



Abbey Road News

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Dear Parents/Carers

Staff News

Mrs Avery has taken the decision to retire from her full-time teaching post at the end of this school year, after 17 years of working at Abbey Road. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank her for her commitment and dedication to the school and for all she has done during this time – teaching countless children and being involved with so many enrichment activities and residential visits. We wish her a wonderful retirement and hope it is filled with exciting adventures and new possibilities!

Other news is that Mrs Horton has been offered a part-time role with Equals Trust from September, leading teaching and learning development across the Trust. She will continue in her role as Abbey Road's Deputy for two days each week and spend the rest of the week supporting teachers and school leaders in other schools. Congratulations to Mrs Horton... and great news that we continue to benefit from her brilliance too!

This means that we are currently recruiting for two new teachers to join our Senior Leadership Team. Interviews will take place next half term.

Red Nose Day

Many thanks for supporting Red Nose Day this year. The children had lots of fun showing off their funky hair and sharing kind word postcards. Your generous donations raised £610.50 for this worthy cause.



Easter Fun!

Thanks to our HSA for organising another Easter fun day. The children's egg scenes were amazing - thank-you to parents for supporting with this! It was so difficult to pick winners, we couldn't resist adding a few extra bonus prizes.

The after-school Easter themed trail was super-popular and we were all so thankful when the rain stopped, allowing families to run around the fields without getting soaked!

International Women's Day - #LetGirlsPlay

Approximately 50 girls from our Key Stage 2 classes, joined Mrs Lever and other staff in an enormous celebration of girls' football as part of the FA and Barclays' Let Girls Play Biggest Ever Football Session. Across England, 285,000 girls took part in the event – helping to raise the profile of the sport and promoting equality of opportunity for girls in terms of football and school sport generally.

[#LetGirlsPlay - Women's & Girls' Football | England Football](https://www.letgirlsplay.org/)



World Book Day

Children (and staff!) enjoyed the opportunity to dress-up in response to our 'Magic' themed World Book Day. All children had the chance to work together with incredible storyteller, Mike Peyton, joining in with his folk tales and learning more about the art of storytelling. Children also followed the theme in their own classrooms, with learning based on a number of magical story books.



Dinner Money – Ready Reckoner

We have been informed that the cost of school meals will increase next term, but no amount has been confirmed yet. As a result, we aren't able to share a price for the whole half term. The increase is set to apply from Tuesday 2nd May but for the first two weeks after Easter, the weekly cost will remain at £12.25.



World Earth Day 2023

We will be celebrating World Earth Day in school on Friday 21st April. The theme of our day is wildlife, with a particular focus on endangered animals, and so we would like children to come to school in animal-themed clothing. This could be dressing up as an animal, wearing an animal mask or face-paint, or having animal print clothing. Eco-council would very much like to support the World Wildlife Fund in their endeavours to protect endangered species and ask for a voluntary

donation of £1 to be paid on the day. To further raise awareness, children will find out more about endangered animals as part of the day.

To add a creative element to the theme, we will be launching a competition to re-create an animal using interesting materials. This could be a 3D sculpture or a collage, but on this occasion, we are encouraging the use of **different** materials, rather than pencils and paper – the more creative the better! Entries can be brought into school, or photographs sent to office@abbeyroadprimary.co.uk. Winners will be decided by our eco-council and announced on World Earth Day in assembly where winning designs will be shared and prizes awarded. We can't wait to see the children's roar-some designs!

Best wishes for a lovely spring holiday!

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Dates for the Term Ahead

Thursday 30 th March	Equals Trust 'Let's Sing' concert (Year 6 Glee Club members)
Friday 31 st March	Abbey Road STEM catapult final
Monday 3 rd April - Friday 14 th April	EASTER HOLIDAY
Monday 17 th April	Back to school
Tuesday 18 th April	Year 1 to White Post Farm
Friday 21 st April	Earth Day
Monday 1 st May	Bank Holiday
Monday 8 th May	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 9 th – Friday 12 th May	Year 6 Statutory Assessment Week (SATS)
Monday 15 th – Tuesday 16 th May	Class 2LT residential to Beaumanor Hall
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Thursday 25 th May	HSA Cake Sale – after school
Friday 26 th May	INSET Day
Monday 29 th – Friday 2 nd June	HALF TERM
Tuesday 6 th June	Class 3SP to Brackenhurst College – 'Field to Fork'
Thursday 8 th June	Class 3M to Brackenhurst College – 'Field to Fork'
Monday 12 th – Wednesday 14 th June	Year 6 residential to Mount Cook Adventure Centre
Monday 19 th June	Class photos
Wednesday 21 st June	HSA Disco
w/b 26 th June	Sports/Health Week There will be a range of activities linked to physical activity, health and wellbeing taking place during the week. Some are listed below.
Monday 26 th June	am – Key Stage 2 'Potted Sports' pm – Key Stage 2 Sports Day Reception, Y1 and Y2 – Mental Health and Wellbeing day
Tuesday 27 th June	Years 4-6 – Bike Club visit to Hicks Lodge National Cycling Centre pm - Key Stage 1 Sports Day
Wednesday 28 th June	Key Stage 2 – BMX/Scooter workshops
Thursday 29 th June	Key Stage 2 – BMX/Scooter workshops
Friday 30 th June	Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 trampolining workshops Key Stage 2 – Mental Health and Wellbeing day After school – HSA Duathlon
Sunday 2 nd – Tuesday 4 th July	Year 6 Bike Club cycling residential
Saturday 8 th July	HSA Summer Fair – 12-3pm
Thursday 13 th July	Year 6 transition visit to Rushcliffe Spencer Academy Reception – Year 5 - 'Move up morning' New Reception children visiting school
Tuesday 25 th July	Last day of term
Wednesday 26 th July	Summer holidays