



## Welcome Back to Term 2

Welcome back to the start of Term 2.

It is hard to believe we've been away, with everyone hitting the ground running.

This first week back has been very busy, with a visit from our Chair of Trustees from The Blue Kite Trust on Wednesday, followed by a full day Quality Assurance Review from the Trust on Thursday.

We held our meeting for Year 5 parents about next year's Isle of Wight Trip, which was really well attended.

Today Mr Griffiths spent the day in Nursery and Reception classes reading stories and we have continued to consult and train staff about our updated behaviour policy. Parents find out more next week if you come to the Parent Update.



## Nursery News

Nursery is looking like a pumpkin patch.

We have pumpkins galore, all sizes, colours and patterns. We have enjoyed reading some amazing books, What's in the witches kitchen? The Pumpkin who was afraid of the Dark, and Meg and Mog to name a few. They have inspired our work, creating some exciting spells. We ended the week with pumpkin rolling and then made the pumpkins into bird feeders that could hang outside now the weather is getting colder. What a great week!



## Parent Update - Reminder...

The parent update moved to **TUESDAY 8<sup>th</sup> November 2022 -6pm in the school hall.**

There will be a focus on our reviewed Behaviour Policy and an opportunity for parents to understand the school's approach to behaviour management.

There will also be an opportunity to discuss the school's approach to the teaching of Relationship and Sex Education, as both an informative presentation and a consultation process with those able to attend.

### Parent Updates Adults Only.

**If you would like to attend the Parent Update on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November at 6pm in the school hall - please email**

**[admin@abbeymeads.swindon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@abbeymeads.swindon.sch.uk)**

**or call us on 723239 to book a place.**



## House Point Cup Weekly Winners

The House Points earned this week were...

Silbury	555pts
Ridgeway	534pts
Avebury	529pts
Kennet	525pts



**Well done to all**

## Golden Book

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

*Reception Children join this assembly in Term 2.*

**Lorena, Stanley and Aurora (Elm)**

**Henry and Kaylee (Holly)**

**Callie and Nathaniel (1Beech)**

**Loki and Julia (1Hazel)**

**Harrison and Daisy (2Alder)**

**Ashton and Oliver (2Birch)**

**Tilly and Harley (3Chestnut)**

**Jaxon and Amelia (3Hornbeam)**

**Oscar and Oliver (4Rowan)**

**Seb and Andrew (4Sycamore)**

**Rozal and Heidi (5Juniper)**

**Ava H and Mike (5Willow)**

**Elliott and Scarlett (6Glenmore)**

**Alicia and Alfie (6Pengelli)**

**Jayden, Lily and Casey (6Sherwood)**

**Danny and Frankie (6Tollymore)**



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

## Children in Need - 18<sup>th</sup> November

*Please see the poster on page 3.*

*Children can come to school in SPOTS but can also come in just non-uniform if that is too difficult.*

*No pressure from school either way!*

*We would be grateful if families donated £1 each using the link below (and on the poster) to support our sponsored running on the day.*



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### Seasonal Flu Nasal Vaccines

These Nasal Vaccinations take place in school on 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2022. Please go online here and either accept or decline this vaccine for your child.



<https://schoolimms.hcrgcaregroup.com/flu/2022/swindon>

**Please note that this link with close at midnight on: Sunday 13th November 2022**

If you have any difficulties with completing the consent form, please contact the Immunisation Team on our Single Point of Access (SPA).  
Tel: 0300 247 0082 (lines are open 9.00 until 16.30)  
Email: [vcl.immunisations@nhs.net](mailto:vcl.immunisations@nhs.net)

It is important that you respond prior to this date for your child to receive their flu immunisation at the school session, as there will only be one visit to their school this season. After your child has been vaccinated (if consent provided) you will receive an automated email to confirm this and provide post-immunisation advice.

### Drop ins!

Mrs Cunningham and Mrs Hobbs would like to invite you to 'Parent Drop ins'. This will happen fortnightly, starting next Tuesday at 8.50am. They are very informal, a chance to have a chat and share ideas. Following on from requests from our recent Parent Questionnaire, our initial sessions will be focusing on Supporting your child's Mental Health.

**There will be biscuits!**

We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday November 8th.

**See the poster on Page 5**



### Year 1 Phonics - Year 1 Parents Please Read.

Year 1 Parents are offered the opportunity next week to see Phonics Lessons being taught by Miss Hayes and Mr Edwards.

At 9am on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, they will be running sessions for parents to **choose one session** and request to attend.

Places are limited and will be a first come first served basis.



The sessions will last around 30 minutes.

Please contact the office on Monday to book one of the restricted number of places.

