



# Abbey CE VA Primary School

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## Newsletter for Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2022

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Dear Parents and Carers,

A few highlights to share with you from this week!



Year 3 planting with Mr Astley on the Discovery Trail.



Fr Jonny and Fr Calum teaching the children the National Anthem during our singing practice on Tuesday.



The orchestra playing at the Cathedral in today's service to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

There have been many other exciting activities happening around the school this week including Year 3 making a model of Stonehenge out of biscuits and Year 4 presenting their amazing research on pollution in the ocean and in the sky.

Well done to the children in Year 2 for completing their SATS this week. They worked very hard and deserved their treat day today. We are all very proud of them.

Wishing you all a wonderful half term and hope you have a fantastic time celebrating the Queen's Jubilee.



Everyone had a good clear out this week; what a great response! Bags2Schools collected the clothing on Wednesday. Thank you for your donations.



Happy Birthday to:

**Betsy Mrs Simpkin Mr Yeldham Charlie**

### STAFFING UPDATES

#### Deputy Headteacher

We are delighted to share the news that after a rigorous interview process, we have appointed a new Deputy Headteacher for September. We will be sharing further details with you after half term.

#### Office Administrator/IT Support Role

Catherine Burgess will be starting in the office after half term. She will be working from 9.45am-11.45am every day. She will also continue to work as a MSA from 11.50am.

#### After School Club Vacancy

We have a vacancy for Tuesday and Thursdays in the After School Club after half term until 21<sup>st</sup> July. This will be to assist Mrs McTernan. Please let the School Office know if you can help.

#### Music Teacher

We are looking for a music teacher to teach music one day a week from September. This is currently being advertised.

#### Goodbye and Welcome

After five years of service to Abbey School we are sad to say goodbye to Mrs Gaines and Mrs Gifford. They are leaving us to take up new posts at Redbourn Primary School. We wish them well and thank them for their commitment to our school.

We would like to welcome back Miss Roberts who will be joining the Abbey Teaching Team on a full time basis. She is really looking forward to returning to our school.

### MORNING AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Our Morning Club runs daily from 7.55am – 8.55am in the school hall for £6.00.

The After School Club runs from 3.20pm - 5.20pm. We also take bookings for 3.20pm - 4.20pm. The cost is £6.00 per hour.

Please use your Schoolcomms app or let the school office know if you would like your child to attend either of these clubs.



Nikolas was very excited about the model he made in the After School Club and wanted to share it with everyone.

I am sure you will agree it is really impressive – well done Nikolas!

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May – Occasional Day – School closed for children and staff  
 Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – Half Term  
 Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June – whole school photo (children to wear smart school uniform)  
 Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June - St Albans Half Marathon (Fun Run)  
 Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June – Years 1 and 2 trip to Paradise Wildlife Park  
 Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June Year 6 School Journey to Marchants Hill  
 Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June - Summer Fair 12pm – 3pm

## ABBEY SHIELD



<b>Reception</b>	William Mia
<b>Year 1</b>	Charlotte Monty
<b>Year 2</b>	Kyle Joshua
<b>Year 3</b>	Frankie Ben
<b>Year 4</b>	Aeronwy Jack
<b>Year 5</b>	Logan Phoebe
<b>Year 6</b>	Allie Morgan

## ATTENDANCE

### THIS WEEK



<b>Reception</b>	<b>83%</b>
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>91%</b>
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>94%</b>
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>95.5%</b>
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>94.3%</b>
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>88.7%</b>
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>93.7%</b>
<b>Total Attendance</b>	<b>91.9 %</b>



Attendance in many classes this week is lower than we would like. We understand that there has been a bug and your children are unwell. Please can we remind you that children must stay off school for 48 hours if they have sickness or diarrhoea in order to minimise the spread of the illness. Excellent attendance is crucial for a good education. Holidays in term time will not be permitted. Please ensure family holidays are booked outside of term time. Leave of absence taken without the authorisation of the school may lead to the possibility of statutory action and a fine.



### BeReal

BeReal is a social media app that has recently grown in popularity amongst teens and children. Every day at a different time, the app alerts users that it's time to take a photo of what they are doing in the moment. The user then loads the photo and can decide whether they share it with friends or everyone. The only way to see other people's photos is to have posted your own for the day. Users can then react and comment on the photos of others.

The app is made for people aged 13 and older and is therefore not suitable for primary aged children. There are no parental controls available, children could come across harmful content that others may have shared when they use the discovery tab and it's very easy to connect with strangers here too.



We have several children and members of staff with severe food allergies. All packed lunches and snacks must be **nut free**. Therefore, we **do not allow** Nutella, peanut butter or any spread or oil that contains nuts including sesame oil. Some cereal bars may contain nuts so please check ingredients list on all packaging before putting them in your child's lunchbox.

We encourage parents to pack a healthy, substantial lunch with at least one portion of fruit and/or vegetables. We do not allow sweets; bars of solid chocolate or fizzy drinks. Water is provided for the children.

Thank you for your support.