



Abbey CE VA Primary School

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Newsletter for Friday 1st April 2022

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Dear Parents and Carers,

How fabulous to have some nice sunny weather this afternoon - what a lovely way to end the Spring term after the snow!

As the COVID rules are relaxing and we are returning to a new kind of normal, we are looking forward to inviting you to different events in the Summer term.

We have had many more highs this week including a visit from the Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Hertfordshire who helped plant a cherry tree as part of the Queen's Green Canopy project. Photos to be shared very soon!

Mrs Price and I had the pleasure of meeting the Dean of St Albans, Jo Kelly-Moore on Tuesday. Together we spoke about how we want to continue our great links with the Cathedral and discussed ways on how to achieve this. I am delighted to say that she will be visiting the school to meet the children and staff for a special assembly in May. She is also very keen to meet you as parents and we will arrange a time for her to do this.

Today we have seen so much excitement across the school for Break the Rules Day. Children have come to school wearing their pyjamas, make-up, face paint, hair gel, the list is endless but such great fun! Thank you to The Friends for organising another exciting event.

On behalf of the staff, I would like to thank you for your support and understanding this term. We wish you all a very happy and safe Easter break.

Mrs O'Melia

ABBHEY SHIELD



Reception	Edie Elijah
Year 1	Isabelle Florian
Year 2	Jasper Erda
Year 3	Reuben Katie
Year 4	William Blake
Year 5	Charlotte Sam
Year 6	Anabelle Nova

Thank you for always displaying our Abbey Values.

Well done to everyone who tried their best and worked hard this term.

SPORTING NEWS

Another fantastic week of sport at Abbey School.

Yesterday the Y5 and Y6 girls' football team braved the cold and snowy weather and played a superb friendly match against St Peter's School. They came away with a 3-1 win. Well done to all the team for a brilliant game.



We are delighted and very proud to hear that the Abbey netball team were announced as the winners of their league this season.

Congratulations to all the children who played netball this term. You have excelled at every match and played with great prowess throughout. Thank you to Kerri Cockerill and Abby Simpkin for your brilliant coaching.



MESSAGE FROM MR MORGAN

Please find below information on our Easter Holiday Club that is now fully up and running. We hope your families are able to join us during the next two weeks FUN filled sport EGGstravaganza!! 🥰

<https://footballs-future.com/product-category/holiday-clubs/>

Amazing facilities such as basketball/ netball hoops, 7-side & 5 a-side grass pitches, large indoor hall, table tennis tables, outdoor MUGA, 4 tennis courts on offer in Ware and St Albans.

Limited places are available each day to enable the best quality coaching. Children will have the choice of multi-sports or football and can swap whenever they want.

Sports may change depending on the weather, however footballers will be guaranteed plenty of matches and practice lots of skills to help them improve as players.

Multi-sports activities-

🏹 Archery 🏸 Badminton 🎨 Dance 🍷♀️ Gymnastics

🏀 Basketball & Benchball ⚽ Football 🎾 Tennis

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A few things to note:

Appropriate Age - OFSTED states that **NO child of nursery age or younger should attend** a full day's sports camp. Exceptions may be made to families requesting half days. Please contact info@sports-future.com

Parking - Free parking at Marlborough Academy in the bays provided. Please follow the signs to the Sports Hall whilst on foot and keep to the left of the main school building next to the field. Please be mindful of any building work. For St Catherine's please drive up to the school's main gates and park in any space. Drop off is at the front of the school.

Drop Off/ Pick Up - Drop off is anytime from 08:30 to 9:00 and pick up time is 15:30. Each day we have an awards presentation from 15:20 to 15:30

Equipment /Clothing - Trainers and tracksuit are fine, moulded football boots (optional) **NO METAL STUDS**, indoor footwear when muddy outside, shin pads (especially the older children 6-8yrs), water bottle and packed lunch. Multi-sport children need trainers and do not require shin pads.

Spectators - We encourage the children to be independent but happy for parents to stay for a while if your child is unsettled or a bit nervy. Parents can spectate in the afternoon anytime after 14:45.

