



Abbey CE VA Primary School

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Newsletter for Friday 10th March 2023

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It was wonderful to see so many families come together to help at the Big Spring Green Clean last weekend. Thank you to the parents who spent hours digging, planting, painting and helping out in many ways. The transformation to the vegetable garden is a credit to you all.



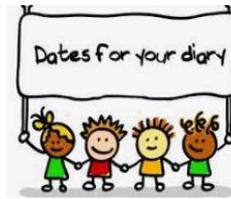
Last Friday, our boys' football team played a great game against St Peter's and were unfortunate to concede two goals in the final minutes. Well done to the team for their great sportsmanship and to Mr Astley for his words of encouragement and support.

Good luck to all the children who are taking part in the Netball Tournament at Samuel Ryder tomorrow. We will let you know how they performed next week.

We have noticed many children are walking on the bank outside the classrooms at drop off and pick up. We kindly ask that you support us in reminding the children to use the paths for safety reasons. The Spring flowers are starting to bloom and we would like everyone to appreciate their beauty.

We are delighted to share with you that we have achieved the RSPB Bronze Wild Challenge award. One of the challenges included the recent birdwatching initiative led by Sam in Y6. What a fantastic achievement for our school. Well done everyone!

Wishing you all a lovely weekend, Mrs O'Melia



Saturday 11th March – Y6 netball tournament @ Samuel Ryder 12pm-3.30pm

Tuesday 14th March – Y3 & Y4 Easter production 1.45pm and 6pm

Thursday 16th March – Wonderdome Planetarium Workshop in School

Thursday 16th March – Boys football v St John Fisher

Thursday 16th March – Netball v SSAS

Friday 17th March – Comic Relief – children may wear red for a £1 donation

Monday 20th March – St Albans Primary Schools Music Association (SAPSMA) dress rehearsal at St Adrian's School 1.00pm- 3.15pm

Tuesday 21st March – Y5 Netball tournament @ Samuel Ryder

Wednesday 22nd March – SAPSMA rehearsal Alban Arena (Please drop off children at 8.35am by Barclays Bank)

Wednesday 22nd March – SAPSMA Concert 3.30pm Alban Arena

Thursday 23rd March – Y5 RE Trip

Thursday 23rd March - iRock concert 10.15pm

Thursday 23rd March – Netball v St Bernadette (away)

DIORAMA CHALLENGE

We were very impressed by the wonderful diorama's that the children created as part of our World Book Day celebrations. We could see how much thought, planning and creativity was involved to make and represent a scene from the children's chosen story.

Mrs O'Melia and Mrs Fraser found it extremely difficult to choose winners from each year group. Please see below the children whose dioramas were selected as the winners.

Each child will receive a book voucher next week.



Congratulations to Rafael YR, Daniel Y1, Sebbie Y2, Olive Y3, Elias Y4, Alexandra Y5 and Isabel Y6!



On Friday 17th March the school will be participating in Red Nose Day for Comic Relief.

Since Comic Relief began in 1985, it has helped support over 100 million people across the UK and around the world. The charity works to improve mental health, create safe places for everyone, help children to survive and thrive, and work to help people to speak out and seek help to escape fear and discrimination.

On Friday 17th March (Red Nose Day) the children may come to school dressed in red clothes (or wearing anything red) for a £1 donation.

ONLINE SAFETY – SPOTIFY



Spotify is widely used by both adults and children to enjoy playlists and music. However, according to Spotify's terms and conditions, users should be at least 13 years old. This is due to potential issues including explicit lyrics.

In January, concerns were raised following reports of a child who was contacted and coerced on the platform. The tactic used was unusual in that the predator shared empty playlists with other users and exchanged messages through editing song titles and descriptions which could therefore bypass security measures.

Spotify Kids is an ad-free service specifically designed for those who are 12 and under and is available to those with a Spotify Premium Family subscription. Through this parents are able to view and manage the content that their children can listen to.

SAFEGUARDING



Safeguarding and Child Protection at Abbey School is everyone's responsibility and is taken extremely seriously. If you have any concerns regarding Safeguarding, please contact the school office.

Our designated Safeguarding Officers are: Mrs O'Melia (Headteacher) Mrs Fraser (Deputy Head) Mrs Crisp (SENCo) and our Safeguarding Governor is: Mrs Katie Wright.

ATTENDANCE



	Absence	Punctuality
Reception	94%	0
Year 1	95%	0
Year 2	95%	1
Year 3	94%	2
Year 4	97%	1
Year 5	94%	2
Year 6	99%	1
Total Attendance	95%	

Well done Year 4 and Year 6 on your excellent attendance!

HOLIDAYS IN TERM TIME

Holidays in term time will **not** be authorised. Please ensure your child is present the last day of the term and the first day of a new term.

These are checked by the Attendance Officer and they will be visiting the school this half term. *Fixed penalty notices may be enforced.*

MOBILE PHONES



We are still seeing a number of adults and children in Y5 & Y6 coming to school using their mobile phones. Please can we remind you that the school has a NO mobile phone policy. Please refrain from using your phone on the school grounds until after you leave.

Should Y5 & Y6 children need to contact home they can go to the office so that the office team can contact their parents.

Thank you for your support with this matter.



God of hope, may we be an example to others so that the light of Jesus shines brightly in the world. We ask this through Jesus Christ your Son, Amen.

REACH FOR THE STARS!



STAR OF THE WEEK

Reception	Rafael – For making some fantastic models and sharing his ideas with his friends.
Year 1	Sienna – For working super hard and challenging herself in reading.
Year 2	Isla - For excellent effort in her early morning work by taking great care and concentrating really hard.
Year 3	Erda – For learning her lines really well for the Easter play and for always being focussed in class.
Year 4	Olivia – For being a fantastic learning partner and for always being kind, supportive and focussed.
Year 5	Jacob – For excellent contribution and engagement in guided reading and for having a good attitude to his work.
Year 6	Olivia – For being a model pupil, polite, hardworking, caring and conscientious.



This week's golden ticket winners are:

Olive Y3 and Harry Y4

HOUSE POINTS

HOUSES	POINTS
MATTHEW	204
MARK	190
LUKE	214
JOHN	191



Well done to everyone who tried really hard in all your learning this week!



Happy Birthday to:

Charlotte YR, Harry Y4 and Kitty Y6