

# ABBOT'S HALL PRIMARY SCHOOL



Parent newsletter - December 2025

## Message from Mr Pettitt

It's hard to believe that we are approaching the end of the autumn term and it has been a very busy term! In the run up to Christmas these past two weeks, it has been lovely to see the Year 4 children sing at the church, Band Academy performing, the Choir performing at the CET Christmas Concert, 5CC and Year 6 play ons performing their music and Reception perform their nativity to their family members. Next week, we look forward to the Year 2 and 3 Nativity which will take us up to the end of term. From all the staff, we wish you all a restful and joyful Christmas with your loved ones.

## Enterprise Day

On Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December, the staff will enjoy being Elves by coordinating lots of making, doing, sticking, painting and fixing of things. The school will become Father Christmas' workshop!

At the end of this day, children will be bringing home their creations and we kindly ask for a small donation, for The Friends, into the bucket on the gate, after school.

- All donations will be most gratefully received and will go towards raising additional funds for the school.

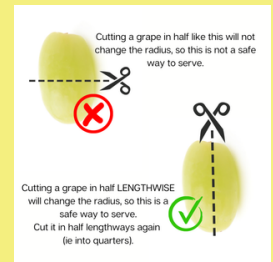


## Reminder

Please can we ask parents not to use our neighbours' driveways as turning points on Danescourt Avenue and surrounding roads. Thank you for your support.

It is advised by the NHS and the Food Standards Agency that rounded foods should be cut length ways to avoid choking in young children.

Please can we advise that grapes, if being sent in for a snack, are cut length ways.



## Fiddle toys

Fiddle toys will be provided by the school on an individual basis, in agreement with the class teacher, SENCo and parents. Please can we ask that fiddle toys are not brought into school if there is not an agreement in place. Thank you for your support.

## Staff News

Firstly, we would like to send our wishes to Mrs Booth who will be leaving us for a while, at the end of this term, to have her first baby.

We look forward to welcoming back Mrs Rogers, in January, who will replace Mrs Booth, in year 3, along with Mrs Cox, who will be extending her working. We would lastly like to welcome Mrs Manser to our Year 1 team, who will be a new teaching assistant .

**A massive thank you to Stowmarket Rugby Club who kindly donated some rugby balls to our school. We really appreciate it!!**





## Parent/Carer Clubs Questionnaire Feedback



**Thank you to all parents/carers who took time to give us some feedback about clubs at Abbot's Hall.**

**Please see a summary of our findings below.**

### **What is working well?**

- Our parents are generally happy with the variety of clubs offered.
- Some clubs that parents and children would like to see are: Computing, Art, Film, Lego, Cooking, Gardening, Fitness, Athletics and Football. Some of these are currently being enjoyed during Autumn Term, for example: cooking and football have been at full capacity. There will also be more 'outdoor' type clubs available for Spring and Summer Term including Boccia, Kurling and Frisbee.
- It was pleasing to see that so many said cost was not a factor and that the current price was just right. The current charge is between £2-£4.
- 82.6% of parents agreed that the running of clubs for years 1-6 was better for many reasons and those who didn't agree explained, "The age range is too wide." "A year 2 wouldn't enjoy playing against a year 6." "A large range of age groups makes it difficult for all children to get involved – it has put us off signing up to clubs."
- Children are enjoying non-sport clubs.

### **What suggestions have parents given to improve clubs?**

- Morning clubs are tricky due to child care.
- Would sign up to more if they were available at lunchtime or after school.
- We are looking to sign up to more maths/grammar/writing clubs.
- Clubs should be opened up to Foundation Stage children.
- If both my children can't attend the same club then it's not logistically possible.
- Afterschool clubs could do with being a bit longer because by the time they are changed they only get 30 mins of club.
- More unisex clubs.
- 63.8% said they would rather see sports specific clubs as quite often in Multisports the children would end up playing the same sport each week.

**These comments are valuable to us as they help us when organising the clubs we offer in the future. We hope this has given you a bit of clarity over what our focus needs to be in order to get more children enjoying more clubs.**

If you have any questions, please speak to the school office.

# Year 3 Art and Science



Year 3 have been busy in their Art lessons creating sculptures by joining materials together. In Science they have been experimenting with magnets, lots of fantastic exploratory work has been happening.

## Year 5 Brass Concert



Year 5 were fantastic in their Autumn Term Brass concert to their parents. Year 6 'Play on' students also shared a piece they have been learning in their weekly lessons. Well done to them all!

## Foundation Stage Nativity

Foundation Stage were superstars in their Nativity this week!



## Nativity costume donations

Have you purchased a nativity costume that you will no longer use after Christmas? Would you like to see your outfits reused by future children at Abbot's Hall?

We are asking for any kind donations of unwanted costumes to support families in future years. Rehoming and recycling clothes in a sustainable way is crucial in evoking change in our 'environment', which is one of our school's key drivers. Please hand any costumes into the Foundation Stage staff.

## Requesting an appointment

Please can we kindly ask that parents/carers wanting to make an appointment with a class teacher, that this request is made through the school office. We will aim to respond to you in a timely manner.

## Dates for the Diary

Tues 9<sup>th</sup> Dec - 2.30pm Foundation Stage Nativity  
Weds 10<sup>th</sup> Dec - 9.15am Foundation Stage Nativity  
Tues 16<sup>th</sup> Dec - 2.00pm Phase 2 Christmas Show  
Weds 17<sup>th</sup> Dec - Enterprise Day  
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Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> Dec - Last day of Autumn Term  
**Fri 19<sup>th</sup> Dec - School PD Day - No children in school**

**Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec - Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan - Christmas Holiday - School Closed**

## Spring Term

Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Jan - First Day of Spring Term - Children return