

House Point Cup Weekly Winners

The House Points earned this week were...

Silbury	376pts
Avebury	351pts
Kennet	349pts
Ridgeway	345pts



Well done to all!

Nursery News

This week we have been finding out so much information about Ladybirds. We were fascinated by their lifecycle. Our caterpillars are still sleeping, so we are hoping they will wake up by the end of next week.



Next week we will be finding the perfect place for our new bee house. We love nature.



If children grow up not knowing about nature and appreciating it, they will not understand it, and if they don't understand it, they won't protect it, and if they don't protect it, who will? -

David Attenborough



Sports Day(s) 2024 *(repeat item)*

This summer we are reorganising our Sport Day events so that we can focus on technique and age appropriate activities, as well as athletic performance. This year, Reception children will join with Nursery to create a Foundation Stage Sports Day, which is now Monday 15th July (time tbc). Children in Years 1 to 6 will be separated into two groups at their Sports Days on 19th June. Upper School, for Years 4, 5 & 6 starts at 10.30am and Lower School, for Years 1, 2 & 3, starts at 1.30pm.



Please make a note in your diaries of these changes if your child is in Reception or Year 3.

Thank you Phoebe and Theo for Paying Forward

A local resident sent us a lovely email this week.

It read:

"I am a member of the local community and live in Abbey Meads. This evening I was walking on the bridge across the A419 from Blunston village, heading back towards St Andrews Ridge and back home to Abbey Meads when I met two young people from your school.

Phoebe and Theo were incredibly polite and showed great kindness in helping me coax my aging pet "dinosaur" across the bridge. Tikka was scared of the different textures under foot and loud noises of vehicles passing under the bridge. With poor eyesight it was an ordeal for her but her two new friends were supportive and encouraged her across.

Could I ask you to pass on my thanks to them both and if there is a reward scheme within the school would you please consider recognising them for the way they presented themselves in the community."

Thank you so much Phoebe and Theo, not only for being superb citizens and Paying Forward, but for representing your families and your school so well!



Year 6 reach new heights

Well done to our Year 6 pupils who were subjected to SATS this week but remained resilient and worked hard throughout. Thank you to all staff who helped, especially the Year 6 team for managing this potentially stressful time in such a way that the children were able to cope admirably.

Their resilience was also tested today, when they were challenged by the Climbing Wall as part of their end of SATS day. They had lots of fun at this annual end of SATs event, including the climbing wall, archery, lots of fun games and activities, topped off with an ice lolly.

Of course they now have 9 school weeks left and still much to do, including making sure their writing is up to scratch, before that is assessed next term, and many visits to and from their next schools.



Play on the Pitch Success!

Congratulations Elliott, and his team Highworth Town Juniors, won the Swindon Town under 9 - 'Play on the Pitch' tournament last weekend.



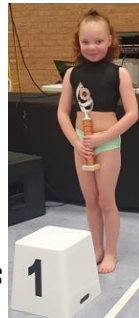
Well done Eli at Swindon Rugby Awards

At the Swindon Rugby Awards 2024, Eli won a 'Commitment to the Cause' trophy, for turning up at midweek training in all winds and weather. He also won the most improved player! As you can imagine, dad was very proud and so is everyone at AMCPS Eli. **Congratulations!**



Liliana has a trophy haul!

Congratulations Liliana on finishing in 1st place out of 23 dancers in her 'Slow Solo' in the Debbie Bellinger Freestyle Competition, which took place at Chippenham Sports Centre last weekend. Liliana dances for Julie Scott's Dance Academy and also took 5th places in her 'Fast Solo' and in the 'Pairs'.




Superb effort Liliana.

Clementine

Clementine has been working towards some certificates and medals for the past year and was recently awarded not one but two medals and two certificates. Everyone at home is super proud of her commitment and persistence, and so are we! Well done Clementine. On to the next award now!



You can always stop and talk to Mr Buckley or Mrs Cunningham or Mrs Hobbis on the school gate, but if you'd rather not speak with us you can refer yourself to this course and talk with the Lighthouse Team. 

We are 'out the front' every day, stop and say hi!

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Planning Ahead

(repeat item)

- 21st May - Class Photos.
- 23rd May - Discos
- 24th May - Year 1 Assembly - 9am
- 24th May - End of Term 5
- 5th June - Start of Term 6



Date Changes

As a result of swimming lessons moving to Thursdays and some teachers attending courses, we have moved the **Open Hour**, where you can come and see us teach Reading, to **Tuesday 25th June (9-10am)**.

Sports Days

Reminder of page 1 item...

Reception children will have their Sports Day with the Nursery children, which will be a new Foundation Stage Sports Day. To accommodate this change the date for this event is now 15th July. More details to follow from Mrs Wright. Year 3 timings for 19th June are now 1.30pm.

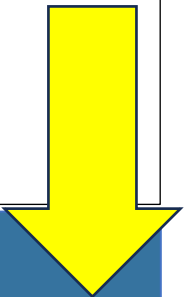
Check the updated dairy dates here:

- [Diary Dates for 2023-2024](#)
- [Dates Page on AMCPS Website](#)



NEXT WEEK!!!! (Repeat item)

Don't forget you need to pay for this on Parent Pay and not on the night!
ParentPay closes at 12pm on the day so please pay in advance!



DISCO THURS 23RD MAY



Reception, Yr1, & Yr2
5-6pm

Yr3, Yr4, Yr5 & Yr6
6:15-7.30pm

£3 PREPAY ON PARENT PAY

Payment to be made by 12pm on the 23rd MAY

Free squash, water and biscuits at both discos.
We have a snack shop available at the KS2 disco, please bring along small change.