



Abbey Road News

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Dear Parents/Carers

Now that another school year has come to an end, it's lovely to reflect on everything we have achieved together. It has been a year filled with learning, laughter, memorable experiences and plenty of reasons to celebrate, and none of it would have been possible without your ongoing support. Thank you for working alongside us, for your encouragement throughout the year and for the many thoughtful messages and words of thanks.



Celebrating Our Year 6 Leavers

The final weeks of Year 6 have been a fitting celebration of everything this fabulous group of children have achieved. During their residential visit to Whitby, the children were outstanding ambassadors for Abbey Road, conducting themselves brilliantly throughout and earning many compliments along the way. They packed so much into their stay, discovering more about Whitby's history and maritime heritage, as well as enjoying all the traditional fun of the seaside!

Back at school, the celebrations continued with a year group water fight, an inflatable fun run and a visit from the ice cream van. It has been a joyful and memorable way to round off their primary school years, and we couldn't be prouder of everything they have achieved.



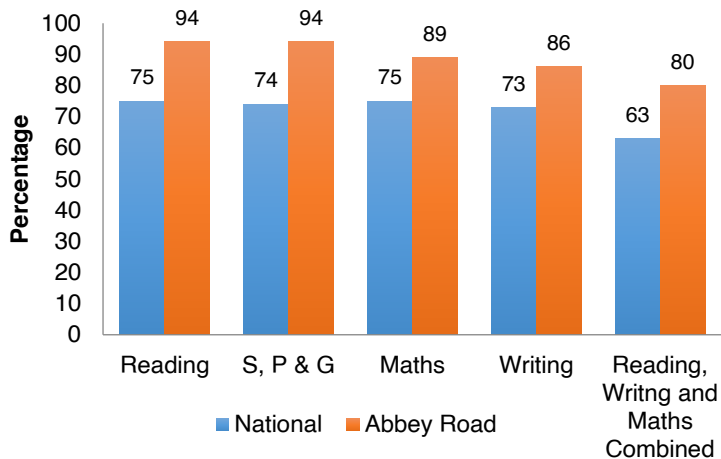
Looking Good Robin Hood

Our Year 6 children also delighted families and friends with their end-of-year production, *Looking Good Robin Hood*. Filled with catchy songs (which became the soundtrack to the coach journey to and from Whitby... several times over!), humour and memorable performances, the show was a celebration of confidence, talent and teamwork. A huge thank you to the

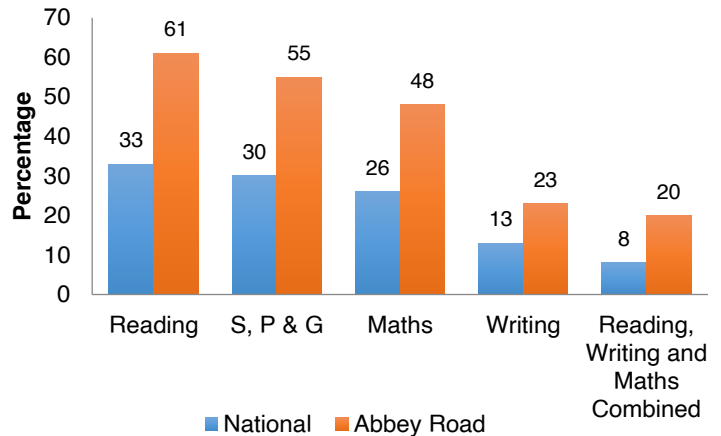
Year 6 staff team for all their hard work, to Mrs Arthur for her fantastic choreography, and to Rushcliffe Spencer Academy and Mr Pitts for their support with sound and lighting.



Assessment Outcomes



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 2026, 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).

Our Year 6 SATs results reflect the hard work, resilience and commitment shown by the children throughout their time at Abbey Road. We are extremely proud of each and every one of them and all they have achieved.

We're also pleased to share some of our other statutory assessment outcomes from across school. Every one of these measures is above the national average, reflecting the consistently high standards achieved by our pupils across all phases of school.

Reception – Good Level of Development (GLD): 81.7% of children reached the expected level across the Early Years curriculum.

Year 1 Phonics Screening Check: 96% of children met the expected standard, showing they have developed strong early reading skills.

Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check:

- Average score: 22.6 out of 25
- Children achieving full marks: 55.7%

While we are incredibly proud of these outcomes, we hope our families know that we value so much more than assessment results at Abbey Road. We always take the time to know every child as an individual, celebrating their strengths and talents and taking pride in the progress and achievements they each make.