PARENT VOLUNTEERS



At Abbey School we welcome parent and carer volunteers into our school. Next term we are offering an induction meeting for parents/carers who would like to volunteer to help children with their reading.

Sometimes, there will be a call-out for people with particular skills to help out in school. At other times of the year we may also ask for help with ad hoc activities such as school trips, cooking, or sharing stories from other countries.

We are very keen to sign up parent helpers who are able to commit to coming into school regularly, for example for one hour (or more) every week.

Please note that we do not encourage parents to volunteer in the same year group as their child.

How to go about volunteering?

To express your interest and to find out more details please contact the school office.

Volunteers Induction and DBS Checks

All regular volunteers will be asked to attend an induction session and undergo a Disclosure and Barring Service Check (DBS), paid for by the school.

Our child safeguarding procedures at Abbey School mean that all regular volunteers have to provide us with references, complete statutory and safeguarding checks. Keeping our children safe is the most important thing.

Once you complete your induction and receive a DBS clearance, we will then allocate you to the class you will be helping in.

We look forward to hearing from you.



Happy Birthday to:

Luisa Chloe

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 19th April - School closed for staff training

Wednesday 20th April - Children return to school

Friday 29th April - Rescheduled Quiz Night

Friday 27th May - School closed for Occasional Day

Monday 2nd May - Bank Holiday - School closed for children and staff

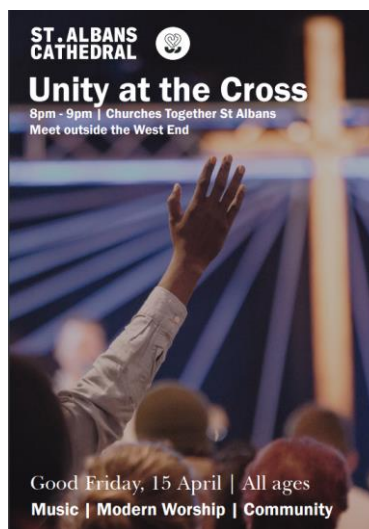
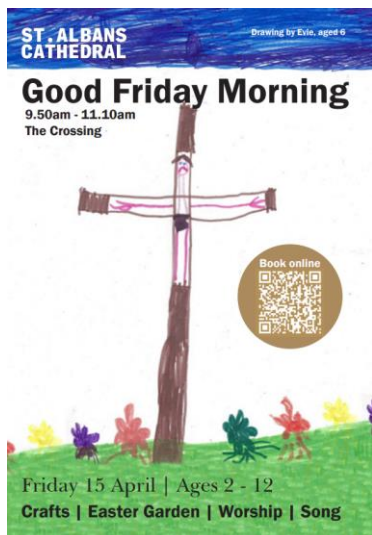
Monday 16th May – Thursday 26th May - KS1 SATs

Monday 9th May - Thursday 12th May - KS2 SATs

Monday 30th May - Friday 3rd June - Half Term

MESSAGE FROM FR CALUM

On Good Friday we have two exciting events for young people in the Abbey. In the morning, we have a children's craft and worship event and in the evening an event for older children - around year 7 - which might suit siblings. Further details are available here: <https://www.stalbanscathedral.org/Event/good-friday>



SPREAD THE WORD!



We have some places available across our wonderful school. If you know anyone who would like to join Abbey School, please ask them to contact the office to arrange a visit.

What pupils say about us: *I love being part of Abbey School. Learning is exciting and fun!*

What parents say: *My children are very happy here. The staff are wonderful and the school community is like one big family.*

What staff say: *I feel honoured to be part of the Abbey School family. The children are a joy to teach!*

What visitors say: *We loved the sense of community, the impeccable behaviour of the children and the warmth of the staff.*

Attendance

Leave of Absence

We have received some requests for leave of absence during term time. Please can we remind you that term time holiday requests will only be permitted in exceptional circumstances. Please ensure your child is present the last day of term and the first day of a new term.

Local Authority Attendance Officer

Please note that children are expected to attend school for at least 96% of the year. Attendance is regularly checked by the Local Authority Attendance Officer who may contact parents for pupils whose attendance falls below the 90% indicator. They also may fine parents for any unauthorised absence.

Our Attendance Officer will be visiting school during the first week of the new term.