier this month, two Abbey Road teams recently took part in the South Area Chess League, held at Carnarvon Primary School. Our eight players each competed in three matches - and together they achieved an incredible result, not losing a single game.

This outstanding performance means we go into the final match of the summer term in the lead, which is a fantastic achievement.

The boys conducted themselves brilliantly throughout the competition, showing excellent sportsmanship at all times. It was a real pleasure to see both their enthusiasm for the game and the skill they demonstrated in each match. We wish them the very best of luck for the final round!



Staff News

We are happy to share some wonderful news with our school community - both Mrs Lever and Miss Moore are expecting babies, with both due in September, next school year! We know you will join us in congratulating them and wishing them all the very best as they prepare for this exciting new chapter.



World Book Day Week

We had a fantastic week celebrating World Book Day, which we marked across the whole school with a range of activities. This year, our focus text was *Inside the Villains*, which inspired the children to explore well-known villainous characters and create their own imaginative pages. The week ended in style with our Heroes and Villains themed dress-up day. The children (and staff!) looked fantastic, with a wide range of creative and impressive costumes on show.

A highlight of the week was our second-hand book sale, led by Mrs Turner and our Reading Ambassadors. The event was a great success, raising nearly £300 to go towards new books for the school. Thank you to all parents who donated books and supported the sale, and a special thank you to Mrs Turner and the Reading Ambassadors for organising and running it so brilliantly. All unsold books were donated to Extra Care. It was also lovely to welcome parents and families into school on Friday morning to share in the children's work and enjoy some time reading together - thank you for joining us and helping to celebrate books and reading.



Year 6 Glee Club at Let's Sing

This week, some of our Year 6 Glee Club members joined children from the 19 Equals Trust schools to take part in the annual Let's Sing event at Nottingham's Albert Hall. The choir of 400 children sang beautifully together, and we also joined Tollerton Primary School to perform our rendition of *Together in Electric Dreams*.

We were so proud of the children, who sang their hearts out and represented our school brilliantly. Alongside a photo of the children on stage, we've included a link to a video of the full performance. Our song appears at 17:50, and I recommend listening to the finale, a rousing performance of *Make Your Own Kind of Music* at 57:08, which truly raised the roof!



<https://vimeo.com/1177096502/4c1582761a?share=copy&fl=sv&fe=ci>



Planting Sunflowers with the HSA

A huge thank you to our HSA volunteers who gave up their time to plant sunflowers with the whole school. It was such a lovely morning, and the children left the school allotment area proudly clutching their little pots.

We hope that these tiny seeds will be nurtured into bright, smiley sunflowers, growing in memory of Jess Renton, who ran the sunflower competition with such joy every year.



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 £91.35 (£3.15 per day, £15.75 per week).

Year 4 Football Success

On Friday 13th March, ten of our Year 4 pupils proudly represented the school at the Equals Trust Annual Football Tournament—and what an incredible day it was!

Competing against strong teams, our children demonstrated outstanding teamwork from the very first match. They communicated effectively, supported one another throughout, and showed great determination and sportsmanship on the pitch. It was fantastic to see how they came together as a team, encouraging each other and celebrating every success.

Their hard work truly paid off. The team won every single game in their rounds, scoring an impressive number of goals along the way. Their skill, resilience and positive attitude made them a joy to watch.

We are delighted to share that they were crowned overall winners, taking home the prestigious “Champions League” trophy. This is a wonderful achievement and one the whole school community can be proud of.

A huge congratulations to all the children involved - you represented the school brilliantly and should be extremely proud of yourselves!



Follow Us on Facebook

We are excited to announce the launch of our new Abbey Road Primary School Facebook page!

Although it has just launched, we will soon be sharing photos, news, and updates from school life, giving parents and carers another way to stay connected with what's happening in our school community. You are more than welcome to follow us to keep up with all the latest news and special moments!



