



Welcome Back to Term 4

Welcome back to term 4 and the second half of the school year already!

Thank you to those who have made a special effort to be in school on time. There will be letters sent out in future to those who are persistently late and records kept that may affect your child's attendance data. Gates open at 8.20am and we would like everyone ready to enter the classroom at 8.30am please. *Please arrive between 8.20-8.30.* We have 1 class closed on Thursday next week, as a result of the Teacher Strike, and the parents of this class have been told by email and hard copy letter. Please see below for the impact this has on World Book Day for our school.

WELCOME
BACK TO SCHOOL

House Point Cup Weekly Winners

The House Points earned this week were...

Avebury 444pts

Ridgeway 436pts

Silbury 426pts

Kennet 422pts



Well done to all!

Nursery News

We have loved welcoming all of our children back this week.

There is lots happening this term so please make sure you have read the topic letter and put the key dates on your calendar.

We hope to have green fingers as we will be planting lots of seeds, plants, herbs, fruits and vegetables. As always, we are grateful for any donations that could help us with our outdoor gardening project.



Family Learning

Thank you to all the staff who provided **Mid-Year Mindfulness and Well-Being** activities for our most recent **Family Learning** event on Tuesday.

We hope those who were able to join us enjoyed the activities (*yoga, playdough, music, art and Forest School*) and valued the opportunity to come in and have fun together as families.

We will let you know when the next Family Learning event takes place through this WEEKLY newsletter, so please watch this space and read the newsletter every week.



Comic Relief 17th March is Optional at AMCPS

Whilst we will recognise this event and allow children to come to school with red noses and non-uniform on this day, we are also aware that we can ask for too many donations at a time. You will have already received FOAMS Mother's Day raffle tickets to buy and our main charity this year is Project Gambia. If you would like to donate to Comic Relief please feel free to do so in the normal way outside school. If you'd like to help us support the children in our Gambian link schools, please use the [Project Gambia payment option on your ParentPay account](#).

Careful - there is more than one Project Gambia - ours is hyperlinked [here](#) for you.



Golden Book

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

Elizabeth and Stanley (Elm)

Arturo and Aurora (Holly)

James and Jack (1Beech)

Lily and Aidan (1Hazel)

James and Klara (2Alder)

Bianca and Grace (2Birch)

Phoebe and Daniel (3Chestnut)

Louie and Mark (3Hornbeam)

Aisla and Beatriz (4Rowan)

Harry and Layla (4Sycamore)

Jared and Kieran (5Juniper)

Jake and Kyan (5Willow)

Mo and Harry (6Glenmore)

Nadia and Elidi (6Pengelli)

Oliwia and Nick (6Sherwood)

Lathan and Megan (6Tollymore)



Well done everyone - keep it up!

World Book Day - CHANGE

World Book Day is nationally next Thursday, but in our school we are going to recognise it on **FRIDAY next week**.

All children will then have the opportunity to enjoy this day, *on the same day*.

Children are permitted to dress up as their favourite book character on this day - **BUT it is optional**.

If you do not have a costume (or do not like to dress up) just come in NON-uniform.

If you are thinking of going out and buying an outfit... **why not buy a book instead?**

We are sure if you bring in your new or favourite book you'll be able to to enjoy it in school that day.



[Click the poster for a bigger version and links](#)



PROJECT GAMBIA The Blue Kite Academy Trust

The Abbey Meads Amble 2023

5K Walk-Jog-Run-Crawl

When: 25th March 2023 **Time:** 10am Registrations 11am Start

Come and join us for what is affectionately known as The 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.

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 age group times!*

There is a small entry fee of £3.00 per person - but feel free to collect sponsors too!

There will be a medal for all finishers and a Fun Day to follow, with bouncy castles, BBQ, cakes and other refreshments available.

All money raised will be going to schools run by Project Gambia, a charity for which one of our Governors, Neil Griffiths, is a Trustee.

We hope to sponsor some children through a full year of education, in these charity run schools. To provide uniform, food and education for one child it costs just £60.00 a year. We hope each class will sponsor a child, if we raise sufficient funds.
(£2.00 from each AMCPs pupil would provide a full year's education for 15 infant children through Project Gambia)

