

House Point Cup Weekly Winners

The House Points earned this week were:

Kennet	342pts
Avebury	339pts
Ridgeway	336pts
Silbury	331pts



Well done ALL!

Nursery News

The Little Red Hen provided us with some wonderful learning opportunities as we concluded this term's work based on 'Fairytale'. We enjoyed baking bread and were thrilled that the children were keen to help... unlike the characters in the story. As always, we encourage our children to pay forward and to be kind, be kind, be kind.



Thank you FOAMS for the Discos

Thank you to FOAMS and of course our resident DJs Miss Hayes and Mr Badger, for allowing our children to have discos this week. It was Miss Hayes' last disco for a while, as she is likely to be on maternity leave by the next disco!

Thank you to all the parents who took the time to thank us for running the events.

These discos are only possible because of the kind parents and staff who volunteer their time every term to run them.



AMCPS 4 v 0 Tadpole Farm CofE

AMCPS' Mixed Football Team made it three wins from three this week, with another fine performance and impressive victory. The boys faced a well-organised Tadpole Farm, who were difficult to break down in the first half. Yet, Abbey Meads stuck to their footballing philosophy and goals from Elliott, Theo and a brace from super sub, Kavin, secured the win. Well done to the team and their amazing coach, Mark.



Golden Book

Congratulations to the following children on being mentioned in the Golden Book Assembly, for their excellent attitudes and approach to school.

Kiki and Alannah (Juniper)
Ayden and Tise (Willow)
Nathan and Jayden (1Ash)
Tommy and Matty (1Oak)
Antoni and Aaron (2Elm)
Emilia and Max (2Holly)
Max and Darrell (3Maple)
Clementine P and Jack (3Pine)
Fae, Ira and Jude (4Alder)
Erin and Nicholas (4Birch)
Freddie and Amelia (5Spruce)
Dolly and Phoebe (5Yew)
Andrew and Ashmeet (6Sycamore)
Viktoriia and Sophie (6Rowan)



Well done to all of you - keep it up!

The AMCPS AMBLE - 6 weeks to go!

Plenty of time for everyone to get ready for this fun family event. Whether doing 'Couch to 5k', already enjoy running or just want a fun time out as a family, prams included, please join us at **The AMCPS Amble on 22nd March.**



New Medal for 2025

Please use ParentPay to book your places.

The cost is £5 each but a maximum of £15 for a family. **When you book we need you to add the names of those running in the Notes Box...** otherwise we will not know how many numbers to allocate to your family if paying £15 but with more than 3 runners.

Tell your friends, as anyone can join us. We will respond to email requests from those not part of our school on ParentPay.



See the poster on Page 3

[Click Here](#) for our online (bigger) version.

School now closed until TUESDAY 25th February

Please remember the school is closed now until Tuesday 25th February - when we return to Book Week in school. **The children will focus on specific books or authors between 25-28th February!**

Kindness Café

We had our Term 3 Kindness Café today for those specifically identified by staff in Term 3 for being kind and supportive to others. At AMCPs we focus on the best behaviour first and reward kind citizens! When children are spotted doing 'the right thing', such as being kind and helpful, being thoughtful of others, sticking to the rules and continuously Paying Forward, they have the chance to be rewarded by being invited to the Kindness Café. The Café runs once a term, where children share hot chocolate and cookies (or suitable alternatives) with Mr Buckley and Mrs Cunningham.

Term 3's Café was today and we are all very proud of the following children:

Juniper	- Ariana and Rebecca
Willow	- Adele and Luke
1Ash	- Immanu'el and Eddie
1Oak	- Lily and Elliott
2Elm	- Tiwa and Leo
2Holly	- Aurora, Matteo and Arturo
3Maple	- Sophia and Jackson
3Pine	- Jaxson and Clementine
4Alder	- Sofia and Chelsea
4Birch	- Caspian, Darnie and Bless
5Spruce	- Amelia and Millie
5Yew	- Elliott and Tilly
6Rowan	- William and Eniola
6Sycamore	- Layla and Lucas



We are so proud of you all. Thank you for Being Kind and Paying Forward!

Thank you to our lovely kitchen staff, who made the treats for the children.

More Word Millionaires

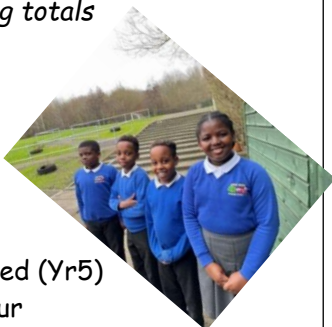
We are halfway through the school year and we have more Word Millionaires being announced.

