

ABBOT'S HALL PRIMARY SCHOOL



Parent newsletter - October 2025

Message from Mr Pettitt

I can't believe it's almost half term already, despite it being a long half term! The children and staff have been very busy this half term and as I visit all the classrooms it is lovely to see the children enjoying their learning. I have shown many visitors around our school in recent weeks and they have all complimented the children for their good manners and willingness to share their learning. This term we have updated the behaviour policy to reflect feedback from children, parents and staff. Please see the biggest changes shared in this newsletter.



Early Years Tours

If you have a child starting school in September 2026, please come along to one of our EYFS tours.



We have tours on the following dates:

Tuesday 4th November 9.30am

Wednesday 26th November 9.30am

Thursday 4th December 9.30am



Please call and book your place on a tour!



Christmas Cards



This year we will be participating in the 'Christmas Design Project' run by Cauliflower Cards.

Children will bring a design home which they have created in school. This can then be professionally printed to produce Christmas cards, gift labels and more.

It is a great opportunity for your child to see their work as a finished printed product.

Designs will be sent home over the next week. Orders must be made using the unique code located at the top of the pupil order form.

Please refer to your order form for further instructions.

If you choose to order a product, **you will need to return your child's artwork to school by Friday 24th October.**

Cards will be delivered by the beginning of December.

Harvest

Our Year 1 children will be celebrating Harvest in their Year Group Assembly on Friday 17th October.

To give back to our community, we are asking for donations that can be given to our local food bank. This could include packets of biscuits, pasta, tinned goods etc. Please avoid anything breakable.

Please bring all donations in to school on **Friday 17th October.**

Does your child enjoy hula hooping? Do they enjoying dancing to current music? This is fun way of exercising.

There are still spaces on our Hoola hooping fitness club on Tuesdays after school. Please see the school office to sign up or login to Arbor!

Staff news

Mrs Curtis welcomed her baby boy at the end of September. We would like to congratulate Mrs Curtis and her husband on the arrival of their first child.

We are a
nut-free
school



Reminders



Please remember that we are a nut-free and seed free school.

Pick up biscuits do contain nuts so please do not bring these into school.



Please make sure children are not using the gym equipment and adventure play during drop offs and pick ups.

Congratulations to Jack and Florence in Year 6 for being elected as our new Head Boy and Head Girl.

A further congratulations must also be given to Charlie, Niamh, Ella and Emma who have been elected as our Year 6 prefects!

We know all of these children will be great at representing our school in their new roles.





The Eco Committee are proud to announce that we have once again achieved our Eco-School Green Flag Award which we have held since 2009.

To get us started with our new actions plan for this school year, we are looking to increase the number of spring flowers in our school grounds. Our goal is to support pollinators as early in spring as possible by planting snowdrops, crocus, grape hyacinths: (muscari) and winter aconites. Whilst daffodils are often the first things that come to mind when we think of spring, most daffodils are not good for pollinators, however tête-à-tête and Narcissus pseudonarcissus (wild daffodil) are two varieties that pollinators are able to access well due to their shape.

The Eco Committee are planting bulbs during the first week after October half term and we would be incredibly grateful for donations of bulbs to help us increase the biodiversity of our school site environment.

Thank you
The Eco Committee

Year 4 West Stow Trip



On 18th September, Year 4 visited the Anglo-Saxon village at West Stow. They explored different types of Anglo-Saxon houses and looked at artefacts that were discovered by archaeologists at West Stow. They really enjoyed their visit and learnt a lot about Anglo-Saxon life.



New Behaviour Policy

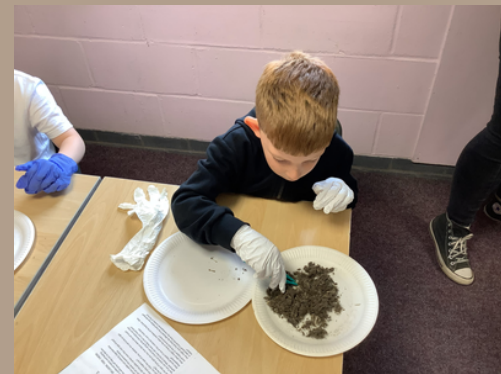


The biggest update is the introduction of our school rules identified by the children. These are: We are kind and respectful; We are honest; We listen; We are caring and We always try our best.

A change to the rewards section now gives children a whole academic year to achieve 5 silvers to get on to gold rather than resetting to zero every half term. The children liked this change and those who get on top gold will bring home a certificate, sticker and a chosen reward when they come to see me. The updated Behaviour and relationships policy can be found on the school website.



Year 2
Owl Visit



Year 2 had a visit from the owl sanctuary. They explored owl pellets. The session provided the children with important information about all sorts of aspects of an owl's lifestyle.

Parents Evening and Book Looks

Please see your emails regarding parents evening times. We look forward to meeting parents on School Cloud.

You are invited into school on Tuesday 14th October and Thursday 16th October 3.15pm - 3.45pm to view your child's books.

Dates for the Diary

- Tues 14th Oct - Parents invited to view pupils' books (see above)
- Weds 15th Oct - Year 5 Bury St Edmunds trip
- Thurs 16th Oct - Parents invited to view pupils' books (see above)
- Fri 17th Oct - 9am Year 1 Harvest Assembly
- Tues 21st Oct - Parents Evening
- Thurs 23rd Oct - Parents Evening
- Fri 24th Oct - 9am Foundation Stage Class Assembly

27th - 31st Oct - Half term

- Fri 7th Nov - 2.45pm Mrs Morris/ Mrs Cox' Friendly Friday
- Weds 12th Nov - 2.45pm Mrs Scrivener/ Mrs Brown's Welcome Wednesday
- Fri 14th Nov - 9am Year 5 Class Assembly
- Fri 14th Nov - 2.45pm Mrs Booth's Friendly Friday
- Weds 19th Nov - 2.45pm Miss Payea Welcome Wednesday
- Fri 21st Nov - 9am Year 6 Class Assembly
- Fri 21st Nov - 2.45pm Mrs Thomas' Friendly Friday
- Weds 26th Nov - 2.45pm Mrs Inman/ Mrs Evans' Welcome Wednesday
- Fri 28th Nov - 2.45pm Miss Smith's Friendly Friday
- Weds 3rd Dec - 2.45pm Mr Dunne's Welcome Wednesday
- Tues 9th Dec - 2.30pm Foundation Stage Nativity
- Weds 10th Dec - 9.15am Foundation Stage Nativity
- Tues 16th Dec - 2.00pm Phase 2 Christmas Show
- Weds 17th Dec - 9.15am Phase 2 Christmas Show