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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	95.24
1PP	90.22
1SH	92.13
2EB	96.67
2NF	96.11
2SP	94.57
3AA	98.89
3IB	99.44
3SR	97.85
4JA/GH	98.89
4KO	90.91
4KR	90.76
5CC/CH	98.33
5HF	96.67
5MB	96.67
6NK	96.67
6RT/SC	92.78
6ZE	95.00
FMC/CR	96.11
FOL	91.67
FZM	97.78

*Well done to FZM and to 3IB who are our attendance winners this week.*



## Welcome back!

We are excited to welcome our children back for a fun filled and productive Spring term.

We have lots of exciting topics across the school for our children to further their knowledge and understanding.

In the coming weeks, we look forward to welcoming all parents into school for an introductory session to the new term. The introductory sessions will take place on:

Year 6—Monday 15th January @ 2.45 pm

Year 5— Wednesday 17th January @ 2.45 pm

Year 3— Monday 22nd January @ 2.45 pm

Year 2—Wednesday 24th January @ 2.45 pm

Year 1— Thursday 25th January @ 2.45 pm

Year 4— Friday 26th January @ 2.45 pm



## Traffic Update

Further to recent discussions with parents and residents around parking concerns, we have sought the ongoing support of the Leicestershire Police.

Our primary concern is the safety of our pupils and community so have asked for further support with this.

Traffic Enforcement Officers and the Police will work alongside the school to continue to promote our children's safety.

We remind parents to please be mindful of:



- Parking safely, ensuring they are not obstructing visibility and pedestrian pathways.
- Parking respectfully so as not to block access to residents' properties; especially by avoiding stopping or parking in the middle of road on Ellis Avenue.
- Crossing in appropriate positions, avoiding crossing immediately between parked cars where vision is obstructed.
- Following the advice of our crossing patrol officer on Ross Walk and the advice of staff that are present on each gate to keep our pupils and families safe.

We appreciate your ongoing support with this matter.



## Holidays in Term Time

We are looking forward to a positive year ahead of good attendance here at Abbey Mead. Regular attendance at school supports children in both their learning and character development. Children must attend school each day to make the most of their educational experiences.

Sadly, holidays during term time continue to impact the learning and progress of a number of pupils. As per our policy, holidays will continue to be declined. We ask that all absence is reported to the school office each morning so to ensure children are safe and their location is known. Where the school have concerns regarding a pupil's absence, home visits are carried out to ensure that children are safe and present at the home address.

### Holidays abroad

We remind parents that any holidays should be arranged and taken outside of school time. There are 13 weeks of holiday a year where parents can travel abroad. We must put our children's education first!

Any absence during term time is highly likely to receive a fixed penalty notice. The penalty notice will be issued at the cost of £120 per parent per child, and if this is not paid within the allocated time frame your case will be referred by the Local Authority directly to the Magistrates' court.

Following a number of families across the city taking extended leave during term time, there has been a change to the ruling.

### The changes in ruling, now states:

If your child has an absence of more than 20 days, the Local Authority has advised that a Penalty Notice is unlikely to be issued and the matter is likely to proceed to the Magistrates' Court for prosecution action instead. The Local Authority has advised that where a parent is found guilty, or where the case is proven against the parent, that this is likely to result in a fine (up to £2500) and the parent receiving a criminal record. This is because parents have a legal duty to ensure their child attends school where they are on roll regularly.

Whilst we do not wish for any parent to be taken to court, we must ensure that our pupils attend school regularly so to gain the best quality education possible.



## Upcoming Dates

- Parents Workshops—W/B 15th January 2024
- Year 4 Potions Workshop—**Tuesday 16th January**
- TT Rockstars—**Wednesday 24th January**

## Makar Sankranti / Lohri Celebrations

Many of our families will be celebrating this weekend. Makar Sankranti, also referred to as Uttarayana, is a Hindu observance and a festival of kites.

Lohri is celebrated with great bonfires, honouring Agni, the Hindu god of fire. People sing and dance around the fire and throw food like popcorn and rice into the flames. This is so they can make offerings to the gods.



## Online Safety

### Age Ratings and PEGI Content Descriptors

Age ratings give you information on how old a person should be before they watch a specific film or play a certain game. Alongside this, PEGI also show the following content descriptors which tell you the sort of things you will find in films or games. These will help you to decide whether it is suitable for your child or not.







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## Proud Moment

We are extremely proud of our ex-pupil, Anisha who is now attending the Royal Ballet school.



During her time at Abbey, Anisha took part in various dance clubs and was always keen to participate in stage performances.



Recently, Anisha performed in The Nutcracker at The Royal Opera House. Her family are delighted to share pictures of her performance.

We are all so proud of you Anisha. Well done!