



## House Point Cup Weekly Winners

The House Points earned this week were...

Avebury	476pts
Kennet	469pts
Silbury	457pts
Ridgeway	453pts



**Well done to all**

## School Attendance

Please could all parents ensure that when informing us of your child's absence, the reason should be clear - we cannot accept unwell. We need to know the nature of the illness (eg. headache, temperature). Also, we need to be updated on a daily basis by calling the office (01793 723239 from 7am), leaving an answerphone message or emailing the office (admin@abbeymeads.swindon.sch.uk) by 8.30am.

For those of you arriving after the gates are closed, please note that your children receive a late mark, which affects their attendance data automatically collected by the authorities.

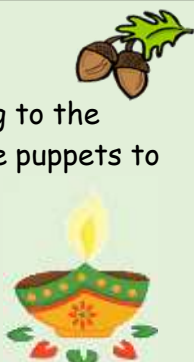
Thank you.



## Nursery News

We have been learning about Diwali this week. We have enjoyed listening to the story of Rama and Sita and using the puppets to retell the story in our own words.

We have been creating our own rangoli patterns and diva lamps. Some of our children celebrated Diwali with their families and were able to talk about their celebrations.



## Open Hour & Children in Need

Thank you to all who were able to come and share with their children, the work they have been doing so far this school year. We have 3 Open Hour Book Viewings a year - so check the calendar for next term's date.

Thank you also to those who sponsored our children running today. It isn't too late to sponsor Pudsey - see the link...

... [CLICK HERE TO SPONSOR PUDSEY](#)



## Golden Book

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

Jessica, George, Victoria, Fynn (Elm)  
 Max, Logan, Poppy, Emilia, Sanyukta (Holly)  
 Max, Clementine (1Beech)  
 Aidan, Eleanor (1Hazel)  
 Eloise, Jude (2Alder)  
 Zoe, Imogen (2Birch)  
 The Whole Year Group! (3Chestnut and 3Hornbeam)  
 Kyle, Zac (4Rowan)  
 Sienna, Elise, Theo R and Olivia S (4Sycamore)  
 Riley, Jared (5Juniper)  
 Brian, Sam (5Willow)  
 Leo, Max, Zach (6Glenmore)  
 Ellie, Amy, Ruby, Iris (6Pengelli)  
 Archie, Millie, Kira, Ashlinn (6Sherwood)  
 Sofia, Frankie (6Tollymore)



**Well done everyone - keep it up!**

## A Day at the Museum

As a result of successive years affected by Covid, Year 3 experienced their FIRST ever school trip this week and enjoyed a visit to the Corinium Museum in Cirencester. Even after an exciting coach trip they still had enough energy to walk to the museum. Once there, they fully immersed themselves in life as a Roman by dressing up, playing games (well done Daniel for beating Mr. Smith!) and making mosaics. They enjoyed looking closely at the artefacts on display and learning more about their history/meaning.

After a hearty lunch, there was a little more time for exploring before heading back to school on the coach.

**Well done Year 3,** for being excellent role models for Abbey Meads and thank you to all our parent helpers for ensuring the day ran smoothly.



### Swindon Christmas Toy Appeal

Please help us to help children across Swindon by donating toys for the Swindon Christmas Toy Appeal.



The Swindon Christmas Toy Appeal, run by churches across Swindon, is returning for the sixth year in a row. The aim is to bring a little hope and happiness to families who would find giving presents to their children very difficult without resorting to loans, especially this year when the cost of living is such a challenge.

