

USED UNIFORM SALE

The used uniform sale will take place next Wednesday after school alongside the Bake Sale. Buying items of uniform at the 2nd hand sale is very cost effective and I hope many of you will be able to take advantage of the low prices.

ONLINE SAFETY – GO LIVE TOGETHER

YouTube Go Live Together is a new feature from YouTube where users can host a livestream with another 'guest'. YouTube have previously offered livestreaming services; the difference now is that users can livestream with each other virtually. As with the original livestreaming feature, Go Live Together is not available on YouTube Kids and according to YouTube's guidelines, any child under the age of 12 who appears in a livestream must be visibly accompanied by an adult.

There are several risks associated with livestreaming and these are heightened when another person is directly involved in the stream, as the impact they might have could be harder to control or predict. Firstly, it is very difficult to control who views a livestream, even with the available privacy options, links could be sent to strangers. As well as this, livestreams do not disappear when the host signs off. Viewers can use the livestream link to watch the stream again later, share the stream with others, and potentially download the stream onto a device.

Finally, livestreams are most often filmed in the home, where accidental information sharing can easily happen. For example, school uniform hanging in the background of a video or the user's full name being on display in their room. Take time to review your child's access to YouTube and look carefully at the settings together with older children.

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	96%	0
Year 1	97%	1
Year 2	98%	1
Year 3	97%	1
Year 4	95%	0
Year 5	92%	3
Year 6	96%	0
Total Attendance	96%	

Well done Reception, Years 1, 2, 3, and 6 on your excellent attendance!

HEALTHY SNACKS



As part of our healthy school approach, break time snacks must only be fruit or vegetables. Pupils in the infants are provided with a piece of fruit each day, which is eaten during morning break. We encourage children in Key Stage 2 to bring in a piece of fruit or vegetables to eat for their morning break too. Please **do not** send your child in with biscuits, cakes, sweets or chocolate bars to eat as a morning snack.

Please also ensure you provide your child with a healthy and **well balanced** packed lunch. Packed lunches **must not** contain sweets, crisps, chocolate or fizzy drinks.

Please also remember we are a nut free school so no items containing nuts should be sent into school, even as part of a packed lunch.

Thank you for your support.



God of hope, inspire us to look out into the world, praising and thanking you for all that is good, and seeking your help as we try to change what is not fair or right.

Amen.

REACH FOR THE STARS!



STAR OF THE WEEK

Reception	Rupert – For working hard in Maths and being really helpful in class. Well done!
Year 1	Luca – For excellent phonics work and for showing good listening skills during class discussions. Well done!
Year 2	Ella – For super partner work and settling in so well to Abbey School. Well done!
Year 3	Athena – For always displaying lovely manners and being kind and caring to her friends. Well done!
Year 4	Frankie – For having a fantastic attitude to learning. Well done!
Year 5	Arliette – For always showing an excellent attitude to her learning. Well done! Arthur – For good focus and engagements in Maths this week. Well done!
Year 6	Isabel – For wonderful and insightful explanations in Maths and for using brilliant reading comprehension skills. Well done!



This week's golden ticket winners are:

Jacob Y5 and William D Y5

HOUSE POINTS

HOUSES	POINTS
MATTHEW	187
MARK	186
LUKE	176
JOHN	123



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

Happy Birthday to: Elise and Florence





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Newsletter for Friday 24th March 2023

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everybody for supporting Red Nose Day last week; we raised £151.83.

This week, Mrs Fraser and I attended the St Albans Primary Schools Music Association concert at the Alban Arena and had the privilege of watching our extremely talented choir sing alongside other schools in the city. I would like to congratulate the children not only on their polished performance, but also for being outstanding ambassadors for our school. We are very proud of you. It was also lovely to see so many parents, grandparents and carers who were there to support their children. I would like to thank our music teacher Mr Mosely for preparing the children so well.

A big well done to all of our 'iRockstars' on their brilliant performances this week! The children put on an amazing concert and showcased their impressive talents. We were thrilled to see how confidently they sang and played a range of instruments on the stage. We would like to extend our thanks to all the parents and family members who came to support the children and make this event such a memorable one. We know that this concert has provided a valuable learning experience for our students and helped them develop their confidence and stage presence. We look forward to more such events in the future.

It was wonderful to see so many of you at the auction event on Thursday evening – we hope you enjoyed it. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the auction and took part in the bidding. An incredible total of £5128 was raised! Thank you all very much and thank you to our fantastic parents association for their continuous hard work in organising events such as these.

Don't forget the deadline for the Egg Decorating Competition is on Wednesday; each winner will be given a prize. The Science Selfie competition deadline has extended to Wednesday 28th March.

A reminder to all parents that next Friday is the last day of the term and school will close at 2pm; the children will have lunch at school as normal.

Have a lovely weekend, Mrs O'Melia



Wednesday 29th March – Celtic Harmony Y3 trip

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Thursday 30th March – LUKE House to wear non-uniform

Thursday 30th March – Netball v Wheatfields

Friday 31st March – School finishes 2pm for Easter holidays.

Monday 17th April – **SCHOOL CLOSED FOR STAFF TRAINING**

Tuesday 18th April – Children return to school as normal

THANK YOU!



A HUGE thank you to our wonderful, supportive parents, Olga and Xhovan Xhoka, who own Per Tutti. They kindly sponsored and funded the new and improved football kits. We are so pleased with the kits and very grateful for their help in ensuring the children look amazing on the pitch!

NETBALL NEWS

Well done to the Netball Team for another successful match this week. The team played St Bernadette's and won an impressive 13-1!

Congratulations goes to Bella who was chosen as 'Player of the Match'.