Year 4 Step Back into Viking Times

Year 4 had a fantastic day meeting Sigrid – a real-life Viking! She brought their history learning to life, teaching the children about Viking weapons, games, trades and what everyday life was really like over 1,000 years ago. The children loved handling a range of fascinating artefacts, asking questions and having a go at traditional Viking activities, including games such as Nine Men's Morris. It was a fun and memorable day that helped them develop a much deeper understanding of the Viking way of life.



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 Hugh Logan. Not only is Hugh a naturally talented athlete across a wide range of sports, but he also demonstrates an attitude that reflects enjoyment before winning at all times. He works well with anyone and encourages others no matter who they are or how they perform.

In school, he has been part of Abbey Road's bike club; a member of numerous school teams as well as an enthusiastic and committed Sports Leader. Out of school, he plays touch rugby for Nottingham Touch Club and Midland Tigers. He also attends conditioning and cardio training before school every day!

Our *Annual Music Cup*, awarded in memory of Andrew Rootham - a much-loved music teacher who inspired many Abbey Road pupils - was presented to Scarlett Hailstone and Fionn Ferrari.

Scarlett plays both ukulele and piano and is making fantastic progress. She took on a leading role in our Year 6 production, *Looking Good Robin Hood*, where she performed a solo singing part. Her love of music is clear, and she is a fantastic example of how confidence can grow through musical opportunities.

Fionn is a talented musician who plays both trombone and piano with great precision. His recent solo performance at our music concert was a real highlight, showcasing his musical ability and dedication.

Both children are valued members of our Glee Club and Orchestra, and we are incredibly proud of the contribution they have made to the musical life of Abbey Road. Congratulations, Fionn and Scarlett!

Sport and Wellbeing Week

Our annual Sports and Wellbeing Week once again gave children the chance to try new activities, challenge themselves and celebrate the importance of leading active, healthy lives. It was a week (plus a few extra days!) of fun, determination and teamwork, with something for everyone to enjoy.

Our youngest children developed their balance, coordination and confidence during trampolining sessions, while Years 3 and 4 took to two wheels for scooter workshops, learning new skills and techniques. Years 5 and 6 embraced the challenge of BMX riding, tackling new tricks and obstacles.

A new addition to this year's programme was a yoga and pilates session for year 2, providing an opportunity to slow down, focus on wellbeing and discover that being active can take many different forms.

Alongside workshops, children across school enjoyed extra OPAL play sessions, making the most of opportunities to be active, imaginative and collaborative outdoors. Our Year 6 pupils certainly had a busy week, balancing their residential visit with BMX workshops, Sports Days and their roles as Sports Leaders, where they organised and led games for younger children with enthusiasm and kindness.

A huge thank you goes to everyone who helped make the week such a success. The children embraced every opportunity with smiles, encouragement and a willingness to have a go! Here are just a few highlights...





Sunflower Competition This year's sunflower competition was particularly special as it was held in memory of Jess Renton, who first introduced the competition and nurtured it with such enthusiasm and joy for many years. Rather than selling sunflower seeds as a fundraiser, every child was given their own potted seed to take home, with the hope of filling our local community with beautiful sunflowers in her memory.

The response was incredible. Families cared for their plants with great dedication, and it has been wonderful to see so many blooms appearing in gardens across our community. To celebrate everyone's efforts,

each class had its own sunflower winner. Special congratulations to our overall winners: **1st – Patrick in Conkers, 2nd – Thea in Lime and 3rd – Arick in Lime.** Patrick's magnificent sunflower measured an incredible **278cm** on judging day – a fantastic achievement!

Photographs of some of this year's entries will be framed alongside our sunflower mural, creating a lasting tribute.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank our wonderful HSA for everything they do throughout the year. Their hard work, enthusiasm and commitment in organising events and raising valuable funds make such a difference to our school. Thank you to every committee member and to all the parents who generously volunteer their time to help - we are incredibly grateful for your continued support.



Year 6 Bike Club Residential Our cyclists have enjoyed two fantastic adventures to round off the year! Our older Bike Club members had a brilliant time on their residential at the Robin Hood Activity Centre. Meanwhile, all of Bike Club enjoyed a fabulous day at Hicks Lodge National Forest Cycle Centre, whizzing around the forest trails and making the most of a great day outdoors. A huge thank you to Mrs Dussek and all of our Bike Club volunteers. Their enthusiasm and commitment make these wonderful opportunities possible, creating lasting memories for our children.



Girls Can Code Eight of our Year 5 girls had the fantastic opportunity to take part in a special *Girls Can Code* day at Nottingham Trent University, alongside Year 5 pupils from across Equals Trust.

The day was designed to inspire girls to explore the exciting world of STEM careers. The children had the chance to design and create their own computer games using coding software,

explore cutting-edge technology including robotics and virtual reality, and meet inspiring role models working in the technology sector. It was a brilliant day filled with creativity, problem-solving and innovation, and our girls returned feeling inspired, confident and excited about the possibilities that technology can offer.