[See Newsletter 17 for the first group.](#)

Keep enjoying your reading and use the half term break to catch up on some of your friends. *Is your class in a competition with another class? Don't let them get ahead of you in the holidays!*

We would expect older children to reach higher totals... here are the running totals for Years 4 to 6 from September.

- Year 4 = 11,854,548
- Year 5 = 11,286,305
- Year 6 = 32,925,038



Well done Daniel (Yr4), Jared (Yr5) and David & Eni (Yr6) on your reading achievement so far... keep it up!

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Girlguiding / Scouting - Founder's Day

Girlguiding and Scouting, have a special day on the 22nd February called Thinking Day or Founder's Day.

On this day, all members of Girlguiding and Scouting celebrate to remember their founder and pioneer Lord Baden-Powell, and his wife Lady Baden-Powell, both born on this date.

As this year the date falls on a weekend, children are invited to wear their Girl Guiding and Scouting uniforms on Tuesday 25th February...the first day of Term 4.



Festival of Tomorrow - 12th to 23rd February

The Festival of Tomorrow is taking place in venues across Swindon from 12th to 23rd February.

All of the children's tickets are free, and most adult tickets as well.

"Festival of Tomorrow is an action-packed exploration of the wonders of science, innovation and the arts to share new discoveries and technologies to help choose the future we want to see."

Further details here: <https://www.festivaloftomorrow.com/>



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PROJECT GAMBIA

The Blue Kite
Academy Trust

The Abbey Meads Amble 2025

22nd March 2025 - 5K

Walk – Jog – Run – Crawl



When: 22nd March 2025

Time: 11am Start
Registrations 10-10.45am

Come and join us for our annual AMCPS Amble.

One person's sprint is another person's amble. Come and walk, jog, run or even crawl around our specially designed 5K route around Abbey Meads and Seven Fields.

Come and try to set yourself a personal best. Can you beat your time from last year?

Whether a 20-minute dash or a scenic stroll, 5km is 5km (3.1 miles)! Amble, scramble or ramble your way around and **we will celebrate 'finish lines' not 'finish times'...** *unless you want to try for one of the fastest child age group times!*

£5 per person includes medal, number and a whole lot of fun!

We have introduced a £15 per family option for 2025

There will also be a race village with BBQ, cakes and other refreshments available. All money raised will be going to schools run by Project Gambia Charity.

<https://www.projectgambia200.com/>

ALL WELCOME TO THE RACE VILLAGE FOR REFRESHMENTS



Find out more about the charity,
by visiting this link:

<https://www.projectgambia200.com/>



Please look at this poster and get preparing!
The Abbey Meads Has Got Talent competition is coming! Be ready to compete in your classes and year groups between **3rd - 7th March**. You could find yourselves in the final on 14th March.



Abbey Meads has Talent!

TALENT SHOW

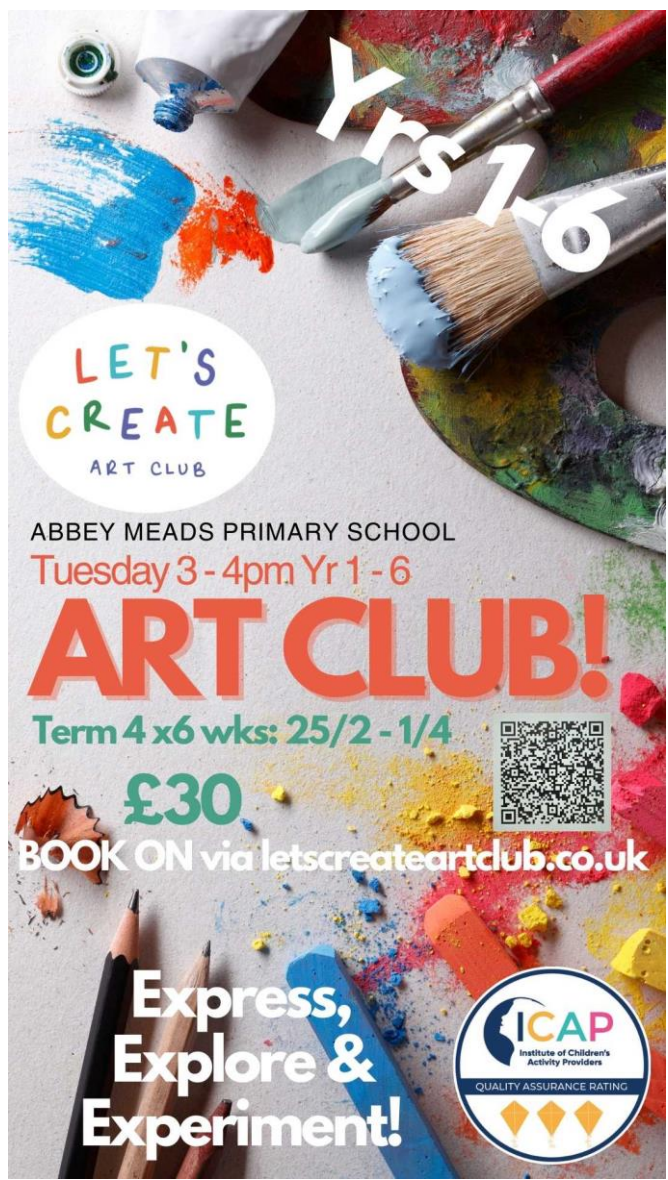
THE STAGE IS WAITING FOR YOU!

