

House Point Cup Weekly Winners

The House Points earned this week were...

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| Silbury | 254pts |
| Ridgeway | 245pts |
| Avebury | 241pts |
| Kennet | 238pts |



Well done to all

Nursery News

We have had a very successful Induction, welcoming many new children. The children have been amazing; coming in and settling quickly.



We are thrilled to have so many children starting and now only have places for younger children who will be turning 3 and starting school in September 2025. Places for January available now if you contact the school office.

Curriculum Meetings Next Week

Next week we have our annual Curriculum Meetings. These are important meetings where the teachers share with you information about the learning your child will engage with this year. We want all children represented please, so don't forget to sign the register so we can see who came. **Please note Year 2 has moved.**

The meetings are as follows:

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| Monday 11 th September | Year 6 at 6pm |
| Tuesday 12 th September | Year 3 at 6pm |
| Wednesday 13 th September | Reception at 6pm |
| Wednesday 13 th September | Year 1 at 7pm |
| Thursday 14 th September | Year 5 at 6pm |
| Thursday 14 th September | Year 4 at 7pm |
| Tuesday 19 th September | Year 2 at 6pm |

Please come to the main school entrance and you will be let through to the appropriate classrooms.



Golden Book

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

Reception Children will appear here once the induction period is completed.

- Tobi and Luna (1Elm)
- Maaz and Freddie (1Holly)
- Maddie and Jaxon (2Beech)
- Joseph and Ava (2Hazel)
- Azriel and Wendy (3Alder)
- Bianca and Louie (3Birch)
- Stasio and Harley (4Chestnut)
- Rory, Romie and Amelia (4Hornbeam)
- Caitlin and Yeni (5Rowan)
- Layla and Kobi (5Sycamore)
- Ronnie and Ethan (6Juniper)
- William and Phoebe (6Willow)



Well done to all of you - keep it up!

Follow us on Twitter (X - or whatever you call it...!)

Please remember that we post updates on Twitter every week, including links to newsletters, updates from trips and, this year, weekly pictures from each age group of things the children are doing in class. Have a look now at the posts from this week.

[AMCPS-Swindon \(@AMCPS_Swindon\) / X \(twitter.com\)](https://twitter.com/AMCPS_Swindon)

Reception Classes will join in next week, with these parents having the additional opportunity using Tapestry.



Extra Curriculum Opportunities up and running

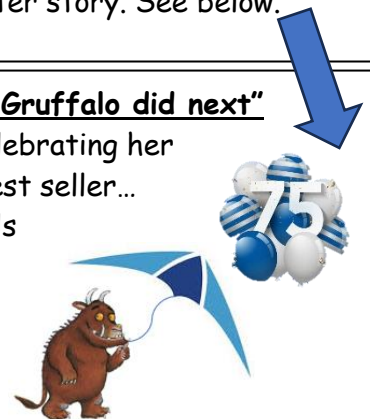
We have only been back a week and we have already had dance tuition from Swindon Dance for children in Years 1 and 5. Year 6 have workshops next week on Healthy Relationships, from Barnardo's. Recorders (Yrs4&5) and swimming (Y4) start next week and today we were the first school to contribute to Blue Kite's Gruffalo Twitter story. See below.

Year 6 Enjoy Trust Assembly and write first Twitter Entry for "What The Gruffalo did next"

On September 16th, Gruffalo author Julia Donaldson turns 75 and we will be celebrating her birthday alongside all Blue Kite schools. Together, we will be writing the next best seller...

'What the Gruffalo Did Next!' The oldest classes in each of the Blue Kite schools will be contributing their very own part of the story.

We enjoyed an assembly from Miss Horrobin at Blue Kite Trust and wrote our part of the story today. The story will be posted across Blue Kite's Twitter page towards the end of September, tweet by tweet, make sure you follow The Blue Kite Trust [@bluekitetrust](https://twitter.com/bluekitetrust), so you don't miss our fantastic contribution.



