

Message from Mr Pettitt

The first half of the spring term has flown by and it has been a pleasure to show visitors to our school the great attitude demonstrated every day by the children towards their learning. We continue to welcome external professionals and visitors into our school to support our continued focus to 'Be the best we can be' and they always comment on the confidence of the children who speak to them and share their work. This was further demonstrated when we had two children from Year 6 attend the Inclusion and Belonging conference in late January, who along with representatives from the other CET schools, spoke confidently to 200 leaders from across Suffolk. We are proud of all our children and I look forward to seeing the great work the children undertake this half term.

World Book Day

World book day this year is Thursday 5th March 2026 and we will be promoting the theme of 'Go all in'. This theme is a part of the National Year of Reading 2026 where children are encouraged to read for fun and to find a style of reading which they enjoy.

On World Book Day, we will be reading 'The Day the Crayons Quit' across the school and all children will develop a piece of writing linked to this text. We hope this will be enjoyed by all the children.

As part of this day, we are inviting all children and adults to dress up as a crayon! Simply choose a colour of your choice and wear clothes matching this colour. Please feel free to add a Crayola sign to your top and make your own crayon cardboard hat, if you wish!



SO PROUD OF YOU!

Year 6 were lucky enough to be invited to Stowmarket High School, to be their first audience, for their school production of Frozen.

We were very proud to see some amazing performances by previous Abbot's Hall students! Well done to all involved!



Reminder

Please can we remind all parents/ carers to park and drive carefully and cautiously on Danescourt Avenue and the surrounding areas.

THINK BEFORE YOU PARK

Marathon training update



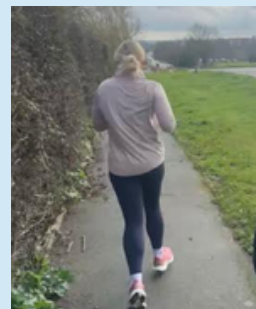
Mrs Scrivener, alongside another parent from our school will be running the Manchester marathon. They are fundraising to support a local family who are facing an unimaginable challenge.

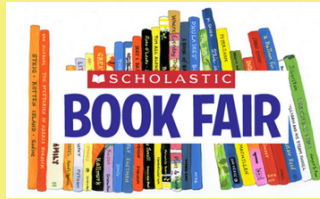
Ryan, a healthy 39-year-old husband and dad, received the life-changing diagnosis of Motor Neurone Disease in December, altering his and his family's life forever. The funds raised will support Ryan, his wife Kimi, and their three children in anyway they need.

Mrs Scrivener and Gem are 7 weeks into their training. They are now up to an amazing 182 miles of training. They are showing true determination and we are very proud of their achievements so far!

If you are able to and would like to donate - no matter how small - please see the Go Fund Me page linked below.

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/running-for-the-horsfalls>





The book fair will be open on Friday 27th February 3.15- 3.40, Monday 2nd March 3.15 – 3.40 and Tuesday 3rd March 3.15 – 3.40.

There will be lots of great titles with prices starting at £2.99. World Book Day £1 vouchers will be handed out the week before World Book Day and can be used on all books at the fair.

Where is the book fair?

You will find the Book Fair in the North Hall - entrance is through the external door located near the bike pods.

How do I pay at the fair?

Our book fair will be cashless. Please see the options below:

- We are hoping to have a card machine that will be available to use at the book fair. Please select your books and then make your way to the paying station.
- Alternatively, once you've selected your books, simply use your mobile phone to scan the QR code (available at the fair) and enter your school's name or postcode. You should then select 'I am paying at the fair', where you will be asked to enter your details, along with the payment for your purchases. The staff will be able to confirm your purchase. Staff will be available at the fair to support with this system!
- If your child is in Year 5 or Year 6 and would like to attend the book fair alone after school, this year we have a cashless option for them! Book Fair Gift Vouchers are the simple, secure way to ensure your child gets the books they want. Please see the link below to purchase a voucher of your choice. Once a purchase has been made, you will receive the voucher in an email which can be printed and given to your child – much safer to carry than cash! If you are unable to print your voucher, please send this to the office the night before the book fair that they are attending, and we will be happy to get this printed for them.