Our School Councillors will be helping collect donations again this year. If you are able to donate a brand-new toy, for a child aged 0-16, and send it in to school by Friday 2nd December, we will ensure they are safely delivered and distributed to those in need across Swindon. **Thank you.**



**LOOK**

**NEXT TUESDAY**

**SUPPORT YOUR CHILD'S MENTAL HEALTH**

Drop in session for parents/carers  
Come & share ideas  
Join Mrs Cunningham & Mrs Hobbs  
Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> November & 6<sup>th</sup> December at 0850 hours  
In the Community Room

**Year 1 Geography Local Survey**



### Football League Match v Southfield



Abbey Meads' Mixed Football Team played against Southfield Junior School this week, in their second league match of the season. After two defeats so far, the team was in pursuit of a victory over their Highworth opponents. Despite some early possession in the midfield and hitting the post, AMCPS found themselves 2-0 down. In the second half, a succession of attacks saw us bring one back, before the home team scored 2 more. Yet, the team dusted themselves off and regained confidence in the closing stages of the game. Both Evan and Jack managed to find the net to end the match 4-3.

**Well done to Casey, David, Harry, Jaidan, Evan, Archie, Matty, Jack & Toby.** Attentions now switch to our final game, before the winter break, next week against St Leonard's.

### Carol Service Returns (but just for KS2)

After years of being unable to 'crowd' into Christ the Servant Church because of Covid restrictions, we will be returning this Christmas, but with a change. It will only feature children in Key Stage 2 (Years 3,4,5&6). ***The Carol Service will be at 9.15am on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2022.***

This will mean every Year Group has a Christmas 'performance' to which parents can attend. *We can also fit more comfortably into the church.*

Check letters from the classes and the calendar of events for dates times. [Click Here for Calendar](#)

**Nursery – Nativity – Monday 12<sup>th</sup>**

**Reception – Nativity – Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup>**

**Year 1 – Christmas Songs – Monday 12<sup>th</sup>**

**Year 2 – Christmas Play – Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Key Stage 2 – Carol Service – Friday 16<sup>th</sup>**

### Year 1 Field Work

On Thursday, a very excited Year 1 went on their first ever trip! We took a walk around the local area to see which human and physical geographical features we could find, and what facilities our local area has to offer! The children were very well behaved and thoroughly enjoyed pointing out what they observed, including some signs of autumn. Later in the year, we will walk to St Andrew's Ridge and make comparisons with what we saw around Abbey Meads.





# **NEXT Friday 25th November 2022 is NON-UNIFORM DAY**

## **... for Christmas Hamper Donations**

FOAMS are extremely grateful for any donation and will create hampers based on the donations made. Please do not worry about what to donate for a specific category, just donate something you feel able to give. The lists below are just ideas - you may have better ideas. Please ensure items are new and unopened:

Nursery & Reception	Ladies	Make up, toiletries, notelets, chocolates, picture frames, vouchers, magazines, alcohol, hair accessories, jewellery, scarves, candles, nail polish
Year 1	Gents	Toiletries, magazines, chocolates/sweets, alcohol, lottery ticket, snack food, books, stationery, crackers, games, mince pies, torch, socks, car or sport accessories, water bottle
Year 2	Children	Toys, scarves, games, paper, pens, magazines, sweets, hair accessories, puzzles, comics, pencil cases, books, art and crafts
Year 3	Grandparents	Christmas puddings, jar of mincemeat, books, alcohol, confectionery, biscuits, crackers, Christmas decorations or cards, wrapping paper, bookmarks, photo frames, stationery, kitchen accessories
Year 4	Christmas at home	Alcohol, crisps, popcorn, mince pies, crackers, Christmas puddings, wrapping paper, cards, tree decorations, tinsel, baubles, table decorations, vouchers, kitchen accessories
Year 5	Arts & Crafts	Pens, card or paper, stickers, colouring books, magazines, beads, painting, pencil cases, stickers, cross-stitch, designs of things to make, feathers, handmade gifts, origami paper, books or vouchers
Year 6	Hobbies	Sport equipment, golf balls, socks, tennis balls, games, playing cards, craft vouchers, sports or craft magazine, painting, baking, sewing, knitting, books, fishing, cars, DIY, cross stitch





**CHRISTMAS FAYRE**

**FRIDAY 9TH DECEMBER**

**5-7PM**

**ABBEY MEADS SCHOOL**

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SELLERS, CRAFTS, TOMBOLA,  
GAMES AND MORE

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WITH  
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