



## House Point Cup Weekly Winners

The House Points earned this week were...

Kennet	625pts
Ridgeway	623pts
Silbury	616pts
Avebury	609pts



Well done to all ... 1½ weeks there!

## Nursery News

We have had a very busy start to the term welcoming our youngest children.

They have been enjoying joining in with the stories and activities.

This week we have been reading, 'The Three Little Pigs' with an exciting surprise visit from the fire brigade on Friday.

What a treat to end the week!



## Places available in Sunshine Club

Are you looking for childcare?

- Need to get off to work early and would welcome a breakfast club place?
- Working from home, but need a little more time to finish off the day?
- Just want your children to have afterschool activities and fun at school 3-6pm?

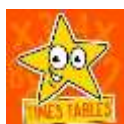
We have spaces available in our Sunshine Club - most days. Please contact the office to find out prices.

[Sunshine Club | Abbey Meads](#)



## MTC Year 4 Workshops

Thank you to all those who attended the Workshop on the Multiplication Tables Check for Year 4 children this week. Education is a partnership and without parents joining us in helping their children learn basic skills, we wouldn't achieve such high standards. The teachers have set up an online drive with all the resources and this link has been sent to all Yr4 parents. *Please download these files now as the link will not be there forever.*



## Golden Book

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

- Lexi and Summer (Elm)
- Evelyn and Maaz (Holly)
- Jake and Sophia (1Beech)
- Harper and Zachary (1Hazel)
- Elsie & Phoebe (2Alder)
- Bailey and Abiha (2Birch)
- Tilly, Davit and Harry (3Chestnut)
- Aleksander and Basirat (3Hornbeam)
- Addison and Zara (4Rowan)
- Kavin and Kayla (4Sycamore)
- Chaela and Haleema (5Juniper)
- Theo and Archie (5Willow)
- Joyel and Imani (6Glenmore)
- Harriet and Olivia (6Pengelli)
- Sebastian and Japjeet (6Sherwood)
- Sofia and Paulina (6Tollymore)



Well done everyone - keep it up!

## Diary Updates (Repeat items)

Please download and save the most up-to-date version of the school diary here: [Diary](#)



## Change: Phonics Meeting for Year 1 Parents

**Next Week = 17<sup>th</sup>** January 2023 - 6.30pm  
Please note that as a result of Mr Edwards leaving the school and Miss Hayes being absent through illness last week, we moved the Year 1 Phonics Meeting, **for parents only**, to Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2023. This means it is moved back a full week from the original date and time. *So, as informed last week, the meeting is 6.30pm on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> - next week... see you all there!*

## New: The Next Family Learning Event is...

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 3.15-4.30pm  
(First day of Term 4)

Please pencil this date in your diaries.

The focus will be:

**Well-Being, Mindfulness and Mental Health.**

More details to follow, but please put this date in your diaries/on your calendars now.

## ALL Year Group Assemblies now ONLY at 9am

**Year 4 please see page 2 NOW! BIG CHANGE!**

All year group assemblies, from now on, will be 9am for ALL PARENTS from BOTH CLASSES.

(Unless we have another emergency health reason to change!)



## Fire Service Visit Children at AMCPs

@AMCPs\_Swindon children in Reception and Year 2 had a visit from Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service. They learnt about the role of firefighters, how they keep us safe and what the children can do to help stay safe. The Fire Service came back on Friday to see Nursery, as important people who help us!  
*Year 5 are lucky enough to have a visit too... next week!*



Please look at this presentation link highlighted below, which can be opened on any device with internet access. Please look through the information with your child, so they can share with you what they have learnt. At the end you will find a link to a short quiz to do with your child. In the summer, one entry will be picked to win a VIP trip to a fire station for the winning child and their school will win a £50 book token.

Click here: [Be Aware and Take Care : Home Safety Information](#)

Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service

## A Huge Thank you from Senior Citizens

Thank you so much, to everyone who participated in **Be A Santa To A Senior 2022**. This year's campaign went amazingly well, thanks to your generosity. They had the highest number of "Santa-Grams" ever and were able to give a total of 400 Santa-Grams to older people this year. These were distributed to individuals across the area of Swindon, the Vale of White Horse and Wantage. 120 Santa-Grams were given to Swindon Seniors Forum for onward distribution, 50 went to Highworth Forget Me Not Memory Café and 65 went to Christchurch Swindon to be given to people attending their "Alone At Christmas" event on Christmas day. In addition, they were able to gift over 50 large items that wouldn't fit in A4 envelopes to the Great Western Hospital's Bright Futures campaign and these gifts were added to shoe boxes to make gifts for older patients in hospital at Christmas. Many of the recipients of the Santa-Grams have given feedback to say how much they appreciated them, especially the artwork and messages from children. One lady was moved to tears of joy when she opened her Santa-Gram. It is heart-warming what these gifts and well-wishes mean to people. Thanks for bringing this joy to many older people at Christmas time.



## Year 4 Field Trip and Assembly

Letters and reminders have gone out this week to all Year 4 children regarding the final details before their trip to The Wilderness Centre at the end of this month.



We also have a change of date for your assembly so please note:



**Year 4 Assembly is ALTOGETHER  
9am only on THURSDAY 9<sup>th</sup> February 2023.**

*Although we send letters, text messages and a weekly newsletter, some people still miss information. Please pass this change on to anyone you know with children in this age group.... Thank you!*

## Menu Change Next Week!

As a result of difficulty with food deliveries etc. there are changes to next week's menus as follows: Please note that the menu on:

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January** has different **ALLERGY** information for Chicken Burgers (Gluten/Milk/Celery)



**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January** has changed and needs reordering.

Any meal selections already booked for Thursday have been cancelled. You will need to reorder your child's meal for this day, so please go back in and make a new choice. *Pizza is on the menu.*





## Save the Date - The Abbey Meads Amble 2023

Become an Ambler on Saturday 25th March 2023 at 11am, at the first ever AMCPS Amble.

Unless you are a world record holder, one person's sprint is another person's amble.



So come and Walk, Jog or Run our special 5K route around Abbey Meads and Seven Fields. Whether a 20 minute dash or a scenic stroll-5km=5km (3.1 miles for those still trying to work it out...!) Amble, Scramble or Ramble your way around and we will celebrate finish-lines not finish-times ... *unless a few competitive types want to try for the fastest age group times!*

There will be medals for all finishers and a Fun Day to follow with Bouncy Castles, BBQ, cakes and other refreshments.

There will be a small entry fee (or collect sponsors to a higher amount) and all money raised will be going to Project Gambia. We hope that every Year Group will be able to sponsor a child through a full year of education in one of these charity-run schools.



**PROJECT GAMBIA**

Hyperlinked

**Application forms will follow in the next two weeks.**

## Fortnightly Parents' Drop-in - Next Week

This term the Drop-in moves to an afternoon. If you'd like to 'drop-in' and see Mrs Hobbs and Mrs Cunningham about any worries (health, behaviour, feelings, parenting, just to see someone!) then please come along to the main entrance on **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> Jan at 2.15pm**



tea & biscuits

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