



### 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(%)
1AI	95.30
1PP	98.28
1SH	95.69
2EB	98.33
2NF	100.00
2SP	96.67
3AM	98.75
3IB	100.00
3SR	100.00
4CC	95.97
4KO	100.00
4KR	96.77
5CH/PS	97.37
5JH	100.00
5MB	97.92
6NK	95.08
6RT/RR	98.33
6ZE	99.17
FLL	89.91
FMC/AW	93.30
FOL/SS	89.15

Well done to all the classes who have achieved the incredible 100% attendance this week!



### Navratri Celebration



We are aware that many of our families will be celebrating the Hindu festival of Navratri during October. This is a wonderful celebration over 9 days between 3<sup>rd</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> October, where families will worship the 9 incarnations of Goddess Durga by performing traditional Hindu dances in the evenings.



We will send out further details of our annual family celebration over the coming days. This will be taking place on the school field again.

During this time, it is important that children continue to attend school as normal. We expect students to be in school on time and would like to **remind you that school starts at 8.50 am**, therefore students should be in school by 8.40 am in order to be in class ready to start their day.

**Arrival after 9.15 am counts as unauthorised absence and would negatively impact a student's attendance record and education.**

Thank you for your continued support to ensure that your child attends school regularly.

May we take this opportunity to wish a Navratri filled with joy and happiness to all families who are celebrating.

**MOMENTS MATTER, ATTENDANCE COUNTS.**

### Parents' Evenings

We are excited to invite parents to attend our Autumn term parents' evenings:

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October @3.30 pm - 6.30 pm**

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October @ 3.30—5.30 pm**

In the lower hall, there will also be opportunities to learn more about the school day, sample school meals and discuss other aspects of school life with a number of colleagues.

Please book you appointment slots by sending in the slip to your child's class teacher. Don't forget to request a translator if you feel that will require one. You can do this by ticking the box on the slip.



## Harvest

Harvest is celebrated to give thanks for the crops, which have been safely harvested. People also collect food for a Harvest collection. This food is passed onto families who are struggling to get food. The harvest season falls at different times of the year depending upon region, climate, and crop, but festivals celebrating its arrival are held throughout the world. This year, we are collecting food items to support individuals and families in need within our community. All the donations collected this year will be sent to the Zynthia Trust Food Bank.

Please send donations with your child or bring them to the school office from Wednesday 2nd October. Please send food items that can be stored in a cupboard (please make sure all foods are in date).

### Suitable items include:

#### Tinned foods

Pasta

Rice

Cereals

Dry food



## Nut Free School

As you have seen in the media, the Food Standards Agency has issued a widespread warning regarding the potential peanut contamination of mustard products. This has resulted in a change in the school menu for children with special diets. If your child has any allergies or special requirements, please make sure that school staff are aware of this.

**Abbey Mead is strictly a nut free school and many of our pupils are strict vegetarians who do not consume any egg products.**

We ask that parents are considerate of the above when sending any treats, birthday cakes or rewards for children in the school. Parents are welcome to bring in birthday cakes for children but if you are bringing a cake that contains eggs, please bear in mind that some children may not be able to consume this so we ask that you provide a suitable alternative for these children.

Ideally, we would prefer that you bring in eggless cake but we understand that this may not always be possible. **When purchasing anything for children, please check the packaging carefully to ensure that the product does NOT contain any nuts and is preferably egg free.**



## Upcoming Dates

- Flu Vaccinations—**Wednesday 2nd October**
- Harvest Food Collection—**Friday 4th October**
- Support session for secondary applications—**Tuesday 8th October @ 9.30 am**
- Navratri Celebration —**Friday 11th October (details to follow)**
- Parents' Evenings Discussions—**Tuesday 15th October & Wednesday 16th October**—Further details will be sent home in the coming weeks
- School closes for half-term break - **Thursday 17th October**
- School closed for INSET Day—**Friday 18th October**
- School opens for Autumn term—**Monday 28th October**

## Online Safety

### Online Videos:

Online videos can be pre-recorded (like YouTube) or 'livestreamed' in real time (using apps like Twitch, or social media platforms like Instagram and Facebook).

YouTube is the biggest and most widely used video service. Over 400 hours of video are uploaded to YouTube every minute, so there is lots of great content that children can view. Of course, there is also inappropriate content, and parents have a couple of options to control what children can watch.

**YouTube Kids** is an app-based approach, available for both Android and Apple iOS devices. Aimed at younger users, it uses a mix of Google filters (who own YouTube), reviews by moderation teams, and feedback from parents to make sure that the videos available are suitable for those under 18.

For older children, or those who use a wider range of devices, **YouTube Restricted Mode** is an additional setting which can be enabled on the YouTube website and app. If enabled, it restricts the availability of potentially mature or inappropriate content.





## Abbey News

### #Mead2030 Big Reveal

I'm delighted to share with you that today TMET is officially launching #Mead2030, our vision of what we want for our schools, communities and our Trust in the next six years. Thank you to everyone who took part in our consultation events last spring. We had about 3,000 people give feedback, and these views have helped us to shape the strategy and make sure it is rooted in our communities.

#Mead2030 focuses on three core areas: education, community, and growth, and it is guided by our core values: character, challenge, community, collaboration, culture, creativity, and courage. We have created a #Mead2030 Big Picture which shows how our strategy links to our vision and values. Please do take a look at the #Mead2030 page online where you will find a copy of our #Mead2030 strategy document - [www.tmet.uk/mead2030](http://www.tmet.uk/mead2030)

Thank you again to everyone who helped to shape our #Mead2030 vision. **Your Voice, Our vision.**

Kindest Regards

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