

House Point Cup Weekly Winners

The House Points earned this week were...

Silbury	301pts
Kennet	298pts
Ridgeway	296pts
Avebury	292pts



Well done to all!

Nursery News

This week we have been talking about birthdays as part of our celebration work. We have been reading the book 'My Present' by Rod Campbell and the children have made their own book based on this. Next week our work is based around the book 'The Blue Ballon' by Nick Inkpen, so you may see lots of blue balloons around the school.



Year 5 Curriculum Assembly for Parents

Thank you to our Year 5 children for the most amazing assembly this morning. We were welcomed to the jungle and their assembly on Amazon Explorers.

We were treated to some excellent dance moves and marvelled at their flexibility in yoga positions. There was so much to get through, after all their hard work, including descriptions of the layers of the rainforest and a 'heated' debate on deforestation. The children's presentation skills were second to none!

Brazilian Pancakes, made in Design, were of course a hit, with aspects of their learning in science shared superbly as well!

With lovely responses through poetry and 'promises for the earth', we thought there was nothing else they could do... then they reminded us we teach musical notation and the recorder in Year 5. Mr Buckley had to cope with them playing Jingle Bells *in November!?!?*

It was pitch perfect and the audience even sang along!
Today was the epitome of the perfect class assembly!
Well done to all - an excellent way to end the week!



Christmas is coming... Dates for this Christmas are:

In this newsletter = posters on Discos, Santa to Senior, Christmas Fayre and Christmas Lunch!

- 30th November 2023 School Discos - 5-6pm for FS2&KS1 and 6.15-7.30pm for KS2
- 8th December 2023 Deadline for Santa to a Senior Donations - **see page 7**
- 8th December 2023 FOAMS Christmas Fayre - 5-7pm in the main hall.
- 11th December 2023 Acorn Nursery Nativity - 9.30am (tickets will be allocated)
- 11th December 2023 Year 1 Christmas Songs (1 Show) - 2pm (tickets will be allocated)
- 12th December 2023 Reception Nativity Show 1 - 9.15am (tickets will be allocated)
- 12th December 2023 Reception Nativity Show 2 - 2pm (tickets will be allocated)
- 13th December 2023 Year 2 Nativity Show 1 - 9.15am (tickets will be allocated)
- 13th December 2023 Year 2 Nativity Show 2 - 2pm (tickets will be allocated)
- 14th December 2023 Christmas Lunch - all age groups - please book on ParentPay
- 15th December 2023 Carol Service for KS2 and parents - 9.15am Christ The Servant Church.
- 15th December 2023 Last Day - School holidays start at 1.30pm (4.30pm for Sunshine Club)



Please note:

School discos - Rec, Year 1 and Year 2 attend between 5-6pm and Years 3 to 6 between 6.15-7.30pm. Please keep your child's coat and bring it back with you when you collect. Please collect your child on time. **ALL CHILDREN of ALL AGES - MUST be COLLECTED by an ADULT** or may not attend.

Nativities will be subject to the usual limited ticket allocations. Please watch out for letters from the classes regarding tickets and other arrangements.

The Year 1 Christmas Songs could be outside. Details will be finalised depending on weather forecasts and the strength of pupil voices... watch out for more information from the classes, but be prepared that you may need to bring a coat to this event and there will only be one performance.

Christmas Lunch day is for all children. There will be no Grab and Go Options on that day. Please either select the Christmas Dinner or send your child with a packed lunch that day. **See Menu page 6**

The diary date item states the Carol Service was 'time tbc'... this is now confirmed as 9.15am and not 10.30am as originally suggested.

The last day of term is 15/12/2023 and the first day back is normal times on Thursday 04/01/2024.

Next Week – Thursday – 30th November 2023.

All children **must** be brought and collected by an adult.

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 = 5-6pm

Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 = 6.15-7.30pm.

Please keep coats with adults not the children. Please collect on time from each disco.

Please remember – children can only come if they are collected on time by an adult. They cannot come alone.

DISCO

THURS 30TH NOV



Reception, Yr1, & Yr2
5-6pm

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

£3 entry on the door
(card or cash)

We'd be grateful if you can try and use small change
for snacks at the later disco



Abbey Meads Community Primary School
Abbey Meads School, Hugo Drive, Swindon, SN25 4GY

Have you considered
Abbey Meads Primary School
for your child?

Reception Places
available
NOW and for
September 2024

As a result of our desire to have single age classes, we are in a unique position this year and currently have some space in Reception.


We are also doing PERSONAL TOURS NOW for parents seeking a Reception place for **September 2024**

See our website for the most recent Ofsted Inspection 16/17 May 2023
Please contact us for further information

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The Blue Kite Academy Trust

Abbey Meads Community Primary School



SWINDON CHRISTMAS TOY APPEAL
Help a child in Swindon this Christmas

This year we are again supporting the Swindon Christmas Toy Appeal To spread a little cheer to families around Swindon.

If you would like to donate, please bring **NEW** toys in to school by **FRIDAY 1st December**. Donations should be suitable for children aged 0-16

Admissions Consultation

On a regular basis Academies have to consult on their admissions policy. As a part of Blue Kite Trust, this happens collectively, but also happens whenever the Trust's circumstances change, such as more schools joining. This means we have to consult on an even more regular basis as the Blue Kite Trust continues to grow. Since the last consultation, two more schools have joined and the Trust has been won the right to open a brand-new Free School in Lotmead, due to open in a few years' time. There are already other schools in the process of joining, so we are likely to have further consultations too. Please use [this link](#) to read the changes and additions to the admissions policy for Blue Kite Trust.

Do You Drive to school?