The Arts House Cup Competition 2025!

Present your talent to your year group week beginning March 3rd, to compete for a spot in the final in assembly on Friday March 14th

WHAT IS YOUR TALENT?
SINGING, DANCING, PLAYING AN INSTRUMENT, PERFORMING, MAGIC, SPORTING SKILLS...

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Yrs 1-6

LET'S CREATE
ART CLUB

ABBEY MEADS PRIMARY SCHOOL
Tuesday 3 - 4pm Yr 1 - 6

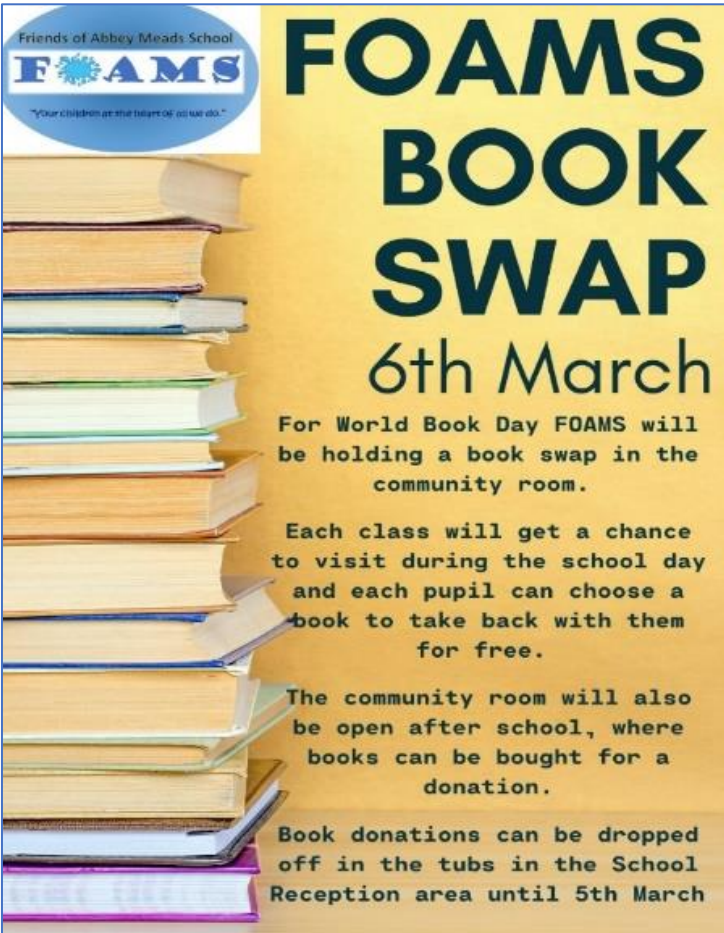

ART CLUB!

Term 4 x 6 wks: 25/2 - 1/4

£30

BOOK ON via letscreateartclub.co.uk

Express, Explore & Experiment!



Friends of Abbey Meads School
FOAMS
"Our children at the heart of all we do."

FOAMS BOOK SWAP

6th March

For World Book Day FOAMS will be holding a book swap in the community room.

Each class will get a chance to visit during the school day and each pupil can choose a book to take back with them for free.

The community room will also be open after school, where books can be bought for a donation.

Book donations can be dropped off in the tubs in the School Reception area until 5th March



SENSORY

MOVIE Showing

THE ROXI FOUNDATION

INSIDE OUT 2
08 MARCH, 2025
AT 2:00 PM
£5 ENTRY

GRANGE COMMUNITY CENTRE
Grange Drive, Swindon, SN3 4JY

www.theroxifoundation.co.uk

A Message from The Well Church

We will be opening up the church building in Abbey Meads on the Thursday morning of half term, 20th February.

