

ONE WEEK TO GO TO THE AMBLE 2024 - see pages 2, 4 & 5

House Point Cup Weekly Winners

The House Points earned this week were...

Avebury	298pts
Kennet	288pts
Silbury	294pts
Ridgeway	286pts



Well done to all!

Nursery News

This week we have enjoyed learning about Sunflowers. They are such bright, happy flowers and we are looking forward to seeing them grow in our garden. We are excited to see how tall they grow as we have been developing our measuring skills and language to describe height. We know the insects love sunflowers and we will be watching to see which insects visit them in the summer.



Golden Book

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

Jacob and Sam (Ash)
 Blu and Alice (Oak)
 Luna and Tobi (1Elm)
 Maaz, Summer and Evelyn (1Holly)
 George and Maddie (2Beech)
 Fletcher and Eliza (2Hazel)
 Wendy and Fae (3Alder)
 Eliza and Nicholas (3Birch)
 Amelia and Sophia H (4Chestnut)
 Charlie and Natalie (4Hornbeam)
 Addison and Ollie H (5Rowan)
 Ire and Eniola (5Sycamore)
 Josh, Luke and Kiara (6Juniper)
 Avianna, William and Charlie (6Willow)



Well done to all of you

Quick Fire Dates Coming Soon! (Repeat)

- 21st March Discos NEXT WEEK **PARENT PAY**
- 22nd March - Year 2 Assembly - 9am
- 23rd March - The Amble - see page 2.
- 26th March - 3.15pm - Family Learning - Science Workshops for an hour!
- 27th March - **LAST DAY TERM 4**

Easter Break

- 15th April - FIRST DAY TERM 5
- 16th & 18th April - Parent Teacher Meetings 3.30-6.30pm both days
- 22nd April - **Parent Update** with Mr Buckley - Year 2 & 4 class mix up. 6.30pm
- 6th May - May Day Bank Holiday - Closed

Keep up to date by checking the newsletters for updates every week. Look on our website here:

[CLICK HERE for NEWS](#)

School holidays and the calendar of events are also on our website here: [CLICK HERE for DATES](#)

IMPORTANT - Parent/Teacher Meetings (repeat)

Following the parent survey, which showed 75% of parents wanting face to face appointments, we have organised accordingly. Tuesday 16th April starts with Virtual / Online appointments and switches halfway to in person. Thursday 18th April has all face-to-face appointments. Some things to remember:

- Appointments open to parents on Monday 19th March at 3pm and close on 25th March at 9am. Text to be sent.**
- If you miss this week of opportunity to book, you need to see the teacher directly from 26th March onwards.
- Please book each child separately and leave gaps between these times.
- For virtual appointments the video link will arrive 36hrs before and they will end abruptly, out of our control. Face to Face appointments will have a live clock counting down, please stick to the timings.
- Children are welcome but remain under the control of parents and shouldn't disturb discussions about siblings.



New Governors Appointed

We are delighted to announce that following our recent recruitment drive we have secured two parents to fill the vacant Parent Governor positions and two parents to be appointed as Co-opted Governors. Thank you all so much for offering your time, to serve our community in this way.

Parent Governors - Kayleigh Miller & Charles Oduro **Co-opted Governors** - Amanda Chikwariro & Juliana Ebaghelu

Each Governor term lasts for 4 years, so with the recent appointments of Nathan Clasper before Christmas, plus Kayleigh and Charles now, the next parent governor election will take place when one of them leaves or November 2027, whichever is sooner.



THE AMBLE 2024

Come and join us on Saturday 23rd March for the AMCPS AMBLE and Fun Day. The event starts with number collection and registration between 10-10.45am. The 5k run/jog/walk/crawl/amble! Starts at 11am. Following the 5k we will have BBQ, refreshments, stalls and bouncy castles. Come and join us by either joining in the activity or supporting others. OR - just come for some refreshments and to join in the fun.

ALL WELCOME!

Dogs are allowed on the course (it is a public area) but not school site

Important info:

- 1) **£5 per person** entering the event.
- 2) Please use ParentPay
- 3) Families who want to come back and no longer on our ParentPay, can just turn up on the day and make payments by card/cash. It would be lovely to see some ex-pupils and their families join us!
- 4) You can run, jog, walk, crawl or of course....AMBLE your way around! It is great family time away from screen and enjoying the fresh air!
- 5) Race day is **Saturday 23rd March** with a start at 11am.
- 6) Numbers and permission forms collected between 10-10.45am
- 7) Children Under 9 years old need an adult with them on the course please.
- 8) 100% of entry fees and donations go directly to [Project Gambia](#) where 100% of donations are spent on the schools!
- 9) There will be food and fun activities for everyone afterwards.



