



## Attendance

*This week's attendance figures show that we have had another good week of attendance here at Abbey Mead. The table below shows attendance Monday to Thursday*

Class	Average(%)
1FI	91.74
1PP	95.97
1SH	97.41
2EB	100.00
2NF	95.76
2SP	100.00
3AA	97.08
3IB	99.17
3SR	95.60
4JA/GH	100.00
4KO	96.67
4KR	92.50
5CC/CH	99.58
5HF	99.58
5MB	97.50
6NK	92.50
6RT/SC	95.42
6ZE	97.50
FMC/CR	97.50
FOL	91.32
FZM	94.58

*Well done to 2EB and 2SP who are our KS1 winners this week and 4JA/GH who are our KS2 attendance winners this week!*



## Ganesh Chaturthi

**Ganesh Chaturthi** also known as **Vinayak Chaturthi** or **Ganeshotsav**, is a Hindu festival commemorating the birth of the Hindu god Ganesha. The festival is marked with the installation of Ganesha's clay idols privately in homes and publicly on elaborate pandals (temporary stages). Observances include chanting of Vedic hymns and Hindu texts, such as prayers and fasting. Offerings and prasad from the daily prayers, that are distributed from the pandal to the community, include sweets such as modaka as it is believed to be a favourite of Ganesha. The festival ends on the tenth day after start, when the idol is carried in a public procession with music and group chanting, then immersed in a nearby body of water such as a river or sea, called *visarjan* on the day of Anant Chaturdashi.



May Lord Ganesha keep enlightening your lives and bless you always.

During this festival, children should attend school as normal. celebrating with the families after school and at the weekend.

## Curriculum & Welcome Meetings

We look forward to welcoming all parents into school for an introductory session to your child's year group. Please arrive from the Ross Walk entrance.

**Year 1— Thursday 21st September @ 2.45 pm**

**Year 2— Tuesday 19th September @ 2.45 pm**

**Year 4—Monday 18th September @ 2.45 pm**

**Year 6— Friday 22nd September @ 2.45 pm**



## Free School Meals

All children in reception, year 1 and year 2 automatically get free school meals. Children may also be eligible for free school meals beyond year 2 if they meet the qualifying criteria.

Parents who believe they meet the eligibility criteria should complete an online application form at [leicester.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](https://leicester.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals)

Please contact the school office if you require a paper application form or need any further information.

## Online Safety

### Tips to stay safe online:

There are lots of things you can do to keep yourself safe online.

#### **Think before you post**

Don't upload or share anything you wouldn't want everybody seeing including your bosses and parents. Once you post something, you lose control of it, especially if someone else screenshots or shares it.

#### **Don't share personal details**

Keep things like your address, phone number, full name, school and date of birth private, and check what people can see in your privacy settings. Remember that people can use small clues like a school logo in a photo to find out a lot about you.

#### **Watch out for phishing and scams**

Phishing is when someone tries to trick you into giving them information, like your password. Someone might also try to trick you by saying they can make you famous or rich. Never click links from emails or messages that ask you to log in or share your details, even if you think they might be genuine. If you're asked to log into a website, go to the app or site directly instead.

#### **Think about who you're talking to**

There are lots of ways that people try to trick you into trusting them online. Even if you like and trust someone you've met online, never share personal information with them like your address, full name, or where your children go to school.

#### **Never give out your password**

You should never give out your password or log-in information. Make sure you pick strong, easy to remember passwords.

#### **Cover your webcam**

Some viruses will let someone access your webcam without you knowing, so make sure you cover your webcam whenever you're not using it.



## Upcoming Dates

- Jeans for Genes Day (£1 donation)-**Friday 22nd September**
- Parents' Evenings Discussions—**Tuesday 10th October & Wednesday 11th October**—Further details will be sent home in the coming weeks
- School closes for half-term break - **Thursday 12th October**
- School closed for INSET Day—**Friday 13th October**
- School opens for Autumn term—**Monday 23rd October**

## Jeans for Genes

This year, we will once again be supporting the wonderful work of 'Jeans for Genes Day'. We encourage staff and children to come to school wearing jeans on Friday 22nd September. We politely ask for donations of £1 towards this great cause!

### What is Jeans for Genes Day?

Around one in 25 children are affected by a genetic disorder. Jeans for Genes Day is an annual event that raises money and awareness for the genetic condition community to bring to light issues that impact them, celebrate their achievements and highlight the charities and organisations that support them.



## Reception / Secondary School Applications

If you have children in year 6 or Nursery and require support with making an application for secondary or full time places, please contact the main office who will be willing to support you with this. Please do not leave it too late to make an application as late applications could mean that your child does not get their first choice of school.

- Closing date for Secondary school applications—**31st October 2023**
- Closing date for Full time Reception applications—**15th January 2024**

For more information or to make an application, please visit the Leicester City Council Website: <https://www.leicester.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/school-and-colleges/school-admissions/>





## Abbey News @AbbeyMead\_TMET

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**Miss Ingham** @MissIngham\_AMPA · Sep 13  
We have worked really hard on learning how to log in safely and create our own avatars on [@purpleMash](#). Have a look at some of these 😊  
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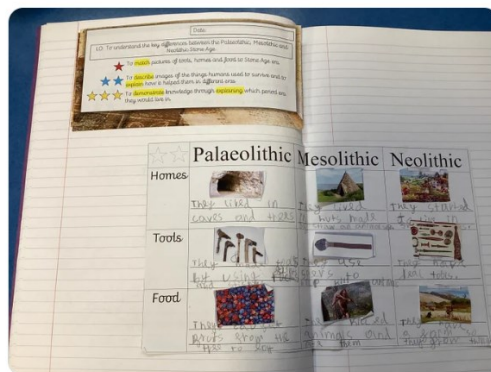
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**Mrs Barratt (Miss Thompson)** @MrsBarratt\_AMPA · 6h  
2EB have been role playing to retell the true story of the three little pigs! We aren't sure yet whether Mr Wolfe was telling the truth or not, but we can't wait to figure it out! 🐷🐷🐷  
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**Mr Alkhlaif** @AlkhlaifMr · Sep 12  
[@AbbeyMead\\_TMET](#) In 3AA, children learnt how people lived in the three different eras of the Stone Age (Palaeolithic, Mesolithic and Neolithic) by looking into their houses, tools and food.  
Which era would YOU like to live in and why?  
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## October half term food support offer



Leicester City Council is working in partnership with Samworth Brothers to give eligible families the opportunity to shop for free food and groceries for use over the October half term holiday.

There will be six pop-up pantry venues across the city to choose from, each providing parents/carers with the opportunity to collect healthy and nutritious food for the half-term.

This offer is for families who have children that meet the following criteria:

- receive benefits-related free school meals
- who are full time school (4 to 16 years)
- live in Leicester City or attend a city school if they live outside of Leicester

Places at venues are limited and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis to those who meet **all** of the above registration criteria.

**Registration is required.** To register for a place, please complete the [online registration form](#) by **Tuesday 26 September 2023 (23:59pm)**. Late requests **will not** be accepted.