



# Abbey Road News

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Dear Parents/Carers

## Hathersage Adventures

Children from Year 4 had a fantastic time in Hathersage during the recent residential visit. The wet weather didn't dampen their enthusiasm, and everyone got stuck into each activity with a smile (even the 6 hour walk!). It was lovely to welcome the children back to school and to listen to the happy chatter about their adventures; hopefully, these memories will last a lifetime. (I also hope that the bed-making, table clearing and bedroom tidying skills that were practised during the week have continued at home!) Well done to 4A and 4P and many thanks to staff for accompanying the children on their overnight adventure.



## Anti-Bullying Week

Thank you for supporting 'Odd Socks Day' on Monday; it provided a good opportunity to remind the children how important it is to celebrate what makes us all different and unique. Throughout the week, children have been following the theme of 'Reach Out' and have been reminded of what bullying is, what it can look like and who to speak to if they feel they are being bullied or think someone else is involved in bullying in any way.

As part of our work towards the 'United Against Bullying' award, children have all taken part in a survey this week asking for their views on a range of issues linked to pupil wellbeing. Their responses will help us to identify strengths and areas for development and we will use this information to make sure that Abbey Road is a happy and safe place for everyone.



## Apply for a School Place

School applications are now open for children who will be 5 years old between 1 September 2023 and 31 August 2024 and require a school place for September 2023. Parents need to apply before the **closing date of 15 January 2023**. I have attached a poster together with this newsletter, which provides some advice for parents when making their application. Please feel free to share this information with any friends or neighbours with children of this age. [Before you apply | Nottinghamshire County Council](#)

## Charity Appeals

I know you have received a number of letters during the last few weeks, asking for your support. We think it is important to encourage children to think of other people less fortunate than themselves (especially as talk turns to Christmas and presents!) but please know we do understand that this is a financially challenging time for many people and so please do not feel under pressure to contribute.

Here is a recap, which provides a summary of the different charities we are supporting and details of how you can get involved.

### Children in Need

Tomorrow, Abbey Road will be taking part in Children in Need's 'The Great SPOTacular'! All the children need to do is dress up in non-uniform (they can wear spotty or brightly coloured clothing if they wish, sport wacky hair or don Pudsey clothing should they prefer) and make a **suggested donation of £1**.

**The School and Wellbeing Council** have also been very busy thinking of creative ways to raise extra money and have decided to run a 'Children in Need Fair' during the day which each class will get the chance to visit. The children will need to bring an **additional £1** to enter the fair. All donations will be collected by class teachers as children arrive at school in the morning. It promises to be a great day, filled with fun and all for an extremely good cause!

### The Great Notts Toy Appeal

If you would like to donate to the Great Notts Toy Appeal, here is a list of the gifts they are requesting:

- Toys for babies 0-18 months
- Christmas selection boxes
- Dolls/teddies
- Hats/scarves/gloves/socks (new)
- Unisex gift tokens for older children
- toiletry gift sets for teenagers



Donations can be given to class teachers or handed in at the school office anytime between now and Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December.

### Sewa Day Christmas Shoebox Appeal

Firstly, a reminder that Abbey Road School is a drop-off point for the Rushcliffe Food Bank. Any donations of food and other essential items are always very gratefully received. These can be brought to school at any time and dropped into the box in our main entrance.

Sewa Day have also asked for our assistance with their Shoebox Appeal. Families can either create a wrapped shoe box filled with items or choose to donate items from the list to the left. We ask that donations arrive at school (either to class teachers or the office) by Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December.





## Remembrance

Last Friday, on the 11<sup>th</sup> November, we held a whole school Remembrance Service in school. We talked about why we remember, who we remember and how we remember and ended our service by listening to 'The Last Post' and having a minute's silence.

Year 6 also marked Remembrance Day by creating poppies for a special installation outside the Willow Tree.

## Christmas Carol Service

We are very much hoping to be able to come together on the playground at the end of term for our annual outdoor carol service. Due to Covid (and wet weather!), it has been a while since we have been able to gather together to sing our way into the Christmas holidays and we hope that you are able to come and join us on the last day of term (friends and family all welcome!). If you play a musical instrument and would like to join our band to accompany the carols, please contact the office or speak with Mr Marshall and we will share the relevant music with you.