The school office is 01793 723239 or email [admin@abbeymeads.swindon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@abbeymeads.swindon.sch.uk)

This will be followed up in January, when parents will be invited to a workshop to discuss the Government's Key Stage One Phonics Screening, be given additional resources and learn ways you can continue to support your child's learning towards this 'check', which takes place in the week beginning 12<sup>th</sup> June 2023.

### Amazing Dancers!

These two wonderful children from Year 3, competed at the Weymouth Dance Festival during the half term break.

In a Character category, Florence danced as Cinderella and was awarded the Bronze medal.

Amelia danced as an owl and was awarded the Gold medal. Amelia was also awarded third place for her ballet solo.



**Well done girls on your amazing achievements.**



### Parking

Please help us to keep healthy relationships with our local residents.

We continue to receive complaints about people parking inappropriately, or blocking driveways etc. Please consider others when dropping off your child. 'I will only be a few minutes' is only a few minutes too long. Mr Buckley has even had to ask people to stop parking in the driveway to the shops car park. Enormous lorries go up and down there, parking either side is dangerous, parking both sides is irresponsible. Both are on double yellow lines! Please set off earlier, or park a little further away and walk, or just walk - but please do not use dropping children off at school as an excuse to park illegally or disrespect local residents by blocking their driveways or parking on verges. Sorry to have to ask this - and thanks to all who do follow the highway code.





Our school is raising lots  
with the help of spots for  
BBC Children in Need!

On **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November**  
children can come into school  
dressed in spots (non-uniform).

*If you do not have 'spotty' clothing then general non  
uniform is fine!*



We are also taking part in

Children will be walking/running around the track to  
show their support for Children in Need.

*Please ensure they are wearing sensible shoes to be able to do this!*

*All that we ask is for a small donation of £1 to sponsor your child with  
their run! Of course any amount will be greatly received!*

*Thank you for your support with this amazing charity!*

**PLEASE DO NOT SEND IN CASH**

Please use this link to make a donation via ParentPay which goes directly  
to Children in Need without bringing cash to school or involving trips to the bank.  
<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=8731>

8 <sup>th</sup> , 9 <sup>th</sup> & 10 <sup>th</sup>	9am each day	Parents of Year 1 children, observe Phonics Lesson in school <b>by appointment.</b>	
8 <sup>th</sup>	6pm	Parent Update from Mr. Buckley - <i>FACE TO FACE IN SCHOOL HALL</i>	
8 <sup>th</sup>	7pm	FOAMS Meeting - all welcome	Parents
11 <sup>th</sup>	9am & 9.45am	Year 5 Curriculum Assembly - 9am Juniper & 9.45am Willow	Year 5 Parents
14 <sup>th</sup>	6.15pm	Local Governing Body	Governors
16 <sup>th</sup>	3-4pm	Book Look - (parents visit the class with their child as guide)	Families
25 <sup>th</sup>	All day	Non-Uniform Day - donations for FOAMS Hampers please.	
December 9 <sup>th</sup>	5-7pm	Christmas Fete	Families
12 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Acorn Nativity	Acorn Parents
12 <sup>th</sup>	2pm	Year 1 Christmas Songs	Y1 Parents
13 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	Reception Nativity - <i>parents attend 1 performance only</i>	FS2 Parents
	2pm	Reception Nativity - <i>parents attend 1 performance only</i>	FS2 Parents
14 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	Year 2 Christmas Play - <i>parents attend 1 performance only</i>	Y2 Parents
	2pm	Year 2 Christmas Play - <i>parents attend 1 performance only</i>	Y2 Parents
15 <sup>th</sup>	Lunchtime	Christmas Lunch (all year groups)	Children
15 <sup>th</sup>	5pm and 6.15pm	<b>Discos (5-6pm FS2&amp;KS1 - 6.15-7.30pm KS2 )</b>	
16 <sup>th</sup>		LAST DAY of term 2 - 3pm (6pm Sunshine Club)	

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Our next **Bag2School** collection has been arranged for

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2022  
**before 9am**

in Community Room

please use the outside door by the staff car park

Any questions - please ask Tracy Badger in the School Office

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## Parent Questionnaire

Thank you very much for the overwhelming response we had to our Parent Questionnaire.

We are processing all the data and will report back in a newsletter soon.

If you want to see the feedback first, attend the Parent Update on Tuesday next week - see page 1.

## YEAR 5 ASSEMBLIES

As per the calendar, these are Next Friday.

9am Juniper Parents  
9.45am Willow Parents

We hope to see you there

## Stay Safe

Enjoy your Bonfire and Fireworks, if having them, this weekend.

More importantly make sure you stay safe.

See you all on Monday!



SUPPORT YOUR  
CHILD'S  
MENTAL HEALTH

Drop in session for parents/carers

Come & share ideas

Join Mrs Cunningham & Mrs Hobbis

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> November & 6<sup>th</sup>

December at 0850 hours

In the Community Room