

House Point Cup Weekly Winners

The House Points earned this week were...

Kennet	332pts
Avebury	329pts
Ridgeway	326pts
Silbury	325pts



Well done to all!

Nursery News

This week, in preparation for starting school we enjoyed a school dinner. The children loved their fish fingers and chips. We are looking forward to Acorn Nursery Sports on Monday.



Our Conker children will not be taking part on this occasion as they will take part the following year, when they are in the pre-school room.



Golden Book

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

Suley and Marley (Ash)
Kenji, Arthur and Calli-Rose (Oak)
Colin and Didi (1Elm)
Emilia and Matteo (1Holly)
Clementine and Tommy (2Beech)
Hannah and Loki (2Hazel)
Jethro and Erin (3Alder)
Bianca and Eliza (3Birch)
Adam and Autumn (4Chestnut)
Jared and Freddie (4Hornbeam)
Beatriz, Ollie and David (5Rowan)
Caryn, Samuel and Kaiden (5Sycamore)
Sam S and Williams (6Juniper)
Ava H and Aviana (6Willow)



Well done to all of you

Foundation Stage Sports Monday

ACORN and Reception classes 'Sports Day' morning is on Monday at 10am

Both age groups will run a similar event from either ends of the track.

Parents are invited to join them via the gate to the field at the top of the car park.



Art Day Next Thursday - 18th July 2024

Children can wear 'messy clothes'

We will be holding an Annual Art Day to ensure children learn about a range of specific artists, architects and designers throughout their time at Abbey Meads. The first one is next week on Thursday. Children will learn about the work of a range of artists, architects, craft makers and designers in history, and be describing the differences and similarities between different practices and disciplines. As always we will be making links to other aspects of their work and each year group will focus on a specific person or activities based on their work.



Clothes you can get messy are best that day!

Early Morning Routines

Even though we only have a week and a half to go, please can you remember that children should be supervised before school by their parents, or not arrive until 8.30am.

We have had a few incidents recently of children running into parents or even playing with balls, which have hit a parent.

The children have been told, but please can you as parents ensure that your children are not left unsupervised until the doors open at 8.30am, when the teachers welcome your children into the classrooms?



No CLUBS on Monday

ALL Monday clubs run by teachers have now finished.

Please remember to collect your child at 3pm on Monday!



Well done Isabelle!

Isabelle is incredibly proud of her latest dance achievement. She was awarded her first ever Distinction grade! She says it's down to her facial expressions and the 'added extras' she put into her dance and skills grading.



Isabelle also pointed out how difficult (and rare) it is to get distinctions! Fabulous work Isabelle.

Planning Ahead (item repeated and updated every week)

Next Week

- 15th July - Jonathon's Jungle Roadshow - Year 2
Beasties in school!
- 15th July - The Blue Kite Games - 4pm
Team of 28 Yr5&6 to County Ground Athletics Track
- 15th July - Foundation Stage Sports Day - 10am
Sporty things for an hour on the field and parents/families can come and watch their Nursery and Reception children.
- 16th July - Rock and Pop Music Roadshow - 9.20am
Swindon Music Service come and entertain the children!
- 17th July - Children meet next year's teacher
Children meet the staff who will be working with them from September. This is children only in school time. 9.15am!
- 17th July - Musical Extravaganza - 1.30pm
All parents and families are invited to join us for a Musical Extravaganza on the field - 1.30pm. Bring chairs/blankets etc.
- 18th July - Art Day - just in school time for children!
Children can come in clothes you don't mind getting messy!
- 18th July - Discos - 5-6pm and 6.15-7.30pm
Payments from last time will be carried over.
If you did not pay last time please use Parent Pay
- 19th July - Break the uniform rules day
Another Non-Uniform day... but just for fun! Break the uniform rules and really push the boat out if you want.
Children must be 'decent' and nothing considered dangerous!
- 19th July - Reception End of Year Fun Day
Fun Day for children in Reception (hopefully on the field!)

The last three days!

- 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
Parents of Yr6 children will be offered the chance to watch one of these performances - tickets only.
- 24th July - Yr6 Party Day
After amazing fund raising, it seems Year 6 are all ready for this final blast. Mr B has his water fight head well and truly ready for the challenge!
- 24th July - Last day of school year!
What it says on the tin! Being a Wednesday this means 3pm for the main school and 6pm for Sunshine Club.
Our first day of 2024-2025 is Tuesday 3rd September 2024.



Sunshine Leavers Party

What a fab time the Sunshine children had at the Yr6 leavers party this week. Despite the weather the children still had a lovely afternoon of fun & party games, dancing and a yummy party tea. We wish all our Yr6's all the very best of luck at your new schools in September! 🌟



Choir 'WOWS' Packed Wyvern Audience

Well done to the members of our KS1 Choir who performed at the Wyvern Theatre on Wednesday evening for the Infant Voice Festival. They sang a mix of songs by Take That, Harry Styles and S-Club 7. The children wowed the packed audience with their vocal skills and professionalism, demonstrating how much can be achieved with dedication, teamwork, and commitment.

Thank you to Miss Hayes and Mrs White for leading the choir and Mrs Cunningham for supporting the children from the audience.