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/gift-vouchers>

All book purchases at our fair help the school receive free books, supporting us in developing a love of reading for all children in our school! We look forward to welcoming you to our popular book fair.

Year 4 Trip to Colchester Zoo



The children really enjoyed their trip to the zoo and learning more about how deforestation affects our planet and what we can do to help.





This year Comic Relief is going back to basics: helping people get what they need to eat, sleep and feel safe. As a Rights Respecting School, we like to support local and national charities as much as we can. We have chosen to support this day of fundraising which takes place nationally on Friday 20th March 2026.

Your donations can support incredible projects which help children to be happier, families stronger, women safer, communities prouder and millions of lives fairer.

Our Rights Respecting Ambassadors have all discussed Red Nose Day and **would love children to come into school in non-school uniform on this day.**

While not everyone will be able to donate, we're all in this together so we'd love you all to join us.

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rnd26-abbots-hall-community-primary-school?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=EM



Mrs Inman will be leaving us in March to relocate to a different part of the country. Mrs Inman has been a valued asset to Abbot's Hall and we wish her all the very best for the future. Mrs Cook will be supporting Mrs Evan's on her return from maternity leave and will continue to spend time with the class alongside Mrs Inman, before she leaves, to get to know the children to enable a smooth transition. Mrs Cook will continue to be PE lead alongside Mrs Alderton and Mrs King, however her increased classroom commitment means she will not be running the same number of clubs she ran before her maternity leave.

In March, we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Jolly as she leaves us to embark on a new career. I would like to thank Mrs Jolly for her valued contributions to the children of Abbot's Hall and wish her the very best for the future.

School Uniform

We are pleased to confirm that our new school uniform supplier is MyClothing.com and that our dedicated online shop is now live. Uniform items can be ordered directly via the following link:
<https://myclothing.com/collections/abbots-hall-community-primary-school-15150/>

Please be reassured that current uniform can continue to be worn for the foreseeable future.



Our gingham summer dresses will now change to green.



Dates for the Diary

Friday 27th February 9am - Year 4 Class Assembly
Friday 27th February 2.45pm - Y2 LT Friendly Friday
Wednesday 4th March - ES/ HB Welcome Wednesday
Thursday 5th March - World Book Day
Friday 6th March 9am - Year 2 Class Assembly
Friday 6th March 2.45pm - Y3 RM/AC Friendly Friday
Wednesday 11th March - Year 3 Stone Age Day (BR/ AC Class)
Wednesday 11th March 2.45pm - YR TP Welcome Wednesday
Thursday 12th March - Year 3 Stone Age Day (RM/ AC Class)
Thursday 12th March - Y1 visit to Asda
Friday 13th March 9am - Year 6 Class Assembly
Friday 13th March - Year 2 Great Fire of London Day
Friday 13th March 2.45pm - Y2 KS Friendly Friday
Wednesday 18th March 2.45pm - Y1 HI/TE Welcome Wednesday
Friday 20th March 9am - Foundation Stage Class Assembly
Friday 20th March - Red Nose Day
Friday 20th March 2.45pm - Y3 BR/ AC Friendly Friday
Wednesday 25th March 2.45pm - Y1 BD Welcome Wednesday
Friday 27th March 9am - Year 3 Class Assembly
Friday 27th March - Last day of term

Monday 30th March - Friday 10th April - EASTER HOLIDAYS

Monday 13th April - Return to school

Thursday 16th April - Y4 Farm and Country Fair Trip
Thursday 16th April - Y5 Egyptian Day
Friday 17th April - Y5 Egyptian Day
Monday 27th April - Class Photos