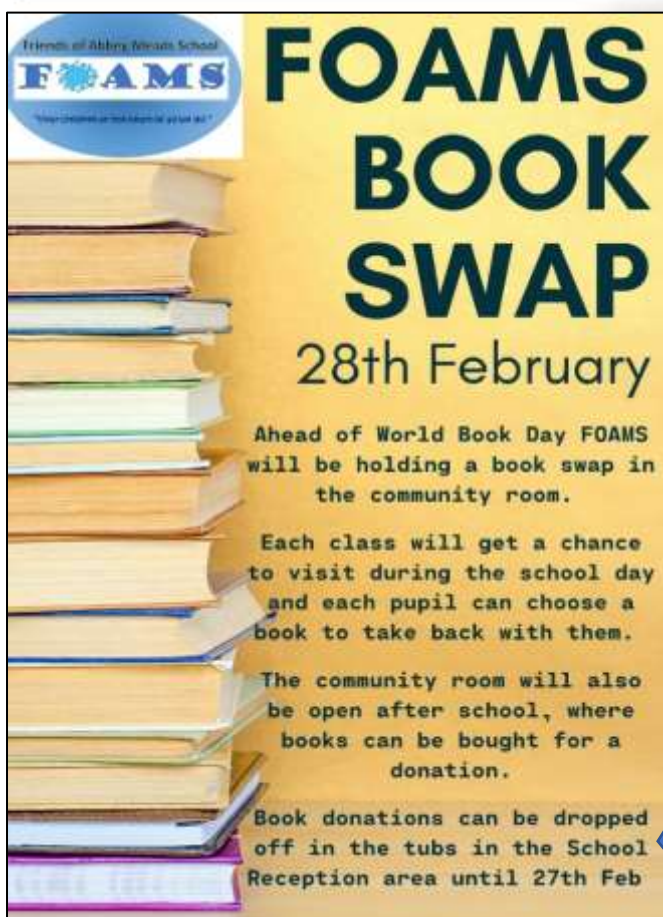
£3.00 entry fee To apply for this event, please visit **ParentPay**

Find out more about the charity, by visiting this link:
<https://www.projectsambia200.com/>

Abbey Meads Amble and FUN DAY

Numbers are rising for this event so here are a few bullet points to help you decide what to do.

- £3 per person regardless of age.
- Use the link on your ParentPay account to book places.
- Each paying runner gets a medal.
- **Children 9 years and older may run on their own - but must be registered on the day by a parent who will sign the permission slip to assume responsibility for this. These children must be met at the end of The Amble and accompanied to the Fun Day by an adult.**
- All runners can register and collect their number between 10am and 10.45 am on the day.
- The Amble starts at 11am and is a 5Km course with 3 marshalled small road crossings.
- You can run, jog, walk, crawl your way round - suitable for all ages and abilities - just get active!
- Entry on the day will cost more and we may need to order your medal after the event. Sign up now to avoid disappointment, pay less and pick up your medal on the day.
- *You can just come along, support others and join in the Fun Day at the end. BBQ, Bouncy Castle, etc.*



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FOAMS BOOK SWAP

28th February

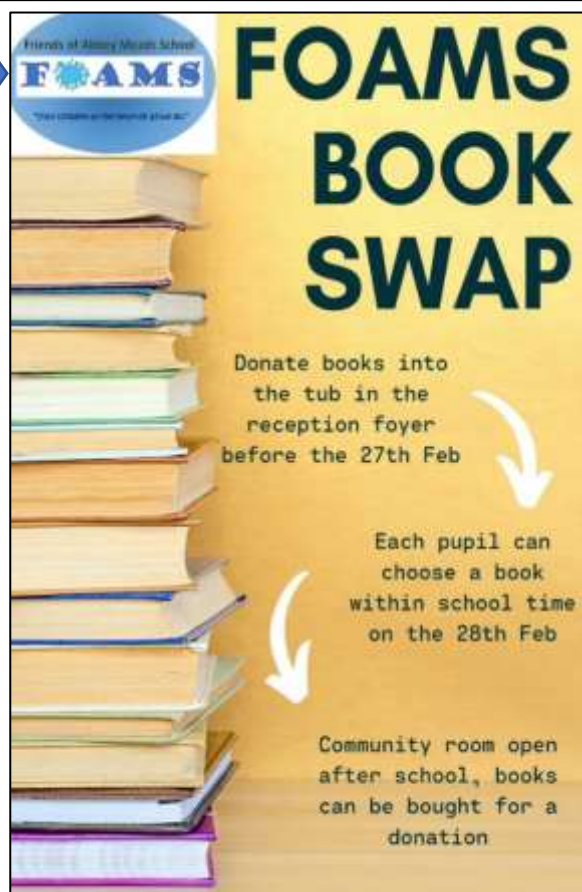
Ahead of World Book Day FOAMS will be holding a book swap in the community room.

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

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 27th Feb

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FOAMS BOOK SWAP

Donate books into the tub in the reception foyer before the 27th Feb

Each pupil can choose a book within school time on the 28th Feb

Community room open after school, books can be bought for a donation

Repeat item

Key Dates to come...

See the [dates page](#) on our website or the updated [School Diary Dates](#) for more detail...

