

House Point Cup Weekly Winners

The House Points earned this week were:

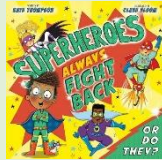
Ridgeway	324pts
Avebury	321pts
Kennet	317pts
Silbury	312pts



Well done ALL!

Nursery News

What an exciting week it has been. We enjoyed dressing up for World Book Day on Thursday and Mrs Wright bought us a wonderful new book called '*Super Heroes Always Fight Back ... Or Do They?*' by Kate Thompson, which highlights that kindness truly is the most amazing superpower of all.



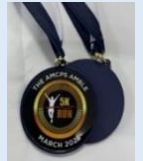
Year 3 Parents' Assembly

Well done to the children in Year 3 who shared "A Day in the Life of Year 3" with us this morning. It is incredible that they fit so much into a school day! We enjoyed learning about their Music and Dance, including an excellent piece of music and intricate movements inspired by the weather and Shetland. They also shared with us the outcomes of their work on settlements in Geography and plants in Science. We also heard about their work in French including some common phrases and their translations. As they moved on to lunchtime we heard about their work on healthy eating in Design Technology. Of course, every day involves Maths and English and the class novel. Today we heard an excellent reading from The Iron Man and enjoyed seeing the artwork the children had created of their Iron Men. Well done all - an excellent way to end the week!



The Abbey Meads Amble

2 weeks to go! Please enter on ParentPay NOW!



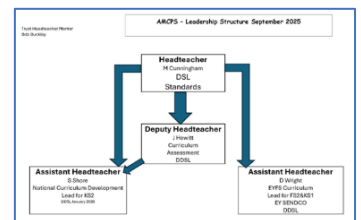
News about Mr Buckley leaving this summer and his replacement

Today, all families received a letter from Mr Evans, the CEO of the Blue Kite Trust, confirming Mr Buckley's decision to retire from Headship at the end of this school year. Mr Buckley is keen to emphasise that it is 'business as usual' until then, as there is much left to do this year - so plenty of time for goodbyes later!

In September, Mr Buckley will be working part-time in The Trust and supporting our school as part of his new role. As you can imagine, Mr Buckley is heavily invested in the school, children and families from Abbey Meads. He will continue to visit regularly in his new role and will attend the two Residential Field Trips to The Isle of Wight and The Wilderness in 2025-2026.

We are delighted to confirm that Mrs Cunningham has been appointed as the Headteacher from September. Having already spent 26 years at the school as Deputy Headteacher, and more lately as Head of School, she is superbly well placed to take the school forward and continue the work she has done in partnership with Mr Buckley over the last 16 years.

We are equally delighted to confirm that Miss Hewitt has been appointed as Deputy Headteacher and Mr Shore has been appointed as Assistant Headteacher. Already members of the school's Senior Leadership Team, they are also superbly placed to continue the work of the school and are now appointed to permanent roles. Mrs Wright is the fourth member of SLT and is the Assistant Headteacher who leads Early Years and Key Stage One.



[Click here to see the full version of the letter from Mr Evans.](#)

This year **Comic Relief** is celebrating 40 years of raising money for people across the world to get the basics they deserve.

We would like to support this wonderful cause by asking children to come into school on **FRIDAY 21ST MARCH** dressed in their party clothes to celebrate the 40th birthday.

(Please wear sensible shoes!)

If you would like to make a contribution to Comic Relief [click here](#).

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=17258>

Children will be reflecting on the past 40 years and predicting the next 40 years within lessons that day.

LET'S CELEBRATE 40 YEARS OF GIVING!



World Book Day

We hope everyone enjoyed World Book Day this week. There were certainly some amazing efforts made with costumes.

As always it is about the books, and it was equally lovely to see so many children continuing to enjoy books and demonstrate their love of reading. Each child was invited to choose a book of their own for free from our Book Swap donations - **thank you so much for your kind donations of books in amazing condition!** Of course the World Book Day tokens were also given out, so everyone can visit a book shop and 'spend' their voucher.



