

Abbey Head Primary Academy Newsletter



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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	89.26
1PP	97.18
1SH	96.61
2EB	96.67
2NF	93.80
2SP	98.33
3AA	95.00
3IB	98.33
3SR	93.95
4JA/GH	97.50
4KO	92.08
4KR	92.31
5CC/CH	97.92
5HF	95.08
5MB	95.83
6NK	97.86
6RT/SC	98.28
6ZE	95.00
FMC/CR	89.17
FOL	87.70
FZM	93.75

Well done to 2SP who are our KS1 winners this week and 3IB who are our KS2 attendance winners this



Equality, Diversity & Inclusion

At Abbey Mead Primary Academy, we are committed to providing the best possible education for all children. We aim to provide equality of education and opportunity for all pupils, staff, parents and carers, irrespective of race, gender, disability, belief, religion or socio-economic background. We encourage children to be proud of their differences and to understand the importance of not discriminating against others.

We believe every child is of equal importance and has something of value to contribute and every member of our school community will benefit by working in an environment which is inclusive and promotes respect and fairness for all.

Accepting others for who they are is what makes our school and community so special. The colours of the rainbow are beautiful and represent all forms of equality.



Peripatetic Music Lessons

This year, we will be continuing to offer our peripatetic music sessions to our children through All for Music Leicester Hub. Our piano teacher visits the school weekly to deliver sessions to the children. The sessions are charged at £13.50 per 20-minute lesson - 32 lessons will be given over the course of the year and total cost would be £432.00



If your child qualifies for pupil premium, the school will subsides this to £11.00 per session - 32 lessons will be given over the course of the year and total cost would be £352.00.

If you would like your child to take part or would like more information, please contact the school office.

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School Meals

At Abbey Mead we take pride in the quality of our school dinners. Our dinners are prepared onsite with high quality ingredients, cooked by our experienced kitchen staff. The menu can be viewed on Bromcom and children can choose English or Indian options. We are strictly a nut free school and all our meals are pure vegetarian. We serve fish only once every 3 weeks.

Payment for school meals MUST be paid by the end of each week.—at present we have a number of families who have accrued a significant debt. If you are in arrears for your child's dinner money, please clear the amounts as soon as possible.

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

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

Online Safety

The internet – on the whole an inspiring and positive place

The internet is an amazing resource which enables children and young people to connect, communicate and be creative in a number of different ways, on a range of devices. However, the internet is always changing, and being able to keep up to date with your children's use of technology can be a challenge. You may sometimes feel that your children have better technical skills than you do, however children and young people still need advice and protection when it comes to managing their lives online. Issues that your child may encounter on the internet will vary depending on their age and online activities. Potential online risks can include their conduct and the content they view.

Children need to be aware of the impact that their online activity can have on both themselves and other people, and the digital footprint that they create on the internet. It's easy to feel anonymous online and it's important that children are aware of who is able to view, and potentially share, the information that they may have posted. When using the internet, it's important to keep personal information safe and not share it with strangers.

Some online content is not suitable for children and may be hurtful or harmful. This is true for content accessed and viewed via social networks, online games, blogs and websites. It's important for children to consider the reliability of online material and be aware that it might not be true or written with a bias. Children may need your help as they begin to assess content in this way. There can be legal consequences for using or downloading copyrighted content, without seeking the author's permission.

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Upcoming Dates

- Parents' Evenings Discussions—Tuesday 10th October & Wednesday 11th October—Further details
 will be sent home in the coming weeks
- Sponsored Walk for Library books—Friday 6th October
- 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
- Year 5 visit to Leicester Museum—Tuesday 24th October

Pitru Paksha Shradh

According to Brahmpurana, before worshiping the Gods, a man should worship his ancestors because it is believed that the Gods are pleased with that. For this reason, the elders are honoured and posthumously worshiped in Indian society.

This year, we are requesting that families wishing to donate could contribute towards the cost of books for our library. Parents can bring the donation to school or add it to the sponsored walk collection. Hopefully, this will boost the library with lots of interesting books for children at Abbey.



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/

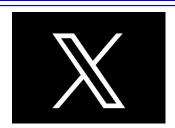


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