



Happy October Half-Term Holiday

Please Note

**School will be closed
for all children on
Friday 18th October**

**We would like to wish
you all a very happy
and peaceful half
term holiday.**

**School will re-open on
Monday 28th October**

Harvest Collections

We are extremely grateful for all the donations that we have received for the harvest collections this year! The food has been sent to Zynthia Trust to be distributed to families in need. The PLT children were so excited to be able to pack the donations and load the car with all the bags and boxes. Thank you again to everyone for the generous donations.



Upcoming Events

You will be delighted to know that after the half term holiday, we have got some exciting celebrations coming up.

Halloween dress up will take place on Wednesday 30th October—get your scary outfits/costumes ready!

Diwali dress up and Diwali themed dinner will take place on Thursday 31st October—shiny and sparkly outfits for this special day.

No school on Friday 1st November—celebrate Diwali and Hindu New Year in style!

Diwali shows at Abbey will take place on Wednesday 13th November—we will start to sell tickets for the show from 4th November.

Half Term

Friday 18th October—Monday 28th October

Don't forget— Friday 18th October is INSET day so school will be closed for children.

We will re-open again as usual on Monday 28th October 2024



Pupil Premium

Here at Abbey Mead our aim is to support children in their well-being and encourage a positive outlook. This involves ensuring all pupils receive the support and individualised provision they require to achieve their potential. Pupils and families are also supported in overcoming barriers which prevent children from learning.



We have launched a new initiative to support families who receive pupil premium. Every week, children in Key Stage 2 who are on pupil premium (Free School Meals) will receive a ticket which they can redeem for a free fruit at the snack shack on their allocated day. This scheme will begin after the half term holiday and will continue for the rest of this academic year.

Also, all children who are eligible for Pupil Premium will be entitled to come to our very popular Breakfast club completely free of charge from 28th October 2024. This runs every day from 7.30 am in the lower hall.

In addition to this, over the coming weeks, each child who receives pupil premium will also be given a 'Golden Ticket' which will allow the child to take part in a 6 week club of their choice. Keep a look out for the tickets!

If you would like further information, please contact the school office.

Who is eligible for benefits-related free school meals?

- Income support
- Income-based jobseeker's allowance
- Income-related employment and support allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child tax credit (provided you're not also entitled to working tax credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- The guarantee element of state pension credit
- Working tax credit run-on - paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for working tax credit.

What is pupil premium?

Pupil premium is extra funding the government gives to schools to raise the achievement of disadvantaged pupils. If you feel that your child may be eligible for pupil premium, please speak to a member of the office team.

Parents are encouraged to register their children, this is to raise extra money for the school, which can be used towards extra tuition, teaching assistants and after school clubs.

You can also apply online by going to this link

[Leicester City Council - Free School Meals Application](#)



Upcoming Dates

- 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**
- Halloween Dress up—**Wednesday 30th October**
- Diwali Dinners at Abbey—**Thursday 31st October**
- Deadline for secondary school application—**Thursday 31st October**
- School closure for Diwali—**Friday 1st November**
- Diwali Breakfast—**Tuesday 12th November @ 7.30 am (families welcome)**
- Diwali Show—**Wednesday 13th November @ 6pm**
- Whole school Photographs—**Thursday 14th November**
- Children in Need Non Uniform Day—**Friday 15th November**
- Christmas / Nativity Shows—**Wednesday 11th December**
- Attendance winners' Trip—**Wednesday 18th December**

Nut Free School

Please remember that we are strictly a nut free school. A number of children in school have a severe allergy to nuts so we do not allow children to bring any food items that may contain nuts. Over the recent days we have noticed that some children are bringing in food containing nuts. Please consider the safety of others, a minor error or misjudgement can cause severe harm to children with allergies.

Please DO NOT allow you children to bring in food such as Nutella or any other nut spreads or cereal bars containing nuts. If you are unsure please check the ingredients or speak to the school office.

NOTICE

NUT-FREE ZONE

**NO FOOD WITH PEANUTS OR
TRACES OF NUTS TO BE
CONSUMED ON THESE PREMISES**



Navratri with The Jungle Band

Last Friday, we celebrated Navratri by welcoming families to join us in our Garba dancing. As you can see from the pictures below, we were blessed with a beautifully sunny afternoon and everyone had a wonderful time. We would like to extend a special thank you to Mr Hingu and his group, The Jungle Band, who joined us for the afternoon. Our families, pupils and staff really enjoyed the celebrations which became even more special with the wonderful singing and live music by the Jungle Band.

