

**Urgent Messages. - Please see additional letters with your Newsletter email today.**

The increased cost for **School Lunches**, delayed from September 2023 to try and help families, must now happen and they will be **£2.40** from next term. *We hope the 6-month delay in this rise helped.* There is an additional school closure on **Tues. 4<sup>th</sup> June 2024** for some vital staff training.

**Please see the additional letters with your Newsletter Email today for full details.**



### House Point Cup Weekly Winners

The House Points earned this week were...

<b>Kennet</b>	<b>325pts</b>
<b>Avebury</b>	<b>321pts</b>
<b>Silbury</b>	<b>319pts</b>
<b>Ridgeway</b>	<b>315pts</b>



Well done to all!

### Nursery News

This term the children have listened to much longer stories, retold these stories and they have mastered the rhyming rap. It was so much fun learning about Chinese New Year to end the term. Some of the stories from other cultures have been favourites amongst the children with the children still revisiting the story of Rama and Sita, from when we learnt about Diwali. We hope you all have a restful half term and look forward to being back planting in our garden when we return.



### Golden Book

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

**Muhammad-Hasan and Suley (Ash)**

**Darius and Lily (Oak)**

**Jael and Elizabeth (1Elm)**

**Aurora and Lainy (1Holly)**

**Ophelia and Clementine (2Beech)**

**Zac and Clementine (2Hazel)**

**Daisy and Liliana (3Alder)**

**Jacob and Toby (3Birch)**

**Freddie and Cerys (4Chestnut)**

**Imogen and Ava-Mae (4Hornbeam)**

**Yemi and Ella (5Rowan)**

**Olivia and Kavin (5Sycamore)**

**Williams and Sam (6Juniper)**

**Auben and Arthur (6Willow)**



Well done to all of you

### Kindness Café - Term 3

At AMCPS we always try to focus on the best behaviour first and children regularly collect house points for being kind citizens; over 2000 a week!

When children are spotted doing 'the right thing', such as just being kind or helpful, being thoughtful of others, sticking to the rules and continuously Paying Forward - they have the chance to be rewarded by being invited to the Kindness Café. The Café runs once a term and children share hot chocolate and cookies with Mr Buckley and Mrs Cunningham. We are very proud of the following:

Ash	- Natalia and Suley
Oak	- Amelia and Tommy
1Elm	- Colin and Tobi
1Holly	- Carter and Rachel
2Beech	- Tommy and Sophia
2Hazel	- Harley and Jacob
3Alder	- Fae and Phoebe
3Birch	- Antonia and Zoe
4Chestnut	- Isla Rose and Harley
4Hornbeam	- Eli and Shiran
5Rowan	- Viktoriia and Shay
5Sycamore	- Eniola and Sienna
6Juniper	- Chaela and Ethan
6Willow	- Michael and Emily



**We are so proud of you all.**

**Thank you for Being Kind and Paying Forward!**

*Thank you to the ladies in the kitchens for making us hot chocolate and cookies!*

## Year 4 & 5 Dancers outstanding at The Wyvern

What a spectacular performance from our AMCPS dance troop at The Wyvern Wiltshire Dance Festival. The children helped to choreograph a routine inspired by the Y4 Egyptian topic. They showcased how history comes to life at our school and transported the audience back in time to stumble across the ruins of an ancient civilization. For some, this was their first adventure on the stage... we are sure it won't be their last! Well done star performers; you shone when it was your time in the spotlight.



## Mr Buckley's Parent Updates

22nd April seems a long way away but it is always best to plan ahead.

This is what we do, and this includes the focus of this Parent Update.

At these meetings Mr Buckley outlines things that are happening at the school and any changes to policy, governance or just day to day life in the school.

In this one, he will discuss why **Year 2 and Year 4 will be rebalanced and new classes created for September 2024.**

This means it is the last year for the names Beech, Hazel, Chestnut and Hornbeam, and as the children pass into the next Key Stage, their classes will be mixed up and 4 new class names created.

Come along and find out more.  
Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April - 6pm.  
What new names should we use



## Special Week 25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> March: Science House Cup: Science and Technology

Take part and win the cup for your house.