Parent Governor Roles available.

This week our Governance Professional sent home a letter and application forms for parents to be nominated for the role of Parent Governor.



With two of our governors moving to co-opted roles, as their children have moved to Year 7, we can now advertise two new parent positions. There is a reasonably short timescale attached to this process, so please have a look. Deadline 12pm on **15th** September 2023.

ALL parents can apply, whether you have been with the school 6 years or 6 minutes!

If we have more than two nominations we will hold an election where only parents may vote.

The only two stipulations are that these governors must have children in the school and not have any of the listed disqualifications.

See the letter again if you have missed it by looking in the [letters section](#) on the website.

<https://www.abbeymeads.swindon.sch.uk/newsletters-and-letters>
The letter opens in your downloads as a word document rather than the usual PDF, so you are able to complete nominations electronically.

Any further information can be found by contacting the Governance Professional using Kjolly@bluekitetrust.org or feel free to catch Mr Buckley or Mrs Cunningham, at the gate for a quick chat.

Secondary School Open Evenings. (see below)

These are happening quite soon.

GWA and Abbey Park are next week and Commonweal the week after.

When we receive information from other schools we will make sure they get sent out to relevant age groups.

These are important for Year 6 parents who need to choose their child's secondary school really soon.

Year 5 parents are invited to many of these too.



GWA GREAT WESTERN ACADEMY **SIXTH FORM GREAT WESTERN ACADEMY**

Open Evening for September 2024 Starters

Year 7 THURSDAY 14th SEPTEMBER 5:30 - 7:30PM

Sixth Form THURSDAY 12th OCTOBER 5:30 - 7:30PM

at Great Western Academy 01793 209700
Tadpole Garden Village, Swindon office@gwacademy.co.uk
www.gwacademy.co.uk



Abbey Park School Open Evenings

Tuesday 12th & Wednesday 13th September 2023, 5.00 - 7.30pm

We would like to invite parents of prospective pupils and their children in year 5 and 6 to our Open Evenings. Classrooms will be open, with displays of work, resources and equipment. There will be various activities that children can take part in to get a feel for life at Abbey Park School. Some of our pupil ambassadors will be in school to show you around, talk to you about life at Abbey Park and demonstrate examples of their work. Teaching staff and the leadership team will be readily available to answer all of your questions.

The evening will also include a presentation from Mr Young on the excellent opportunities Abbey Park School has to offer your child. These will take place at 6.00pm and 6.45pm.

Open Mornings

Wednesday 27th & Thursday 28th September 2023, 9.15 - 11.00am

Alternatively, or in addition to the open evenings, if you wish to see the school in action during the day, there are two open mornings. As there are limited spaces please book a place on one of these open mornings, please contact us on 01793 705400 or email admin@abbeyparkschool.org.uk

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These pages continue to be populated throughout the year.

COMMONWEAL SCHOOL

OPEN EVENING

Year 5 and 6 students/parents/carers are invited to our annual Open Evening
Wednesday 20th September 2023, 6pm - 8pm

Presentations by Mr Drew at 6pm, 6:45pm and 7:30pm
Booking is only required if you wish to attend a presentation
(all are welcome to tour the school)

Scan QR Code to make a booking

www.commonweal.co.uk The Mall Old Town Swindon SN1 4JE Tel: 01793 612727

Music @ The Gates

Hopefully by now you will be aware that we play music every morning to welcome you into school.

There is nearly always a theme, or an event linked to the music. For example, this week we have had 'Move on Up' by Curtis Mayfield (since all children were moving up to a new age group/class) and today we had 'World in Union' by Gustav Holst and Charlie Skarbek performed by Hayley Westenra to mark the start of the Rugby Union World Cup in France.

Interesting, that 'World in Union' is accredited in part to Gustav Holst. We wonder if anyone can work how he and Charlie wrote this song together, when Holst died in 1934 and Charlie was born in 1953? Oh, and sometimes Mr Buckley just chooses a **tune!**