See last page for detailed maps.



If dry!



Whatever the weather

Come and join us for a burger and some family fun!

Do you have PHOTO ID for voting this May?

As you may already be aware, voters will now need to take a form of photo ID to be able to vote at a polling station, including the Local and Police and Crime Commissioning Elections on Thursday 2 May.

This will also apply to the general election that is due to be called this year.

Anyone without an accepted form of photo ID can apply for a [Free Voter Authority Certificate](#). Further information and a selection of materials can be found on [The Electoral Commission website](#).



Eli steps up to Under 13s!

Well done Eli for keeping up your physical exercise outside school. At the weekend he stepped up to the Under 13s for Swindon Rugby. He played 'at No.8' in the scrum and helped Swindon defeat a very accomplished Oxford team. Well done Eli, you should be really proud of yourself!



Chloe's Farm Visit

Thank you Year 1 who organised for Chloe's Mobile Farm to come and visit this week. They made it possible for lots of our younger children in different age groups to meet the animals as well. The children were so respectful of the animals and learned lots about animal welfare and how to be careful around animals in the countryside. What a wet, but thoroughly exciting and wonderful day for the children!



Police Visit and Tricky Troll's Capers!

Thank you to Mr Bateson and his police colleagues who came to show their police car to the children in Reception this week. The children had a wonderful time and learned lots about the police investigation skills. This was especially needed as Tricky Troll hid in the car and had a day out in Swindon. The police had to use all their powers to find him and return him to school. Look on [X \(Twitter\)](#) for more photos!



Choir are Superb at The Wyvern!

Well done to the school choir who delivered an incredible performance at the Junior Voice Festival on Wednesday evening. Singing a mix of songs, including Harry Styles, Take That and Katy Perry, the choir captivated the audience and the children thoroughly enjoyed performing at The Wyvern Theatre. Performing in this way is extremely beneficial to children's education. It allows children to build confidence, teamwork skills and it provides cultural enrichment and a real-life example of how dedication and commitment can achieve a goal. Thank you to Miss Hayes who leads choir and organises these events. If you are in Yr2 and want an opportunity to sing at the Wyvern Theatre, then look out for information about the Infant Voice Festival which takes place in July. Thanks also go to Mrs White for supporting Miss Hayes and to Mrs Hume (Chair of Governors) who attended the event to support the children of Abbey Meads Community Primary School

and posted this thank you on X (Twitter)



New Date Saturday 16th March,
10 am until 2 pm

TREE PLANTING DAY

ST ANDREWS
PARISH COUNCIL
Meet at Diamond Jubilee
Park, Addinsell road
SN25 2NR



ABBEY MEADS PRIMARY

TUESDAY 3 - 4pm Yrs 1-6

ART CLUB!

Term 5, x6 wks: 16/04 - 21/05

£30

We give children the
time, space & support
to express, explore,
experiment!



EASTER HOLIDAY CLUB BROOK FIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

2nd - 5th April & 8th - 12th April 2024

To book a place at our holiday club where lots of fun and laughter awaits, please visit our website to secure your place.



www.swindonmultisports.co.uk

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Red Nose Day Thank You

Thank you to everyone who took part in Red Nose Day and dressed in RED today. Thanks also to those who donated to the charity. If you still want to do so please use this link:



[ParentPay Link to Comic Relief.](#)

As always with these things there is no pressure, as we know people give to different charities all the time, including our own event for our link schools in The Gambia.

NEW & FREE!

TARGETED GROUP OFFER ACROSS SCHOOLS & COLLEGES

BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE BE U SWINDON MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM

COMMONWEAL SCHOOL

Year 5 Open Day Tours

Year 5 Students/Parents/Carers are invited to our annual Open Day Tours

Tuesday 2nd July 2024
Wednesday 3rd July 2024
Thursday 4th July 2024

To make a booking, scan the QR Code or use the link

www.commonweal.co.uk/commonwealopendaytours

Our Open Evening will be Wednesday 18th September, 6-8pm
 Further details to follow

The Mall, Old Town, Swindon, SN1 4JE, Tel: 01793 612727

- Mind & Mood Group (Secondary provision)
- Anxiety Central (Primary/Secondary)
- Beat it - Exam Stress (Secondary)
- Parental Decider skills (Primary/Secondary)

Our initial aim is to pilot our online Anxiety Central group in April across primary schools using our current waiting list as part of our waiting well offer. Watch this Space for further updates

Scan this QR code to go directly to our website

Be U SWINDON

01793 781 484
www.beuswindon.co.uk

NHS Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire Integrated Care Board

There are 8 school days left this term.