### Your Task:

You need to make a timer out of whatever materials you choose. The challenge is to make it last for exactly one minute. The winner(s) will be those that are the most accurate against a stopwatch.



To help you, look at these websites:

[British-Science-Week-Early-years-activity-pack-2024.pdf](#)  
(britishscienceweek.org)

[British-Science-Week-Primary-activity-pack-2024.pdf](#)  
(britishscienceweek.org)

**Hand your project into your class teacher BY Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March.**  
The key stage heats will be the following week, with the grand final on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March.

### **Parents - a date for your diary:**

**Family Learning 26<sup>th</sup> March 2024 3.15pm-4pm - Kitchen Sink Science**

Come and visit the school to take part in lots of fun science activities with your child/ren.

## Year 2 enjoy Trip to STEAM and Swindon Landmarks

On Tuesday, Year 2 visited the STEAM museum! We had a fantastic workshop all about Brunel and the Great Western Railway from a 'navvie' called Alex. We found out what life was like for a navvie building the railway and also got a chance to become engineers as we put together our own model trains.

We also visited several landmarks of Swindon as we went 'on tour' in the morning, with Mr Badger acting as an amazing tour guide.

A brilliant day was had by all.

A big thank you to all the parents and staff who came along to help.



FEBRUARY 2024



## THINGS TO DO IN SWINDON THIS FEBRUARY HALF TERM

THE ULTIMATE WHAT'S ON GUIDE FOR FAMILIES TO FIND  
THINGS TO DO IN THE LOCAL AREA

[www.swindonrocks.co.uk](http://www.swindonrocks.co.uk)

**HALF  
TERM  
FUN**  
IS JUST A  
TAP AWAY



### HUNDREDS OF IDEAS FOR FAMILIES

Swindon Rocks is a website made especially for families to find things to do in the local area. Local events, places to visit, day trip ideas, children's classes, kids parties, holiday clubs, and outdoor spaces - it's a one stop shop for things to do in the local area!

[Visit the website and see for yourself!](#)

### PARKS & WALKS

Getting outdoors is so important for our physical and mental health, and at Swindon Rocks we are always looking for new places to explore! We have round up a collection of Swindon's local parks, nature reserves, woodlands, and walks, for the whole family to enjoy.

[Browse the collection here.](#)



**GET OUTDOORS**  
PARKS - WALKS - NATURE RESERVES

## **FOLLOW US AND JOIN THE COMMUNITY!**

There are thousands of local parents following us on Social Media and we'd love for you to join in! Just search [Swindon Rocks](#) and like our page!

[www.swindonrocks.co.uk](http://www.swindonrocks.co.uk)



## Discos

Thank you for the Thank you.



Thanks to the staff and parents who give up their time so everyone's children can have a disco. It is a small band of volunteers, but the children really enjoy them - even on soaking wet nights!

Many thanks to the parents who took the time to come up and thank these people for giving up their evenings in this way.

It is a small and easy gesture, but one that is greatly appreciated.

A special thanks as always must go to Miss Hayes and Mr Badger, our resident DJs. Yet another amazing job done tonight!

THANK YOU!

## Temporary Nursery Post available

Keep an eye out for an advert soon.

We need a new Nursery Assistant to work 15 hours a week from 15<sup>th</sup> April to 24<sup>th</sup> July. £10.61 per hour.

It is a very short-term post but one that will allow us to admit more children into the nursery for the summer term.

Hours will be 8.30-11.30am every day.



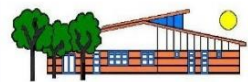
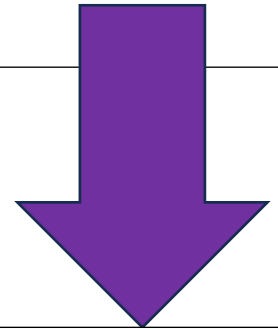
## THE AMBLE Entries via ParentPay!

There will be two options via ParentPay:

- 1) Book entries for your family
- 2) Donate to The Gambian schools

Important info:

- 1) **£5 per person** entering the event.
- 2) You can run, jog, walk or crawl!
- 3) Race day is Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March with a start at 11am.
- 4) Numbers and permission forms collected between 10-10.45am
- 5) Children in Years 4 or lower need an adult with them please.
- 6) 100% of entry fees and donations go directly to [Project Gambia](#) where 100% of donations are spent on the schools!
- 7) There will be food and fun activities for everyone afterwards.



