

House Point Cup Weekly Winners

The House Points earned this week were...

Avebury	412pts
Silbury	411pts
Ridgeway	410pts
Kennet	408pts



Well done to all!

Nursery News

Sports day was a great start to the penultimate week in nursery.

The children cheered each other on and had great fun taking part in a number of traditional sports day races.

They were well supported by parents and grandparents who lined the track and were bursting with pride as the children crossed the line.

Well done to all who took part.



The Last Golden Book of 2023-2024

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

Natalia, Lillian and Joaquim (Ash)
Lily, Darius and Esme (Oak)
Lorena and George (1Elm)
Ocean and Roman (1Holly)
Nevaeh, Sachi and Olivia (2Beech)
Rogan and Daisy-May (2Hazel)
Liliana and Phoebe (3Alder)
Noah and Caspian (3Birch)
Edie, Max, Isla-Rose and Harry (4Chestnut)
Freddie, Isla-Maisey and Trelawny (4Hornbeam)
Isabelle, Addison and Aisla (5Rowan)
Anmol, Riley and Demi (5Sycamore)
Heidi and Emily (6Juniper)
Patryk and Will (6Willow)



Well done to all of you

Reception Sports Day

Well done as well to our children in Reception classes Ash and Oak, who also had their Sports Day at the same time as Nursery.

It was lovely for the Foundation Stage classes to have the field to themselves and allow the parents a little more freedom; to spectate more closely to the action.

Well done to all who helped, watched and, of course, took part and wowed the crowds with your sporting excellence!



Art Day

The children had a fun day on Thursday, exploring artists, architects and designers and in many cases getting themselves nice and messy!

This annual day, in the school curriculum calendar, enables all the children to build a knowledge of a range of artists, architects, craft makers and designers in history. They explored the differences and similarities between different practices and disciplines.



Swimming

This week was the last swimming session for Year 4. This will also be the last swimming for a full year as we move to the new system from September 2025. No children will miss out as we will organise swimming for two age groups in September 2025 to catch-up before returning to the normal one age group a year (plus catch-up for those not achieving the standard) from September 2026. The new system will involve the swimming pool coming to us - removing the impact of coaches on the environment and saving valuable curriculum time by not having to travel to the pool.



Discos

Thank you, as always, to the smallest of groups that make these events possible. Thanks to the volunteering of staff and a few parents, the children once again enjoyed their school discos. Special thanks go to Miss Hayes for the KS1 Disco and Mr Badger for KS2. Without our resident DJs the discos would be much less fun and we are extremely grateful for the time they spend setting up playlists and planning the discos for us!



Planning Ahead (item repeated and updated every week)

The last three days Next Week!

- 22nd July - Reader of the Year Assembly

Neil Griffiths presents the awards.

- 22nd July - Kindness Café

The last Kindness Café of this School Year.

- 22nd July - Yr5 Greek Day

Year 5 fun day linked to their topic on The Ancient Greeks

- 22nd July - Yr6 Performance 1 - 2pm - School Hall

- 23rd July - Yr6 Performance 2 - 6.30pm - Hall

Tickets only.

- 24th July - Yr6 Party Day

Mr B is ready for his annual water fight challenge!

- 24th July - Last day of school year!

3pm for the main school and 6pm for Sunshine Club.

Our first day of 2024-2025 is Tuesday 3rd September 2024.



Year 5 Geography Fieldwork

Year 5 enjoyed a day walking in the local environment this week, including some vital work as part of their geography curriculum. They made observations of land use and continued their surveys of local play parks.



Jonathan's Jungle Roadshow

Year 2 had a magnificent day on Monday, when Jonathan's Jungle Roadshow came to see them. Jonathan brought lots of creatures to see the children and many were allowed to be handled. The children learned so much about how to care for creatures and about their needs for survival. This included geckos and tarantulas and they even got to hold a Katydid called Katy and a snake called Tango!



Musical Extravaganza 2024

It was so lovely to see so many parents and extended families attend our sunny Musical Extravaganza. This year's event didn't go without a few technical hitches, but we overcame these well enough to be able to focus on the real stars of the show, your children! Each of the classes sang their songs beautifully, with some amazing harmonies, and the soloists were almost nerveless in the way they performed their pieces.

There were many important messages in the songs from 'Love is something if you give it away', through the importance of Trying Everything and Being a Friend, to understanding that You Can't Always Get What You Want and how important it is to be able to Count On each other.

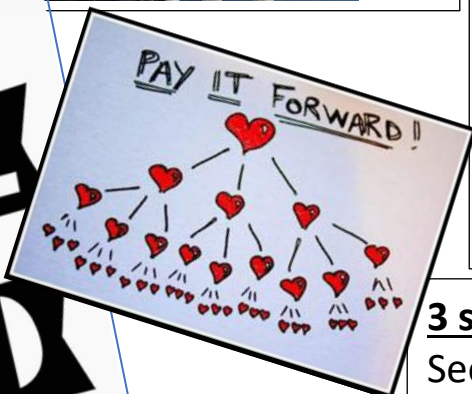
Year 6 closed the event with an amazing dance routine, where the whole year group showcased their talents through a routine created in their dance sessions with Zoe from Swindon Dance this term.

What with RAF fly pasts, flying ant day and the associated frenzy of birds swooping above, the children were amazing.

Thanks to all staff who made it possible, led by Miss Hayes - ably supported on the day by Evie and Devon on the microphone.



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3 school days to go

See you all on Monday, for our final three days of the school Year 2023-2024!



Sporting Acknowledgements

Well done Kenzo on being voted as Players Player of the Year by your fellow players and their parents. Kenzo plays for his Under 10 team every Sunday.

Well done Kenzo, you must be very proud!



Congratulations to Klara who has successfully passed her latest grading and now progresses to the advanced taekwondo class from now on. Great work!



Not only was Arthur playing in an older age group this season, he remained positive throughout a difficult season and came away with the Supporters' Player and Manager's Player of the Season. Top work Arthur...superb!



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Happy 25th birthday Abbey Meads



House Cup Competition time



On September 3rd 2024, Abbey Meads Primary School will celebrate its 25th birthday. As part of a year of celebration, we would like **YOU** to design a logo for the school to help celebrate this exciting milestone. Everyone who sends in an entry will be representing their house and have a chance of winning the Art and Design House Cup Competition, which will be held at the end of term one. All you need to do is design your logo and **return it to your teacher by Friday October 5th**. Not only could you win the cup, but the winning design will be printed and displayed in school, as well as being put on school correspondence for the next year. Grab your pens, find your creativity and get designing today.

The last page – below – will not appear again.

If looking for things to do this summer please see below and last week's News39!

There will be a brief end of year News41! Next Wednesday.


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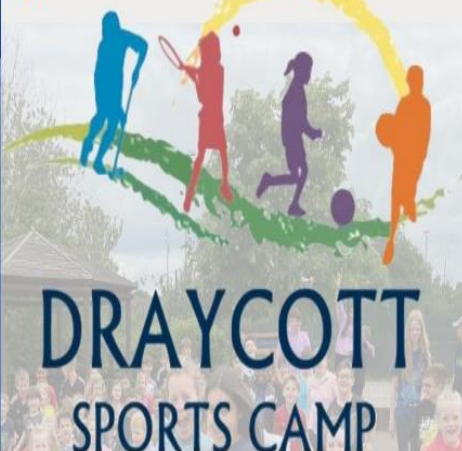
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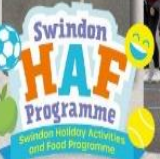
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