Are you ready for the Easter break?

Please remember school is closed from

Thurs 28th March to Sun 14th April.

School Opens for Term 5 on

Monday 15th April 2024.

ABBNEY MEADS!

Year 5

CAKE SALE

Saturday 23rd March from 10am

All money that is raised will go to the Gambia

We sell cupcakes, Cookies, Brownies

Bigain Prices

At The Amble on the Playground

DISCO REMINDER

REALLY IMPORTANT

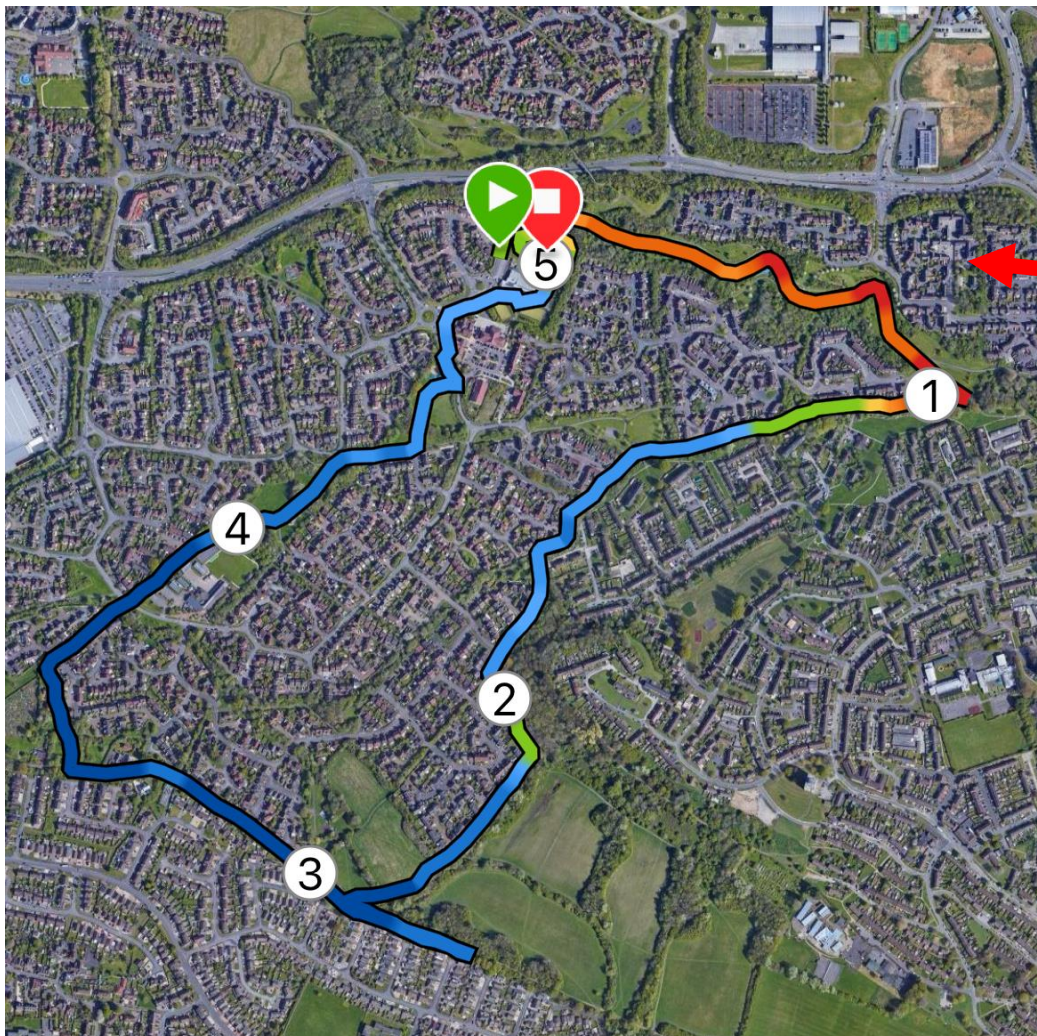
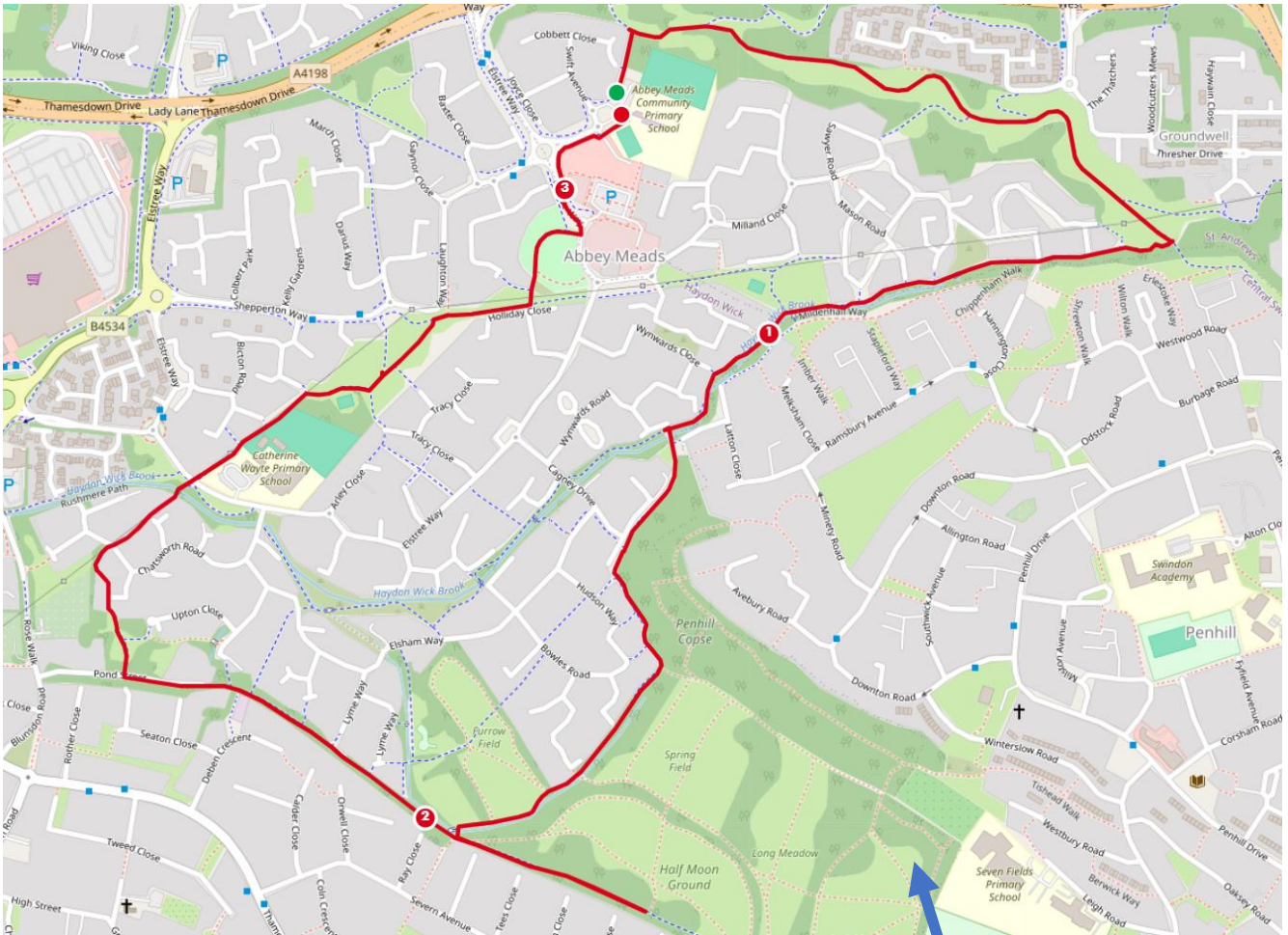
If you want your child to attend one of the discos next week, you will need to pay in advance via ParentPay.

It is important you do this between today and next Wednesday, as we need to print off the numbers who are going. Please don't leave it until Thursday and be disappointed!

Usual rules apply otherwise.

- 5-6pm FS2 & KS1
- 6.15-7.30pm KS2
- All enter via the Community Room - NOT the front door.
- All children are collected via the front door from the hall.
- No coats please - even if raining - parents to take these away please.
- **NO ADULT NO DISCO** - all children of all ages must be collected.

THE AMBLE Course 2024



The Amble Course

Top Map numbers ② are MILES

Bottom Map numbers ② are KILOMETRES

Blue and Green colours mean FLAT!

The course starts just outside the school grounds and ends on the school field.

Currently a few sections of course are close to flooding brooks/streams. The organisers reserve the right to change the course slightly to ensure safety for all participants and where possible to avoid flooding.