



Turkey & Syria

We have families within our community, who are personally affected by this recent ongoing tragedy. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. If there is anything we can do as a community, beyond normal donations, please ask.



House Point Cup Weekly Winners

The House Points earned this week were...

Kennet	627pts
Silbury	623pts
Ridgeway	618pts
Avebury	614pts



Well done to all!

Nursery News

What a fantastic end to the term, learning about the story of 'Three Billy Goats Gruff' and the grumpy troll under the bridge. The children have been developing their positional language and extending their vocabulary by using lots of new words to describe the troll. We planted our own grass and look forward to seeing it grow over the next few weeks. Some children haven't yet seen a goat, so, if anyone has any free time over the half term, you could go on a goat hunt! Make sure you post any pictures on tapestry.



Year 4 Assembly to The Wilderness

Thank you to the families who came to enjoy the amazing assembly from Year 4 yesterday. It is really clear that the children have not only been learning a lot in class recently, but that they also had an amazing time on the trip to The Wilderness Centre. We heard all about their adventures in tunnels and climbing crate stacks as well as lots of humour and points where we had to wait for the audience to stop laughing. There was a wonderful delivery of lines, consisting of advanced and well used vocabulary, plus excellent singing of campfire songs in both English and Polish. From getting fitted sheets on to mattresses, through numerous exciting activities, to packing suitcases and folding up sleeping bags - all had an amazing time and learned so many life skills as well. As one child put it, "We are very proud of our accomplishments." Thank you Year 4 team, pupils and staff!



We are very proud of you all!

Half Term Holiday starts today!

Well, that was a short term, and there is an equally short term to follow. We are now **closed until 21st February**. Yes, that is a **TUESDAY**, as we have a training day on Monday 20th February. So, we will see you all again on Tuesday 21st February from 7.30am for Sunshine Breakfast Club and from 8.20am for the school and morning nursery. We hope you enjoy your break and remember that screen free time at the weekends!



Golden Book

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

- Natan and Elisa (Elm)
- Samuel and Matilda (Holly)
- George and Nathaniel (1Beech)
- Hannah and Jacob (1Hazel)
- Ava and Abdul Hadi (2Alder)
- Ruby and Caden (2Birch)
- Isla and Harley (3Chestnut)
- Aurora and Dylan (3Hornbeam)
- Shay and Ollie H (4Rowan)
- Kobi and Toby (4Sycamore)
- Evie W and Vincent (5Juniper)
- Aya, Aviana and Arthur (5Willow)
- Samukelo and Thomas (6Glenmore)
- Iris and Ellie (6Pengelli)
- Charlie and Harry T (6Sherwood)
- Jack and Evan (6Tollymore)



Well done everyone - keep it up!

Swimming Info for Year 3 Parents

Just a reminder that swimming for Year 3 this year is moving to the summer terms, when we plan to get a mobile swimming pool on site, so the children can swim every day. We hope this new approach will mean the children improve their swimming better, following an intensive course, than being spread over 16 weeks. It also saves the environment with many weeks of coach journeys removed.



Family Learning - Next Event

21st February 2023- 3.15pm until 4.30pm

The Mid-Year Mindfulness Family Learning Event

is on the first day back next term on 21st February 2023 - **Please see page 3 NOW**



People just love it at The Kindness Café

Congratulations to these children on being chosen by the Teaching Assistants for being kind and doing the right thing at break times. Far too often in our society we seem to focus on those doing the wrong thing, and take others for granted. At AMCPS we always try to focus on best behaviour first and children regularly collect house points for being kind citizens; over 2000 a week! When children are spotted doing 'the right thing' - just being kind, helpful, Thoughtful, sticking to the rules and continuously Paying Forward - they have the chance to be rewarded by being invited to the Kindness Café once a term to share hot chocolate and cookies with Mr Buckley and Mrs Cunningham. This is the first Kindness Café of 2023, and these children should be congratulated for their excellent citizenship!