Important information for people who drive to school. I just wanted to point out how we can help each other and **keep your children safer when dropping off or collecting in the turning circle.**

Instead of stopping in the widest part of the turning circle, where other cars can overtake and cause a dangerous situation for your child, why not drive a little further round where the road narrows?

This will mean no cars can come past and your child is safer to get out, they can get to the pavement more easily too. There is also the advantage that, by moving around the turning circle as far as you can go, other cars do not get stuck out on the main road.

Thank you for your help with this.

Mr Buckley



Girls play in first ever tournament

We are super proud of these footballers who played in their first every tournament yesterday. They missed out on a semi-final place by one goal and played their hearts out. Mr Buckley was so pleased with their progress in such a short time and is looking forward to the next tournament in January.



Messages from SBC

Air Quality survey

Swindon Borough Council is undertaking an air quality survey in preparation for some upcoming work funded by DEFRA: [Air Quality - Swindon Residents Survey \(smartsurvey.co.uk\)](https://smartsurvey.co.uk)
They are looking to get an understanding of residents' perceptions on air quality in the town. If you are a resident of Swindon please could you complete this survey (links above) to have your say.

Lydiard Park Christmas light switch on-for children and families

When: Friday 24th November 2023

Where: Lydiard Park Hotel

Time: 5.30-7.00pm (Free Entry)



Lydiard Park Hotel &
Conference Centre

Staff Briefing Paper v.1

Christmas Light switch on
Friday the 24th November 2023, 5:30-7:00
Lydiard Park hotel
Free entry

Help us to kick off and celebrate our festive programme here at Lydiard Park hotel. Join the Mayoress of Swindon for a traditional Christmas light switch on kicking off at 5:30.

This event will include carols from the Reverend Clive Deverells church choir, as well as performances from a local stage school, festive food, drink and more.

Programme as followed

5:30-5:50 Lynn Hawkins school choirs and Brass
5:50- Welcome and Introduction of the leader and Mayoress of Swindon
6pm- LIGHT SWITCH ON
6:10-6:20- St Marys church carols
6:30-7pm Kitty Langan studios

the national
sleep
helpline

Does your child suffer with sleep issues?

Do you struggle with your child's bedtime?
Will your child not sleep in their own bed?

WE CAN HELP
03303 530 541
Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 7pm - 9pm
Monday & Wednesday 9am - 11am

Being Safe Year 6

Thank you to Barnardo's who once again came and did some excellent workshops with our Year 6 children around keeping safe. This included Online Safety this time.



Thank you from the Food Collective.

The Trustees from the Swindon Food Collective sent this message this week:

We would like to say a big "THANK YOU" for supporting our Harvest collections again this year. In total, a hugely impressive **11,641.30 Kgs** was donated. This compares very favourably to the previous two years and will help us continue to help those who are most in need in our local community. 68 schools, preschools & nurseries and 37 churches supported us, so please thank your families and church members for their much needed support. Currently, we are giving out in excess of 122 Tonnes of stock to those in need. This equates to roughly 98,000 meals. We receive around 92 Tonnes of donated food but this is not meeting the increased need as we are feeding approx. 10,900 people, a number which has risen dramatically over the past 18 months. As a result, we have had to spend almost £2,000 a month on stock this year to be able to meet the increased demand, so your generosity during Harvest is more welcome than ever. Please know that your support helps us greatly, especially in these colder months where people are spending more on fuel and less on food.



ABBAY MEADS COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

FRI 8TH DEC
5-7PM

50P ENTRY - CHILDREN GO FREE

CRAFTS - RAFFLES - TOMBOLAS -
GAMES - REFRESHMENTS - TATTOOS -
PRIZES - SCHOOL CHOIR -
LOCAL BUSINESS STALLS



Friends of Abbey Meads School
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"Your children are the heart of all we do."



Please note the menu for the last week of term is slightly different.

If you have booked a long way ahead, please look again at Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th December 2023. These items have changed to include the Christmas Lunch and move the roast option from Wednesday to Thursday. Please go back in and reorder for these days. Everyone wishing to order Christmas Lunch can do so in the normal way, but there are no jacket potatoes or Grab 'n' Go options that day, just hot lunch mains (including of course the Vegetarian option).

Anyone not wishing to join us for Christmas Lunch will need to send a packed lunch in to school please.



CHRISTMAS DINNER MENU

Thursday 14th December 2023

**Roast Turkey and Cocktail Sausage (G S/D)
or
Cauliflower, Broccoli & Leek Bake (G M D)**

**Served with
Roast Potatoes
Sage & Onion Stuffing Ball (G S)
Batton Carrots
Garden Peas
Brussel Sprouts
Gravy (G)**

Christmas Cookie (G E)

Please order the main dinner or vegetarian on ParentPay for this day
Jacket Potatoes and Grab & Go are NOT available on this day

You have two weeks to do something, to bring cheer to a local older person this Christmas. See the poster below. Anything that will fit into an A4 envelope.

All donations of cards, puzzles, pictures, crafts, bookmarks etc. by 08/12/2023 please.



Home Instead[®]
To us, it's personal

SPREAD SOME SPARKLE
THIS CHRISTMAS...



Be a Santa to a Senior!

We're collecting donations of small gifts (e.g. puzzle books, chocolates, crosswords, crafts, bookmarks) either purchased or handmade, anything that will fit in an A4 envelope, to make "Santa-Grams" to bring cheer to a local older person this Christmas. Donate with your school or organisation, or online with our Amazon wishlist.

Scan
to buy from
amazon
wishlist



Donations to be received by Friday 8th December.

For more information call 01793 232585 or
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