

Queen Elizabeth II - 1926-2022

We are sure you will all be aware of the sad news regarding the death of Queen Elizabeth II. This is a sad time for our Nation, and many people across the World.



We would like to send our deepest condolences to the Royal Family at this most difficult time. Queen Elizabeth II led an honourable life filled with kindness and love.

In her 96 years (70 years as Queen), she has inspired generations with her courageous effort and dedication to our country. Even presenting radio messages to evacuee children, as our Princess, during the second World War.

We are all grateful for her lifelong service, and dedication to our country. As the longest reigning monarch in history, all but one of our school staff have only known one Monarch in their lifetime. Our thoughts are with the family of the Queen, as this is the saddest of times for our new King and the rest of his family.

As Paddington Tweeted today:

"Thank you, Ma'am, for everything."



Isle of Wight Trips - Year 6

With the sad news yesterday, it is obvious that there may be some impact on our trips to the Isle of Wight, as a result of national events.



At present, we do not predict any impact on the trip for Glenmore and Pengelli next week.

For the second week, we are still waiting to hear what dates are formally set for the Queen's funeral and associated Bank Holidays, alongside information from venues we are scheduled to visit.

Once we are better informed, we will let the families from Sherwood and Tollymore know of any enforced alterations to our plans.

EYFS Equipment

Apologies to have to make this request in the first full newsletter, but please can all parents ensure their children stay off the equipment in the Nursery and Reception playgrounds before school. In less than a week, there have already been a number of times when the outdoor learning areas have been damaged or prepared lessons ruined. Children must stay with their parents until they enter the classroom at 8.30am.



House Point Cup Weekly Winners

The House Points earned this week were...

Silbury	232pts
Ridgeway	229pts
Kennet	225pts
Avebury	224pts



Well done to all

Nursery News

It has been lovely to see all our new children this week settling into nursery so well. We have enjoyed exploring the classroom and outside area.



We still have a few spaces if anyone is looking for nursery provision.

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.



- Harry and Maddie (1Beech)
- Joseph and Eliza (1Hazel)
- Robin and Sophie (2Birch)
- James and Erin (2Alder)
- Stasio and Liliana (3Chestnut)
- Oscar and Eli (3Hornbeam)
- David and Charlotte (4Rowan)
- Olivia T and Ashmeet (4Sycamore)
- Matvii and Logan (5Juniper)
- Phoebe and Zayed (5Willow)
- Jaydon H and Zahra (6Glenmore)
- Karyna and Spencer (6Pengelli)
- Oliver and Izzy D (6Sherwood)
- Sofia and Erin (6Tollymore)



Well done everyone - keep it up!

Curriculum Evenings

Thank you to all who came to find out about the curriculum in your child's class for 2022-2023. If you were unable to attend, please keep an eye on the website and we will let you know when all the class letters and topic webs are uploaded.



House Captains

Congratulations to the following superstars, selected to be House Captains for 2022-23. Well done to you all, you must be excellent role models to be considered for such positions, never mind appointed! **Well Done** all.

Avebury	Casey and Harriet
Kennet	Arthur and Ashlinn
Ridgeway	Sofia and Samukelo
Silbury	Holly and Spencer



School Dates and Calendar (repeat from News 1)

These are available on our website and remain unchanged from July. If you haven't seen them yet, please click the links below:

[General Dates Page on our AMCPS Website](#)
[School Term Dates for 2022-2023 AND 2023-2024](#)
[School Calendar of Events](#)

For the School Calendar of Events, if the link above doesn't work, go to the [dates page](#) and click on the label **Diary Dates 2022-2023** and this will also take you to a direct download.



Catering Assistant Needed

We have a position in our kitchen come available. It is for 26.5 hours a week at £9.62 hr.

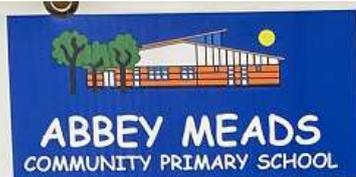
Pay likely to increase shortly due to Support Staff pay awards.

Actual 'take home pay' is hard to estimate as all people have different circumstances regarding tax, pension, credits etc. but if interested please contact Mrs Godwin in the School Kitchen. We will issue all interested people with an application form and follow up with references -since it is in a school, working with children, we of course take our safeguarding very seriously.

Please knock on the kitchen door for more information on the role from Mrs Godwin or ask in the office if you would like an application form.

Application forms will be available next week.

Interviews will be announced once we have applicants.



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Primary School Nursery**

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FRIENDS OF ABBEY MEADS NEEDS YOU



MORE ABOUT FOAMS

How you can help volunteer with FOAMS?

#1

Join our meetings, throw new ideas around and help with the planning of upcoming events.

#2

Help at our events to make them run smoother. Even if it's just to set up or take down.

#3

Do you work somewhere that donates to registered charities such as FOAMS?

#4

Can you create fun games for fayres and other events?

#5

The odd hour here and there really goes a long way before bigger event preparations.



WHAT WE DO?

We plan fun events throughout the school year such as school discos, summer and Christmas fayres, competitions, raffles and more.

WHERE DOES THE MONEY GO?

All money raised goes straight back into the school and benefits your child(ren). FOAMS frequently donates money towards the coaches for school trips, class activities, leaver's hoodies, as well as bigger projects such as the trim trail on the field.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

We are always so grateful of any help you are able to offer—you don't have to make every meeting! If we have more volunteers to help with the preparation and set up of events (especially the bigger ones) it makes them run smoother. Many hands make light work, and even the odd errand or half hour or two makes a huge difference.

INTERESTED? WANT TO KNOW MORE?

email us: foams@abbeymeads.swindon.sch.uk
Follow us on Facebook! www.facebook.com/foamsfundraising

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School Visits

There are three ways of seeing our school and you may choose all or some of these.

1. Virtual Tour [Available on our Website](#)
2. Reception Class Video [Available on our Website](#)
3. Face to Face tour with Headteacher **BY APPOINTMENT ONLY**

If it is completely impossible for you to make use of these arrangements, please contact the school to discuss how we can help you. make an informed decision.

School Places

If your child's 4th birthday is between September 2022-August 2023 apply online via www.swindon.gov.uk (to start school in September 2023)

Nursery Places

We accept children from 3 years old in our Nursery classes
Please contact us for an application form

Tour Dates and Times 2022

Please telephone the school office for an appointment to see the school.

- ⇒ Where possible Mr Buckley will give you a tour, replaced by his Deputy Mrs Cunningham if needed.
- ⇒ Group tour sizes are restricted on a first come first served basis.
- ⇒ Pushchairs are difficult to manage in a busy school, so please avoid if possible.
- ⇒ Telephone 01793 723239 or email: admin@abbeymeads.swindon.sch.uk to book a tour.

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Reception Places 2023

Do you know anyone needing a school place for September 2023?

Even if they are in the Nursery or if they have brothers and sisters in the school - you still need to apply.

We also have places in our Nursery (see page 2)

See the poster here and make contact so we can help you apply in time and make sure your child is down to apply for a place at our school next year.