We are so proud of:

Elm	- George and Mia
Holly	- Freddie and Imogen
1Beech	- Kayson and Tola
1Hazel	- Jaxon and Daisy H
2Alder	- James and Daniel
2Birch	- Ashton and Harper
3Chestnut	- Matilda and Mason
3Hornbeam	- Adrian and Ava-Mae
4 Rowan	- Oliver W and Riley P
4Sycamore	- Olivia and Seb
5Juniper	- Vincent and Isla
5Willow	- Jessica and Keydie
6Glenmore	- Georgia and Elsie
6Pengelli	- Alicia and Iris
6Sherwood	- Oliver and Japjeet
6Tollymore	- Paulina and Evelyn



Girlguiding/Scouting Thinking Day (repeat item)

Girlguiding and Scouting, have a special day on 22nd February called Thinking Day or Founder's Day. On this day, all members of Girlguiding and Scouting celebrate to remember their founders and pioneers, Lord Baden-Powell and his wife, Lady Baden-Powell, both of whom were born on 22nd February.



On this day they think about their **Promise**, the Girlguiding and Scouting heritage and their members around the globe, as both have organisations all over the world. Children from these organisations are permitted to wear their Girlguiding or Scouting uniforms on this day, to show the world that both organisations are still very much alive and going strong in the 21st Century!

Perhaps they could recite their Promise to the class on this day and explain what it means?

Discos another success

Thank you Miss Hayes and Mr Badger our resident DJs for the FOAMS Discos.

All had an amazing time, including some very loud singing along to certain tracks. We hope you all enjoyed the discos, which happen termly thanks to the voluntary work of staff and a small number of parents.



Can you help at a FOAMS event?

Email FOAMS: foams@abbeymeads.swindon.sch.uk

Lockdown / Fire Drill

We had another drill this week to make sure that the alarms work correctly, and that people know how to respond to each sound. It all went as planned and we are pleased to report no real emergency was experienced. All children were really sensible during these drills, which are held as part of our annual safeguarding events.



FAMILY LEARNING - NEXT EVENT
First Day After School Next Term!

[*linked to website poster...*](#)

Mid-Year Mindfulness
3:15 - 4:30 Tuesday 21st February

YOGA

**PLAY
DOUGH**

**FOREST
SCHOOL**

**SENSORY
TRAYS**

SINGING

Fun for all the family!
Everyone welcome!



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 Ambler**. 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 ANCPs 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](#)

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Find out more about the charity,
by visiting this link:

<https://www.projectgambia200.com/>

Evan Captains Swindon Schools' team
Congratulations to Evan who has been handed the Captain's Armband a number of times this season.

Last weekend he led Swindon Primary Schools Football Association's U11 Rep Side against Gloucester and enjoyed a hard fought 4-1 win.

Below, you can see Evan receiving his arm band from Mr Beale (who took over the Rep side from Mr Buckley in 1999) and an action shot from the match.



Year 2 Geography Fieldwork

Earlier in the week, Year Two completed their geography field trip to Abbey Meads centre. Children gathered information about the number of pedestrians in different locations using tally charts. The children enjoyed applying their map skills and gaining hands-on experience in collecting and analysing data. They also learned about the distribution of people in their local community, which will help them understand the importance of geography in our daily lives. We look forward to more field trips in the future!



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Attendance and lateness - please read - it could impact on your child's record.

Please note that with the increasing number of children arriving late, we will be even more accurate with our timings when we lock the gates each morning. Children arriving after 8.40am will be recorded by the school office to track those who are persistently late. This will count against the child's record and will be recorded on their reports. As we review our opening times for September 2023, we may soon be locking the gates from 8.35am. **Please arrive between 8.20-8.30am.**





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



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

Key Dates to come...

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

- 20th Feb - SCHOOL CLOSED
- 21st Feb - First Day Term 4
- 21st-24th Feb - Special Week - Art
- 21st Feb - 3.15pm FAMILY LEARNING (see p3)
- 28th Feb - FOAMS Book Swap - 3.15pm
- 2nd Mar - **Optional** Dress Up for World Book Day
- 7th Mar - SATS Meeting - Yr6 Parents - 7pm
- 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
- 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