## Year 2 Heroes

Year 2 launched their new topic with a 'Hero Day' this half term and the children taught us a lot about the people who

inspire them. I enjoyed trying to guess who each of our inspiring individuals was; I wonder how many you can identify from these photos? A fabulous day of learning Year 2 – well done!

## Year 5 Ukulele Experts!

Year 5 showed off just how much they had remembered from their ukulele lessons in Year 4 as they tested out our brand new, class set of instruments.

The ukuleles have been purchased with funds raised by our Home School Association (HSA), so massive thanks to you all for your support with their fundraising efforts.



## Parking Outside School

As you know, we have been working together with local councillors, local police officers and Nottinghamshire County Council to look at ways we can make the journey to and from school safer for everyone. Here is a summary of the findings and agreed actions:

- *The Head of the Civil Parking Enforcement Unit has confirmed that there will be increased patrols by the CCTV car to issue Parking Charge Notices (PCNs) to vehicles breaching the 'School Keep Clear' markings. This is in addition to increased foot patrols to enforce the double yellow lines and the bus stop clearway.*
- *The local Road Safety Team did undertake a survey on Tewkesbury Close to assess whether or not the site met criteria for a School Crossing Patrol, but unfortunately it did not and so this can't be pursued.*

- In the coming financial year (2023/24) Via will be undertaking a formal consultation to amend the legal order on the existing double yellow road markings to make them 'no loading'. This will allow officers to issue fixed penalty notices without any observation period.

Nottinghamshire County Council have asked that I remind parents of the online form to request the presence of the CCTV cars, used to enforce parking outside of schools:

<http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/transport/road-safety/cctv-vehicle-enforcement/request>. NCC will also be supplying school with some posters, which we will display near the entrance to school.

I will also take this opportunity to again politely remind everyone to be considerate of pedestrians and other road users during drop-off and pick-up times. If you need to travel to school by car, please take advantage of the invite to use the Willow Tree car park or park away from school, where roads are less congested. We continue to receive complaints about residents' drives being blocked with parked vehicles and witness cars using the school entrances as a drop-off point while children are walking into school.

## Dates for the Term Ahead

w/b Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Anti-Bullying Week</b>
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Children in Need</b> (see above for more details)
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	<b>Class 3SP to Nottingham University – Museum of Archaeology</b>
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	<b>Class 3M to Nottingham University – Museum of Archaeology</b>
Friday 2nd December	<b>Non-uniform day – HSA Donations (bottles and chocolate)</b>
Friday 2nd December (after school)	<b>HSA Christmas Market</b>
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Year 5 Orienteering at Rushcliffe Country Park</b>
Tuesday 6th December – 9.30am	<b>Reception Nativity – Sunshine and Rainbow classes</b>
Tuesday 6th December – 1.45pm	<b>Y1 Nativity – 1P and 1B</b>
Wednesday 7th December – 9.30am	<b>Y1 Nativity – 1P and 1B</b>
Thursday 8th December – 9.30am	<b>Reception Nativity – Sunshine and Rainbow classes</b>
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December – 5pm	<b>On the Stage – End of Term Show</b>
Wednesday 14th December – 9.30am	<b>Y2 Nativity – 2LT and 2MT</b> (rearranged from last year!)
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December – 5pm	<b>On the Stage – End of Term Show</b>
Thursday 15th December – 2pm	<b>Y2 Nativity – 2LT and 2MT</b> (rearranged from last year!)
Thursday 15th December	<b>Year 1 visit to Nottingham Playhouse</b>
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Christmas Dinner</b> (children welcome to wear Christmas hats and accessories with their uniform)
Monday 19th December	<b>Pantomime (in school) for Years 3-6</b>
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Christmas Parties – Reception, Year 1 and Year 2</b>
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	<b>Christmas jumpers &amp; festive outfits can be worn for the last day of term</b>
End of term	<b>Outdoor Carol Service – Top Playground – 2.45pm</b> (Parents and families are very welcome to join us)
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2023	<b>Back to school</b>

Best wishes for a happy (and hopefully sunny) weekend, Ly Toom