Pupil Reports and Leaving Staff

Thank you to all who managed to come and collect their child's report yesterday. The envelope also included dates for next year and a list of staff for September 2024. With this in mind, if you hadn't already noticed the Phonics workshop for parents is Thursday 16th January ... (not Saturday 18th!) **As for the staff list. You may have noticed some missing names.**

Mrs Healy (Teacher), Mrs Woods (TA), Mrs Godwin (Catering Manager) and Mr Reade (IT) are all leaving us at the end of the year. In some cases they have been connected to the school since it opened in 1999 and all have been at AMCPs longer than Mr Buckley, who completes his 15th year this July. We are sure you will want to wish them the very best of luck and, if you know them, maybe pop in and say farewell over the next week or so. **Whether retiring, moving area or just having a rest, you'll be missed!**



Word Millionaires

Congratulations to our Accelerated Reader Word Millionaires pictured here (and Sophia - get well soon). With 8 school days left this year, we may have a few more before we close on Wednesday 24th July. Keep up with the reading! We have the Readers of the Year Award on Monday 22nd July! Don't forget Marvellous Makers, the Library service Summer Reading Challenge - see page 4!



Musical Extravaganza - What to expect...

On Wednesday next week we have our annual **Musical Extravaganza!** All children will perform as a class by singing to the audience, with a few soloists interspersed.



Starting at 1.30pm we will start with the youngest and work our way up the school. We don't give timings as it is rare that we can manage to be exact with this, and of course we would prefer you just watch the whole thing! Bring your picnic blanket, chair, sun hat, umbrella, raincoat, suncream!!!



The audience enters via the gates on the car park (just like sports days). If you have been listening carefully to the music coming in each day, you may have had a sneak preview of some of the songs being performed next week! We look forward to seeing you all there, weather permitting, next Wednesday.



DISCO THURS 18TH JULY



Reception, Yr1, & Yr2
5-6pm

Yr3, Yr4, Yr5 & Yr6
6:15-7.30pm

★ **£3 PREPAY ON PARENT PAY**

Payments will be carried over if you paid for May's cancelled disco, if not please pay before the 18th

Free squash, water and biscuits at both discos. We have a snack shop available at the KS2 disco, please bring along small change.

Just a reminder that DISCOS are next week! If you paid last time your payment has been carried over. If you didn't pay last time your child's name won't be on the list, so please pay on ParentPay.

ALL CHILDREN MUST BE COLLECTED BY AN ADULT

- Please note the timings and enter via the Community Room by the Car Park and the Nursery Gate.
- Parents, please take coats away with you.
- Please collect on time.
- If you have a child in both discos, collecting your youngest late delays the start for your oldest!

These discos run because as a result of the good will of volunteer parents and staff. Nobody gets paid to run them and all funds go back into the activities, paid for by FOAMS, that the children enjoy throughout the year. A big thank you from us for this amazing effort!

Barbie
Inspired workshop
Tuesday 6th August 9-5

Summer Holiday Theatre Workshops
for children aged 5-12 years
StoweAway Community Centre,
East Wichel

Little Voices
Drama & Singing Lessons of Distinction

Academy of Magic
Inspired by Harry Potter
Thursday 8th August 9-3

The Little Mermaid
Inspired workshop
Tuesday 13th August 9-5

We teach **LAMDA** - Exams & Qualifications

They will have a fun packed day of singing, drama, games, crafts and making friends! **LIMITED SPACES - BOOK NOW!**

Or visit <https://www.littlevoices.org.uk>
Email: swindon@littlevoices.org.uk / swindon@littlevoices.org.uk

Happy 25th birthday Abbey Meads



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.

Swindon Library & Information Service

JOIN OUR CELEBRATIONS AS WE LAUNCH

Summer Reading Challenge 2024
Delivered in partnership with libraries

Marvellous Makers

SATURDAY 6 JULY, 10.30AM - 1.30PM
SWINDON CENTRAL LIBRARY, REGENT CIRCUS

Our Children's Patron Steve Antony is launching the FREE celebrations!

Drop in any time to sign up for the Summer Reading Challenge, get your FREE pack, and find out about our summer of FREE activities in libraries!

Plus FREE:

- Giant Bubbles Fun
- Smoothie Bike
- Story Times
- Family Crafts
- Family Games
- Community Art Creation
- Children & Adults Book Giveaway
- And more!




Bubbles photo by Dave Cox

If you can't join us for the launch, sign up for the Summer Reading Challenge at any library until 8 September. Find out about our free activities at bit.ly/SwindonSRC or scan QR code:



Prospect Hospice
together making every day count

Run the Rainbow
Saturday 17 August, 10am at Lydiard Park



Entry from **£12**

Sign up and start fundraising at www.prospect-hospice.net/rainbow

Prospect Hospice: 100% of all funds go to our charity. Registered charity number: 1074877. Fundraising 100% of all funds go to our charity.



Life Cycle

Swindon August Bikeability Learn to ride Level 3



Bikeability Holiday Courses

Unlock your child's cycling potential!

Cycling confidence, road safety, and planning skills – taught by Life Cycle's qualified, DBS-checked instructors.


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Registered Charity Number: 1077575



Summer Camp

ABBEY MEADS COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL



DRAYCOTT SPORTS CAMP


Time: 9am-3pm
Early drop/After hours available


AGE: 3-11 years


29th July - 29th August

Prices from: **£20**

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MORE THAN JUST A CRUISE.







I-C-H ... could it?... Really?...Fingers crossed!... C-O-E... sssshhhhh just whisper it... stay hopeful.... BELIEVE!... I-C-H