28th Feb - FOAMS Book Swap - 3.15pm

3rd Mar - Non-Uniform - **Optional Dress Up for World Book Day. Don't worry about an outfit - if you don't have one/want one - buy a book instead!**

7th Mar - SATS Meeting - Yr6 Parents - 6pm

10th Mar - Yr3 Assembly - 9am both classes.

24th Mar - Yr2 Assembly - 9am both classes

25th Mar- The Abbey Meads Amble (ParentPay)

30th Mar - Year 5 Trip to Science Museum

30th Mar - Discos 5-6pm & 6.15-7.30pm

31st Mar - Last Day of Term 4

EASTER BREAK

17th April - First day Term 5

From 7.30am Sunshine & from 8.20am School.

18th & 20th Apr - Parent/Teacher Evenings

24th Apr - Mr. B's Parent Update/Forum - 6.30pm

1st May - SCHOOL CLOSED BANK HOLIDAY

8th May - SCHOOL CLOSED - CORONATION

9-12th May - Year 6 SATs Week

9th May - Year 3 Parent Meeting (Wilderness Y4)

19th May - Year 1 Assembly - 9am both classes

23rd May - Class Photos (*this is a date change!*)

25th May - Discos 5-6pm & 6.15-7.30pm

26th May - Last Day Term 5

Half Term Break

5th June - SCHOOL CLOSED

6th June - First Day Term 6

6-9th June - Special Week - Book Week

6th-23rd June - Year 4 Multiplication Test Period

6th June - New Parents Meeting (FS2 for Sept 23)

9th June - NON-UNIFORM Day (bottle donations)

9th & 10th June - CAMP OUT - Year 6 -letter to follow

12-16th June - KS1 Phonics Check Period

16th June - Reception Assembly 9am both classes

20th June - New Parents Meeting - Nursery 6.30pm

21st June - SPORTS DAYS (Backup on 28th if needed)

30th June - NON-UNIFORM - Chocolate donations

7th July - Summer Fete 4pm

11th July - Year 5 Parents Curric/Isle of Wight Meeting

13th July - REPORTS HOUR - 4.30pm

18th July - Year 6 LEAVERS EVENT - 7pm

19th July - Children Meet New Teachers

19th July Musical Extravaganza - 1.30pm

20th July - Discos - 5-6pm and 6.15-7.30pm

21st July - NON-UNIFORM Break the uniform Rules

24th July - Backup if needed for Musical Extravaganza

25th July - TUESDAY - Last Day of School Year!

Next Year's dates below as a reminder...

These are Sept 2023 to August 2024.

All dates as always are available here: [School Dates Page](#)



The Blue Kite Academy Trust

THE BLUE KITE ACADEMY TRUST - SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES 2023-24

3rd January 2024 is a Blue Kite Training Day (Schools Closed)
Schools add 5 Teacher Development Days to this calendar.

	Sep-23	Oct-23	Nov-23
Monday	1 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27
Tuesday	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28
Wednesday	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29
Thursday	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30
Friday	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24
Saturday	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25
Sunday	3 10 17 24 31	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26

	Dec-23	Jan-24	Feb-24
Monday	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26
Tuesday	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27
Wednesday	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28
Thursday	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29
Friday	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23
Saturday	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24
Sunday	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25

	Mar-24	Apr-24	May-24
Monday	4 11 18 25	3 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27
Tuesday	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28
Wednesday	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29
Thursday	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30
Friday	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31
Saturday	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25
Sunday	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26

	Jun-24	Jul-24	Aug 24 / Sept 24
Monday	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26 2
Tuesday	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27 3
Wednesday	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28 4
Thursday	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30 5
Friday	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31 6
Saturday	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24 31
Sunday	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25 1

Bank and Public Holidays 2023/24

Christmas Day Holiday	25th December 2023
Boxing Day Holiday	26th December 2023
New Year Holiday	1st January 2024
Good Friday	29th March 2024
Easter Monday	1st April 2024
May Day Holiday	6th May 2024
Spring Bank Holiday	27th May 2024
Summer Bank Holiday	28th August 2024

Girls win first league match

A great start to the season for the Girls Team running out 3-2 winners against Colebrook.



Abbey Meads were in control from the outset, and had a whole load of chances, that on another day would have been put away for sure. However, 2 quick fire goals from Frankie in the first half, followed by an excellent finish in the second half from Lily were enough to secure the 3 points.

Click the football so see Twitter post!

TIPS TO BUILD EMOTIONAL RESILIENCE IN KIDS



We wouldn't usually use the term 'kids' but this is an interesting and thought-provoking image with useful tips.

Expand the image to read the writing more clearly.