Swimming Success

Florence competed in a tough 2 days of racing at the Bath and Millfield Regional Qualifier swim meet at the weekend and against tough competition achieved 2 bronze and 1 silver medal. Everyone is very proud of you!



AMCPS 3 v 1 Haydonleigh

It was business resumed for the Mixed Football Team, who played a well-organised Haydonleigh side, this week. Space in the final third was limited yet the boys remained patient and continued to stick to the footballing philosophy instilled in them by coach, Mark. Their persistence was met with reward, with the team recording a 3-1 win. Impressively, this was the first goal the team had conceded in 160 minutes of play this season. *Well done to Lucas, Riley P, Theo, Ollie, Riley H, Elliott, Eryk, Kavs and, stand out performer and player of the match, goalkeeper Shay.* The next outing for the team will be home to Catherine Wayte, on the 19th March.



Swindon Educational Psychology Service

Supporting your child's school attendance and wellbeing

Join this practical online workshop which is designed to help you support your child's school attendance and overall well-being.

Together, we'll explore common barriers that may prevent children from attending school and share simple, effective strategies to encourage regular attendance. You'll also receive helpful information on resources and support available to families.

Let's work together to ensure your child thrives in school, both academically and emotionally.

To request a place on this course:

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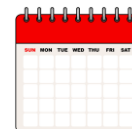
Find details of more Adult Community Learning courses using the QR code above or www.swindon.gov.uk/adultlearning

*To be eligible to enrol on these free courses you need to: be over 19 years old as of 31st August 2024; have lived in the UK or EU for at least the last three years, or be a refugee (or asylum seeker and lived in the UK for at least 6 months); be a Homeless or Families for Ukraine visa holder; be an Afghan ARAP or ARAC visa holder; be a Hong Kong BNO visa holder (only for English for Speakers of Other Languages courses); be unemployed, or working and earning less than £20,000 a year. For more information about our eligibility criteria please visit our website www.swindon.gov.uk/adultlearning

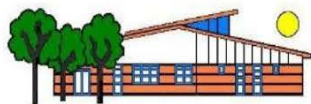
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A few dates to remember for Term 4

- 12th March - Yr3 Trip (Geography Trip)
- 12th March - Junior Choir at The Wyvern
- 14th March - AMGT Final - *children only assembly*
- 17th March - Local Governing Body Meeting
- 20th March - Year 5 Debate Team at Lethbridge
- 21st March - Year 2 Assembly for Parents
- 22nd March - THE ABBEY MEADS AMBLE!
- 25th March - Air Pollution Talks - Yrs4&5
- 25th & 27th March - Parent/Teacher Meetings
(special other dates set for Miss Hayes and Yr6)
- 3rd April - School Discos - usual timings etc.
- 4th April - Kindness Café
- 4th April - Last day of Term 4-
1.30pm School and 4.30pm Sunshine Club
- TUESDAY 22nd April** - First day of Term 5
7.30am Sunshine Club, 8.20am School Gates.
- 22nd-25th April - Yr4&Yr5 Bikeability - must be booked



We need your help! – Every penny of the entry fee goes to the Gambian Schools.



PROJECT GAMBIA

The Blue Kite
Academy Trust

The Abbey Meads Amble 2025

22nd March 2025 - 5K

Walk – Jog – Run – Crawl



When: 22nd March 2025

Time: 11am Start

Registrations 10-10.45am

Come and join us for our annual AMCPS Amble.

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.

Come and try to set yourself a personal best. Can you beat your time from last year?

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 child age group times!**

£5 per person includes medal, number and a whole lot of fun!

We have introduced a £15 per family option for 2025

There will also be a race village with BBQ, cakes and other refreshments available. All money raised will be going to schools run by Project Gambia Charity.
<https://www.projectgambia200.com/>

ALL WELCOME TO THE RACE VILLAGE FOR REFRESHMENTS



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

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



This Weekend

This is now FREE – click the poster to go to the site and book a seat... They received funding to allow this event to be free – BOOK NOW!

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THE ROXI
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INSIDE OUT 2

08 MARCH, 2025

AT 2:00 PM

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