We will be holding a 'stay and play' for families with children 11 years old and younger. A time of playing, games, craft and snacks. This session is **free of charge**. We'll be open from 9:30-12.

We are also starting our new toddler group straight after half term.

We will be meeting in the church building on Tuesday mornings, 9:30-11am.

Everyone is welcome for a time of play, craft, sing and fellowship.

Snacks and drinks are available and the **session is free of charge** to everyone.

Our first session is on 25th February.



THE WELL
CHURCH



Stay and Play
Ages 0-11
9:30-12:00
Thursday 20th February



THE WELL
CHURCH



Little Wellies
The Well Church
Tuesdays 9:30-11am, Abbey Meads



February Half Term Cycling

Moredon Sporting Hub, Swindon, SN2 2QJ

Bikes & helmets available to borrow

Monday 17th February

10:00 - 12:00 - Limitless Adult Cycling
12:00 - 13:00 - Limitless Kids & Family Cycling
14:00 - 16:00 - Family Cycling

Tuesday 18th February

09:30 - 10:15 - Whizzy Wheelers balance bike sessions for tots
11:00 - 12:00 - Ladies' learn to cycle & cycle confidence
09:00 - 16:00 - Kid's learn to cycle & cycle confidence sessions

Wednesday 19th February

09:00 - 16:00 - Kid's learn to cycle & cycle confidence sessions
10:00 - 12:00 - Pedal & Pastries

Thursday 20th February

10:00 - 12:00 - Limitless Adult Cycling
10:30 - 12:00 - Knobbly Tyres Kid's Mountain Biking
12:00 - 13:00 - Limitless Kids & Family Cycling
14:00 - 16:00 - Family Cycling

Friday 21st February

10:00 - 16:00 - Family Cycling

For more information and booking see the Moredon Sporting Hub website or call 01793 466499



BMX pump track & MSH mini roads FREE to use. Pay as you go track use outside of these hours.



HALF-TERM FAMILY CYCLING

Moredon Sporting Hub, Swindon, SN2 2QJ

£3.00 per child (One adult FREE)

Monday 17th February 2-4pm
Thursday 20th February 2-4pm
Friday 21st February 10- 4pm

A chance to practice your cycling skills as a family on the traffic-free cycle track. Bikes & helmets available to borrow on request.

Book your place via [Moredon Sporting Hub website](#) or pay at reception on arrival.



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UPCOMING EVENT DATES



SWINDON COFFEE MORNING

Support for Parents and Carers of Autistic Children - No Diagnosis Required

Our drop in group for parents and carers of autistic children (no diagnosis required). Come along and meet our Peer Educators and others who are there to listen, support, share experiences and offer signposting if needed.

No need to book, just turn up!

Goddard Arms, Old Town Swindon, SN1 3EG

Located in the semi-private area to the right as you walk in the main front door.

Wednesday 26th February 10:30-12:30



This takes place on the first Wednesday back after the mid-term break.

SWINDON COFFEE MORNING

Who are we and what to expect?

Bristol Autism Support is the south west regional hub for Autism Central. One of our main aims is to connect parents and carers of autistic people with each other. We want to create supportive safe spaces where we can share information with no judgement. Our in person coffee mornings are casual opportunities to meet other parents and carers along with our team of Peer Educators. We also share information about the free support and resources that Autism Central provide.

This month we are pleased to be joined by Jodie Clarke who is a local children's well-being practitioner & autism specialist. Jodie will be available to chat with parents and carers, sharing her wealth of experience and knowledge.



If you are looking to share experiences, make new friends, or maybe need some advice and support, please drop in for a drink (on us) and a chat. For more information please email kam.deller@bristolautismsupport.org



Our Swindon meet up is hosted by Kam, who is a Peer Educator for Bristol Autism Support/ Autism Central

A final note...

We have noticed an increase this term in children watching or accessing unsuitable TV shows and games. Squid Games has been coming up a lot, something none of our children should have seen due to its rating as a 15 which is due to 'its violent nature and sexual content'. We are sure you appreciate the issues it can cause by allowing children to access this content, not only are the topics inappropriate and often scary, it brings a strong chance that the children begin to normalise the level of violence shown, something we don't want at any age but especially at this very vulnerable primary age. Please be aware of what your child is watching as a lot of the clips are taken from the original show and shared on YouTube shorts and TikTok (another app that none of our children should have access to!)

We appreciate parents working with us to ensure the safeguarding of all children in accessing appropriate things only.



Follow us on Instagram @Lighthouse_BlueKiteTrust for regular tips, ideas and information on upcoming events!

An Extract from this term's Lighthouse Newsletter



Click below for the full Lighthouse Spring Newsletter



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