



# Abbey CE VA Primary School

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## Newsletter for Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2022

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Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, the Easter period began with Shrove Tuesday, when many of you, I'm sure, enjoyed making pancakes! The children attended a special service at the Cathedral to mark the beginning of the Lenten season. Next week, we have exciting activities planned for Book Week. We are really looking forward to seeing the children on Thursday in their costumes.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend and wishing The Friends a very successful Cabin Ball.  
Mrs O'Melia

### UNITE FOR UKRAINE DAY

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2022**



Schools around St Albans are joining together to show our collaborative support for families affected by the ongoing situation in Ukraine.

We are asking for children to come to school wearing any item of blue or yellow clothing in addition to the school uniform. For example: socks, hairband, shoes or ribbons. We are asking that they bring in a donation of £1 which will go towards aid for Ukraine.

### AID FOR UKRAINE

St Columba's College are organising a collection. They have asked for donations of toiletries, bedding and non-perishable food.

Please do not donate clothes or toys.

You can drop off the items at Westminster Lodge on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March from 8am to 2pm.

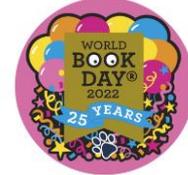
Thank you for your support.



**Happy Birthday to:**

**William H Kai H Kitty and Mrs Roach**

### WORLD BOOK DAY



Next week, we will be celebrating **World Book Day** on **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March**.

Children can come to school dressed as their favourite book character. The children will take part in reading and writing activities in class.

### AUTHOR VISIT

On **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March**, we will have a visit from the author Ian Brown. He will be speaking to the children about the different books he has written and also reading one of his stories, *Albert Upside Down*.

As well as writing books, he has also written for several television programmes, including *The Simpsons*, *Top Gear* and *Paul Whitehouse*.

Here are some links to his books, via Amazon or the publisher:

<https://www.amazon.co.uk/Albert-Upside-Down-Tortoise/dp/1913634167>

<https://graffeg.com/products/albert-upside-down>

[https://www.amazon.co.uk/Albert-Wind-2-Tortoise/dp/1913733440/ref=pd\\_lpo\\_1?pd\\_rd\\_i=1913733440&psc=1](https://www.amazon.co.uk/Albert-Wind-2-Tortoise/dp/1913733440/ref=pd_lpo_1?pd_rd_i=1913733440&psc=1)

[https://graffeg.com/products/albert-and-the-wind?pr\\_prod\\_strat=copurchase&pr\\_rec\\_pid=6977603436706&pr\\_ref\\_pid=5589740191906&pr\\_seq=uniform](https://graffeg.com/products/albert-and-the-wind?pr_prod_strat=copurchase&pr_rec_pid=6977603436706&pr_ref_pid=5589740191906&pr_seq=uniform)

### SPORTING UPDATE

Last Friday, our netball team played a fantastic match against Bernard's Heath School! They were 2 nil down, but the team fought hard together and ended the match with an 8-5 win! This afternoon, the team played Garden Fields School and came away with another amazing win of 18-1!

Well done to all the children for both games.

## MESSAGE FROM THE FRIENDS

**Abbey School JUMBLEBEE AUCTION!** 'Team Jumblebee 🐝' have worked incredibly hard to raise some amazing auction items - thank you all so much!

This is the last chance for you to bid on the fantastic lots! The auction will close at **9.30pm on Saturday, 5th March 2022.**

Some of the fabulous lots to bid on are:

- ★ A 1-week-stay in a holiday villa in Menorca
- ★ 2 x tickets for 'Pub in the Park'
- ★ A child to be Headteacher for the day
- ★ Various high value spa vouchers
- ★ 2 x James Blunt tickets
- ★ 1 x Jigsaw leather handbag

Access the Auction here: [https://www.pta-events.co.uk/abbeyfriends/#.Yhi9tN\\_P2dE](https://www.pta-events.co.uk/abbeyfriends/#.Yhi9tN_P2dE) - either log in with your existing Jumblebee account log in or register as a new user.



On **Friday 18th 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 works to help people to speak out and seek help, to escape fear and discrimination.

The children may come to school dressed in red clothes (or wearing anything red) for a £1 donation. They can also wear a red nose!

## MESSAGE FROM MR ASTLEY

### Abbey School Tree Planting March 2022

#### The Queen's Green Canopy

In honour of the Queen's Jubilee celebrations, we will be taking part in The Woodland Trust national initiative to plant trees and hedgerows in the UK. This is to improve natural carbon capture in our environment, to help combat climate change on Earth.

Every child and every member of staff at Abbey School will be planting a sapling along the school border during March.

Should any parents wish to help, please speak to the office. Thank you.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March – author visit

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March – Science Week

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March – Y3 trip to Celtic Harmony

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March – Red Nose Day

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March – Cake Sale after school

## EXTREME READING CHALLENGE

We are inviting all pupils to take part in our Extreme Reading Challenge.

Think about different, exciting, fun and SAFE places you can enjoy a book.

What to do:

1. Choose a book.
2. Find an unusual place to read it.
3. Ask your parent/carer to take your photograph.

Email your photo to the office or print it off and hand in to your class teacher.

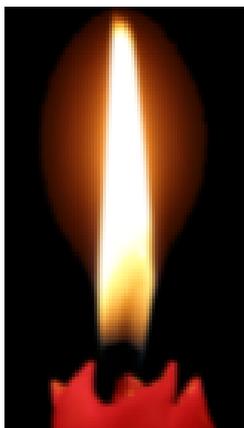
**Don't forget to include your name and class with the photograph.**

Please send all entries into school by Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March so that we can reveal the winners on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March.

## STAR OF THE WEEK



<b>Reception</b>	<b>Athena</b> - Well done for a fabulous week! You have given lots of thoughtful answers and shown respect to others.
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Ronnie</b> - Well done for working extremely hard and listening carefully to ways on how to make your learning even better. We are so proud of how hard you are trying with your reading too.
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Nikolas</b> – For being a star with your writing this week. You have listened well and used conjunctions and adjectives in your well thought out sentences. Well done for also working hard with your reading and comprehension. Super job!
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Katie</b> – For having a great week! Thank you for always being hard-working, polite and conscientious. You are a fantastic role model who always displays the Abbey Values. Well done!
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Angelica</b> – For having a fantastic week! Thank you for being super focused, listening well and trying hard with your presentation. Keep up the hard work!
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>Charlotte</b> – For working really well this week. Well done for working hard in Maths and looking for patterns and links to help you.
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>Polly</b> – For working incredibly hard in Maths and demonstrating impressive confidence when learning about ratio. Well done!



Loving and forgiving Lord,  
Lead us from despair to hope,  
From fear to trust;  
Lead us from hate to love,  
From war to peace;  
Let peace fill our hearts, our  
lives, our world, our  
universe.  
Amen

## LITTLE REMINDERS!



**Mobile Phones** – The wellbeing and welfare of our children is paramount. From Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March, we are requesting that you do not use your mobile phone on the school premises. Thank you in advance for your support.

**Packed Lunches** – Abbey School is a nut free school. Please ensure your child has a healthy, nut free packed lunch. Packed lunches should not have any products with traces of nuts or products which contain sesame seeds. Children and staff allergic to nuts, might also have a severe reaction to sesame. Thank you for your understanding.