Talent, Teamwork and Community Spirit The final of Abbey Road's Got Talent was a wonderful highlight of the Summer Fair, showcasing the incredible range of talents across school. The standard was incredibly high, and every performer should feel very proud of the confidence they demonstrated.

After a public vote, this year's winners were announced as Fearless Four, who wowed the crowd with their amazing cheerleading routine. The girls were absolutely thrilled to be

crowned champions and were delighted to lift the trophy!

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our Summer Fair. It was such a happy community event, and it was wonderful to see so many families coming together to enjoy the afternoon. We are incredibly grateful to our hardworking HSA for organising such a fantastic event.



Year 5 Visit the National Justice Museum Year 5 stepped back in time during their visit to the National Justice Museum, exploring how crime and punishment have changed throughout history. The children immersed themselves in the interactive exhibits and activities, gaining a fascinating insight into the way justice has evolved over the years.

A particular highlight of the day was taking part in a courtroom trial, where the children became judges, jurors, barristers, witnesses and defendants. They carefully considered the evidence, developed their arguments and took on the challenge of

defending and prosecuting Isabella Makin. Despite the best efforts of the defence team, Isabella never seems to fare particularly well against the enthusiasm and determination of our Year 5 prosecutors!

It was a brilliant opportunity for the children to develop their teamwork, reasoning and speaking skills, while bringing their history learning to life in a memorable and engaging way.



Communication Survey Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete our communication survey. We have received 79 responses, and are grateful for the feedback and suggestions shared. It was particularly encouraging to see that the responses were overwhelmingly positive and recognised many of the changes we have made to communication since the start of the academic year. Our refreshed social media platforms received especially positive feedback, with many parents valuing the photos and updates celebrating life at Abbey Road. We were also delighted that our new report format has been so well received, with only **3%** of respondents disagreeing that it provided a meaningful review of their child's year.

As with any survey, there were areas where parents felt we could continue to improve. Between **5% and 10%** of respondents felt that the volume of communication was not always manageable, that information could be easier to find, or that more notice could be given for some events.

One area highlighted by **18%** of respondents was a desire for more information about what children are learning in class. We will explore ways to provide this while also being mindful of staff workload and ensuring that any changes are both sustainable and meaningful.

The individual comments reflected a wide range of views, with some parents asking for more communication and others feeling there is too much! Finding the right balance is never straightforward, but your feedback is invaluable and will help us continue to refine and improve the way we communicate with families. Thank you once again for sharing your views.



Summer Fun for Sunshines and Rainbows

During the last week of term, our Acorn and Conkers classes arrived at school with their suitcases and set off on an exciting make-believe trip to Spain! With passports in hand, they boarded their flight in the school hall and set off on their Spanish adventure.

After 'landing', they tucked into some delicious tapas 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!



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

Tuesday 1 st and Wednesday 2 nd September	INSET days
Thursday 3 rd September	Back to school for all year groups
Friday 4 th September	Welcome coffee morning for Reception parents – 9am
Thursday 24 th September	Rushcliffe football tournament - girls
Thursday 1 st October	Rushcliffe football tournament - boys
Friday 25 th September	MacMillan Coffee Morning – from 8.15am
Monday 28 th September	Individual and sibling photos
Thursday 8 th October	HSA Disco 6.15-7.15 – Reception and Key Stage 1 7.30-8.30 – Key Stage 2
Tuesday 13 th and Thursday 15 th October	Parents Evening
Wednesday 14 th October	Year 3 visit to Hindu temple
Monday 19 th October – Friday 30 th October	HALF TERM
Monday 2 nd November	INSET day
Tuesday 3 rd November	Children back to school
Monday 21 st December to Friday 1 st January 2027	Christmas holidays
Monday 4 th January	Children back to school
Friday 12 February	INSET day
Monday 15 th February to Friday 19 th February	Half term
Monday 22 nd February	Children back to school
Friday 26 th March to Friday 9 th April	Easter holidays
Monday 12 th April	Children back to school
Monday 3 rd May	Bank holiday
Monday 10 May to Thursday 13 May 2027.	Year 6 Key Stage 2 SATs assessments
Friday 28 th May	INSET day
Monday 31 st May to Friday 4 th June	Half term
Wednesday 28 th July	INSET day
Thursday 29 th July	Summer holidays begin

To those families who are reading an Abbey Road newsletter for the last time, thank you for being such a valued part of our school community. I know that for some of you, your connection with school stretches back over many years. It has been a privilege to watch your children grow and learn and I look forward to hearing how they get on as they continue their school journeys!

We hope the summer holidays bring some time to rest, recharge and enjoy precious moments with family and friends. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September!

Best wishes,

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Our whole school singalong on the field!