



Date: 11-10-2024

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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(%)
1AI	99.14
1PP	96.30
1SH	89.22
2EB	98.33
2NF	95.00
2SP	96.67
3AM	97.50
3IB	96.37
3SR	96.25
4CC	98.39
4KO	98.83
4KR	90.32
5CH/PS	95.09
5JH	100.00
5MB	96.67
6NK	98.75
6RT/RR	99.57
6ZE	98.33
FLL	90.27
FMC/AW	96.88
FOL/SS	96.17
The Meadow	94.44

Well done to 1AI who are our KS1 winners this week and 5JH for an incredible 100% attendance this week



Winter Warmers Appeal

Abbey Mead have decided to continue our Winter Warmers appeal this winter where we are asking staff and families to donate pre-loved coats, scarves, gloves, jumpers and uniform that are no longer needed. All items should be clean and in good condition ready to be used by someone else. We welcome items suitable for children as well as adults.

Items will be collected and sorted through over the next week or two and we will then invite parents to come in and take what they need. We hope you will support us in this fantastic opportunity to spread some winter love and warmth in our community. Please bring your donations to the school office.

We welcome adult and children's coats, jumpers, hats, scarves and gloves that are clean and in good condition.



Last year, we successfully collected lots of coats, jumpers, hats, scarves, gloves and shoes which were then offered to families. This will not only help families but also avoid good quality clothes going to waste. Many of our families were very grateful and appreciated the support.

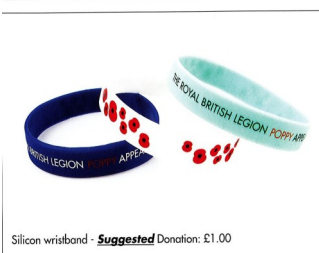
Remembrance Day



Zip pull - **Suggested** Donation: 50p



Reflector - **Suggested** Donation: 50p



Silicon wristband - **Suggested** Donation: £1.00



Snap band - **Suggested** Donation: £1.50

We are proud to be supporting the Royal British Legion in raising money for the Poppy Appeal. Wearing a poppy shows support for the service and sacrifice of our Armed Forces, veterans and their families.

We are selling poppies and other poppy related items from the school office. If your child wishes to buy any

items, please send the correct amount of money with your child as we are not able to give change.



Diwali

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a wonderful start to term, seeing pupils thrive in their new year groups.

You might recall that much consideration took place when setting term dates to ensure that the least possible disruption was caused to pupils learning time. The date for the November closure was therefore set to coincide with the celebration of Diwali/Hindu New Year which many families and staff celebrate. Historically, attendance for Diwali/Hindu New Year has been very low amongst children and staff so we felt this worked well and caused the least possible disruption to our pupils' learning.



Looking at our records from the last few years, 90% of our Hindu families that celebrate at this time of the year, did so on New Year's Day rather than the day of Diwali itself. As Hindu New Year's Day is on Saturday 2nd November, we set our closure date for Friday 1st November. This allows families and our community to celebrate late in the evening and join the Diwali celebrations along Belgrave Road without having to be concerned for school the following morning. As such, Friday 1st November will be both a closure day and one for Religious Observance for our Hindu families, meaning it will not impact on their children's attendance records.

To celebrate with our community, we will be holding our Diwali dinner on Thursday 31st October, where we encourage our pupils and staff to come to school in cultural clothing. All pupils will be expected to attend school as normal on Thursday 31st October.

Friday 1st November—School will be closed

We have confirmed with the priests at local temples that they will be holding their New Year Celebrations on Saturday 2nd November. We have also worked closely with colleagues at Rushey Mead Academy so that our closure day will fall inline with their school closure to cause the least disruption to families.

This means school will reopen following the weekend on **Monday 4th November**.

Further details and reminders will be sent out to all families closer to the time.

Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Kindest regards,

Mr Gary Aldred



Upcoming Dates

- Parents' Evenings Discussions—**Tuesday 15th October & Wednesday 16th October**
- 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**
- Diwali Dinners at Abbey—**Thursday 31st October**
- Deadline for secondary school application—**Thursday 31st October**
- School closure for Diwali—**Friday 1st November**
- Whole school Photographs—**Thursday 14th November**
- Children in Need Non Uniform Day—**Friday 15th November**

Online Safety

Talk about personal information:

Help your child to understand what's meant by personal information, so they can develop an awareness of why it's significant and why they should be cautious about sharing pictures of themselves or information online.
Some things for your child to know:

- What you put online stays online. Even things you delete can be saved or screen-shotted – including those Snapchats meant for just one friend.
- Online strangers are still strangers. Forums and group chats can be a great way to connect over things you wouldn't say face to face, but don't feel pressured to share more than you feel comfortable with.
- It's easy to over-share on social media, especially if you forget who can see your profile.
- Privacy is possible. You can change your settings to make your account private so that only people you know, and trust can see your updates.
Don't hesitate to block anyone who makes you feel uncomfortable and talk to someone you trust about it if this happens.



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Abbey News

Miss Rigby @MissRigby9 · 22h

Today, year 4 visited Bradgate Park to end our topic on 'Rivers'. We started off the day with a walk to Old John where we were given a talk on the history.
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Abbey Mead Primary Academy @AbbeyMead_TMET · 2h

OL/SS wearing our traditional clothing for Navrati! 🌸🌸🌸🌸🌸🌸



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Miss Kaur @MissKaurNK · 18h

Year 6 have been exploring character thoughts and feelings based on our class novel: The boy at the back at the class [@AbbeyMead_TMET](#)



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Mrs Barratt @MrsBarratt_AMPA · 1h

huge happy @WMHDay from 2EB!! [@AbbeyMead_TMET](#)
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Miss Patel @MissPatel_AMPA · 1h

Happy [#WorldMentalHealthDay](#). We started the day with some positive messages and calm colouring to celebrate keeping our brain healthy.
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Miss Patel @MissPatel_AMPA · 19h

Miss M's group have been exploring and describing the properties of different everyday materials in [#science](#). [@JoMullaney](#) [@AbbeyMead_TMET](#) [#teamwork](#) [#communication](#) [#learning](#)



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