HSA Spring Celebration

Thankfully, the rain held off so that the HSA could host their lovely Spring Celebration celebrating a variety of traditions, including Easter, Holi, Lunar New Year, Eid, Vaisakhi and Hanami, reflecting the rich diversity of our school community.

Children had a fantastic time exploring all the activities on offer. They followed clues on the Easter trail, enjoyed henna tattoos and Holi powder, and added their hopes and dreams to the wishing tree - plus so much more!



We also held an Easter egg scene competition, and the children had great fun looking at the amazing and creative designs. Chocolate bunnies were awarded to winning entries from each class - well done to all who took part!

It was a joyful way for everyone to come together and celebrate different cultures and traditions, and enjoy the inclusive spirit of our school.



Massive thanks to our dedicated HSA and all those who volunteered their time to run stalls and lead activities.

Best wishes for a happy Easter break,

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Dates for the Term Ahead

More dates will continue to be added each month. We also have an online calendar, which is displayed on our website in 'News and Events'. You can also view the calendar by following this link.

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Monday 30 th March to Friday 10 th April	Easter Holidays
Monday 13 th April	Back to school
Monday 13 th April	4-5pm – Beaumanor meeting for year 2 parents (in year 2 classrooms)
Monday 20 th April (after school)	Year 3 hockey festival (team)
Tuesday 21 st April (all day)	Scitech (Egg Brake) Challenge – school heats
Wednesday 22 nd April (am)	Earth Day – Eco-Council assembly
Thursday 23 rd April (pm)	Scitech (Egg Brake) Challenge – school final
Friday 24 th April (am)	Boccia and curling festival
Friday 24 th April (pm)	Scitech (Egg Brake) Challenge – Equals Trust final
Tuesday 28 th April (am)	Reception & Year 6 – height and weight checks
Monday 4 th May	Bank holiday – school closed
Tuesday 5 th May to Wednesday 6 th May	Year 2 residential visit to Beaumanor Hall
Wednesday 6 th May (am)	White Post Farm visiting school – year 1
Sunday 10 th May	HSA Safari Sale

w/b Monday 11 th May	Key Stage 2 statutory assessments (SATs)
Friday 15 th May	Year 6 Maya Day
Thursday 21 st May	HSA Disco 6.15-7.15 – reception & key stage 1 7.30-8.30 – key stage 2
Monday 25 th May to Friday 29 th May	Half term
Monday 1 st June	INSET day
Tuesday 2 nd and Wednesday 3 rd June	Book Bus
Friday 5 th June (all day)	Equals Trust Ultimate Frisbee tournament – year 6 team
Monday 8 th June – 6pm	Music Concert – Glee Club and orchestra
Monday 15 th June (all day)	Girls Can Code – Nottingham University - year 5 group
Monday 22 nd June (all day)	Bike Club visit to Hicks Lodge
Thursday 2 nd July	Year 4 Viking day
Friday 3 rd July (after school)	HSA Summer Festival
Sunday 5 th July to Tuesday 7 th July	Year 6 bike club residential
Wednesday 8 th July	Move-up morning (children visit their new classes) Year 6 transition day at Rushcliffe Spencer Academy
Friday 10 th July	Key Stage 2 Sports Day
Monday 13 th July to Thursday 16 th July	Year 6 residential visit to Whitby
w/b Monday 13 th July	Health Week More activities to be added!
Monday 13 th July (pm)	Reception and key stage 1 sports day
Monday 13 th and Tuesday 14 th July	Scooter workshops – years 3 and 4
Wednesday 15 th and Friday 17 th July	BMX workshops – years 5 and 6
Friday 17 th July (am)	Year 1 visit to Clip n Climb
Monday 20 th July (pm)	Reserve sports day (reception/key stage 1)
Tuesday 21 st July (all day)	Year 5 'Bright Day' at Rushcliffe Spencer Academy
Wednesday 22 nd July	Reserve sports day (key stage 2)
Friday 24 th July	Last day of term 9.15am – year 6 leaver's assembly