

House Point Cup Weekly Winners

The House Points earned this week were...

Kennet	325pts
Avebury	319pts
Silbury	316pts
Ridgeway	309pts



Well done to all!

Nursery News

We went on our first welly walk this week. The children enjoyed putting on the welly suits and wellies to explore the school grounds. The rain didn't stop us! When we got back we had a lovely hot chocolate to warm up.



Year 5 Author Visit

Year 5 enjoyed a couple of brisk walks to and from Abbey Park School in order to take part in an engaging author talk from Jennifer Bell.

They heard first-hand how Jennifer started her career working in a famous bookshop, looking after piranha...yes we did say piranha! She explained to the children how she got her inspiration for her novels, and asked them for suggestions on the school of the future...400 years in the future, where her novels are set. Kaiden was selected to choose an object as part of a game.

Mrs Rowe and Mrs Healy were incredibly impressed with the exemplary behaviour of our Year 5 children. They set an excellent example for others! Well done Year 5.



Golden Book

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

- Marley and Natalia (Ash)
- Lily and Tobi (Oak)
- Kimberlyn and Mia (1Elm)
- Samuel and Sanyukta (1Holly)
- Tola and Tommy (2Beech)
- Amara and Charlie (2Hazel)
- Miguel and Jethro (3Alder)
- Nevaeh and Daniel (3Birch)
- Alice and Isla-Rose (4Chestnut)
- Shiran and Jenson (4Hornbeam)
- Kyle and Darin (5Rowan)
- Theo and Olivia T (5Sycamore)
- Luke and Evie E (6Juniper)
- Olly and Michael (6Willow)



Well done to all of you - Thank you!

IOW 2024 - Year 5 Parents!

Thank you to the huge number of parents who came to the Year 5 meeting this week.

At the meeting Mr Buckley answered any questions about next year's trip and handed out letters. These letters have been available for collection from the office and have also been emailed to all Year 5 parents. Please note that the cost of the trip has been added to your ParentPay accounts.

As per today's reminder text, the deposit and request to attend the trip need to be completed by 08/12/2023 please.



Important Updates for Next Week

'BearPees' on Monday for Children in Need

Pudsey and the BBC join us on Monday. Children to come to school in PE kits and are welcome to wear yellow/Pudsey gear or just PE kit with the school sweatshirt.

Donations are via this link: [Children in Need Donations](#)

School Photographs

These take place on Tuesday 14th November next week. Please make sure your child is in their smart uniform for that day, with any PE kit carried in for that day if needed.

Clubs and Child Safety – polite request to parents...

During recent club sessions we have found that parents have collected children and taken them home without telling the teacher in charge of the club. Please make sure the teacher knows if your child is not attending the club, it causes enormous disruption to try and find out where missing children might be, but we won't wait until 4pm to find out a child is actually missing. This includes letting us know if your child will no longer attend a club. **Many thanks Mr. B**

Abbey Meads 2 v 0 Tadpole Farm

Congratulations to our footballers who won their latest league match against Tadpole Farm at home this week. The match was extremely close, with half time coming and going without either side scoring. Two moments of magic in the second half saw AMCPS score twice to run out winners by two goals to nil. Just one cup match to go this term before the winter break. Well done all on your continued success.



Book Look Open Hour Next Wednesday

...What is Book Look Open Hour? Next week we are **Open** for an **Hour** between 3-4pm for you to **Look** at your child's **Books**. It is not a parents evening and not for interviews with a teacher, but a time to share the work together with your child. Pop in after school and enjoy some time in the classroom with your child, looking at the work they have been doing. Doors close and gates lock at 4pm.



Sunshine Club Artists hit the big time!

Sunshine children have been getting creative. They were super excited to learn, this week, that their entries to the national After School Club 'Perfect Pets 2023' competition have been accepted to have their lovely illustrations published in a book called Perfect Pets! Congratulations to these children, photographed in assembly this week. We can't wait to see your artwork in print!



Attendance Update

At the end of Term 1 our attendance is as follows:

Attendance	97%
Authorised Absence	2.4%
Unauthorised Absence	0.9%
Lates (after registration closed)	0.8%

Thank you to everyone who has worked so hard to be in every day and on time!

The gates shut at 8.40am each morning. Children arriving after this time have to be signed in at the School Office and may incur a late mark.

Just a little bit late doesn't seem that much, but ...

They are only missing ...	That equals...	Which is...	and over 13 years of schooling that's...
10 minutes per day	50 minutes per week	Nearly 1½ weeks per year	Nearly half a year
20 minutes per day	1 Hour 40 minutes per week	Only 2½ weeks per year	Nearly 1 year
Half an hour per day	Half a day per week	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1.5 years
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 weeks per year	Over 2.5 years

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Our next **Bag2School** collection has been arranged for

Wednesday 15th November 2023

before 9am

in the Community Room

please use the outside door by the staff car park

Any questions - please ask Sarah Swan in the School Office

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This is Next Wednesday - Can you Help?

Please bring bags of clothes, shoes, belts etc. Don't throw it away or just recycle it, bring it in a bag to us and we get funds for the school based on the weight we collect.

See if you qualify to claim free school meals for your child. You can find our easy-to-follow guide here:

https://www.abbeymeads.swindon.sch.uk/files/ugd/64c1c7_11b5e6de6cf544d3b403516bb2ffe3a1.pdf

Please contact Mrs Cunningham if any of these sessions for parents interest you and you would like to book a place. Some you can just turn up... have a look below...



UPCOMING PARENTING PROGRAMMES

(open to all parents but they must book a place – please contact us to add to list)

Family Links @ Brook Field 02/11/2023 1pm – 3pm (fully booked)

Happy Homes @ Ferndale 14/11/2023 1pm – 3pm

Family Links @ Abbey Meads February 2024 time TBC

UPCOMING PARENT SESSIONS

(open to all parents – parents can just attend – no need to book)

**Anxiety/Wellbeing @ Brook Field with Becky
03/11/23 9am**

**Eating Well @ Greenmeadow with Jacqui
15/11/23 9:15am**

**Sleep @ Ruskin with Jacqui and Gayle
21/11/23 9:15am**

**Anxiety/Wellbeing @ Lethbridge with Torz and Becky
16/01/24 at 9am**

**Eating Well @ William Morris with Jacqui and Torz
18/01/24 9am**

**Eating Well @ Abbey Meads with Jacqui and Torz
25/01/24 9am**