**PROJECT GAMBIA**

The Blue Kite  
Academy Trust

## The Abbey Meads Amble 2024

### 5K Walk-Jog-Run-Crawl

When: 23rd March 2024

Time: 10am Registrations  
11am Start



Come and join us for what is affectionately known as **THE AMBLE**. One person's sprint is another person's amble. Come and walk, jog, run or even crawl around our specially designed 5K route around Abbey Meads and Seven Fields.

Whether a 20-minute dash or a scenic stroll, 5km is 5km (3.1 miles)! Amble, scramble or ramble your way around and we will celebrate 'finish lines' not 'finish times'... *unless you want to try for one of the fastest age group times!*

**There is a small entry fee of £5.00 per person - but feel free to collect sponsors too!**

**There will be a medal** for all finishers and a Fun Day to follow, with bouncy castles, BBQ, cakes and other refreshments available.

All money raised will be going to schools run by Project Gambia, a charity for which, friend of our school and author, Neil Griffiths is a Trustee.

We hope to sponsor some children through a full year of education in these charity run schools. We hope each class will sponsor a child, if we raise sufficient funds.

*(£2.00 from each AMCPs pupil would provide a full year's education for 15 infant children through [Project Gambia](#))*



**£5.00  
entry  
fee**

To apply for this event, please visit [ParentPay](#)



ParentPay



Find out more about the charity,  
by visiting this link:

<https://www.projectgambia200.com/>

We need  
helpers

On the route

On the  
refreshments


On the stalls

If you can help  
please let us know

[admin@abbeymeads  
s.bluekitetrust.org](mailto:admin@abbeymeads.bluekitetrust.org)

Please label your  
email 'The Amble'

Please also feel free  
to call into the office  
either in person or  
on the telephone  
01793 723239



Friends of Abbey Meads School  
**FOAMS**  
"Your children at the heart of all we do."

# FOAMS BOOK SWAP

In the Community room

Tues 5th March 3pm

All books 50p each

## PICTURE NEWS

Looking for something to discuss with your family over the break?

Don't forget to look at Picture News on our Website.

All previous presentations are on there for you to dip into and explore further with your family.

Everything from Fashion and self-driving cars to Black History Month and World News.



[Have a look by clicking here.](#)

[PICTURE NEWS](#)

**Click the calendar to see the full version Online**

19th	7.30am & 8.30am	First Day of Term 4 - Sunshine Breakfast Club at 7.30am and School at 8.30am	
22nd	School Day	Scout and Girl Guiding Founders Day - Uniforms welcome in school	Children
March 2024			
5th	6pm	Year 6 SATS Meeting - Yr6 Parents	Year 6 Parents
5th	7pm	FOAMS Meeting - all welcome	Parents
7th	All day	World Book Day Non-Uniform OPTIONAL Dressing Up!	Children
8th	9am	Year 3 Class Assembly	Year 3 Parents
11th	6.15pm	Local Governing Body	Governors
15th	all day	Red Nose Day	Children
21st	5-6pm & 6.15-7.30pm	FOAMS Discos - Rec-Yr2 between 5-6pm and Year 3 to Year 6 between 6.15-7.30pm	Children
22nd	9am	Year 2 Class Assembly	Year 2 Parents
Sat. 23rd	11am	Abbey Meads Amble 5K walk/jog/run	Parents/Family/Friends
25-27th	School Day	Curriculum Enrichment Week 2 - Focus = Science and Technology (including Science & Technology House Cup Competition)	
26th	3.15pm-4.30pm	Kitchen Sink Science Family Learning Event - families stay and enjoy Science Activities	
27th	3pm	Last Day of Term 4 (Easter) (Sunshine Club at 6pm)	
28th	Teacher Training Day 3- School Closed to children		
April 2024			
15th	7.30am and 8.30am	First Day of Term 5 - Sunshine Breakfast Club at 7.30pm and 8.30am for School	

- School is now closed until Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024.
  - Please remember the gates close at 8.35am on that day!
- Your 15 minutes to get your child through the gates and into school will now be 8.20-8.35am