

## House Point Cup Weekly Winners

The House Points earned this week were...

Ridgeway	343pts
Avebury	333pts
Kennet	326pts
Silbury	324pts



Well done to all!

## Golden Book

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

- Tobias and Florence (Ash)
- Leon and Esme (Oak)
- Fynn and Irhaa (1Elm)
- Evelyn and Maryam (1Holly)
- Nathaniel and Thea (2Beech)
- Rogan and Daisy (2Hazel)
- Jude and Chelsea (3Alder)
- Ashton and Jaydan (3Birch)
- Nathaniel and Jacob (4Chestnut)
- Rory and Isla-Maisey (4Hornbeam)
- Kenzo & Jaime-Leigh (5Rowan)
- Elise and Sebbie (5Sycamore)
- Samuel N and Olivia (6Juniper)
- Charlie, Jake and Aya (6Willow)



Well done to all of you - Thank you!

## Nursery News

Some of our Nursery families celebrate Diwali, so this week we have been learning all about the festival. We can now retell the story of Rama and Sita using our puppets and really enjoyed vegetable samosas for our snack.



## Pudsey visits AMCPS

Everyone was very excited on Monday when Pudsey Bear came to visit AMCPS. We managed to do over 40,000 Bearpees (yes we mean BEARpees) whilst Graham Rogers from BBC Radio Wiltshire came and presented live on the radio. We have continued doing our Bearpees today and Joe Wicks showed us a variety of ways to do them, including sitting down and in slow motion. [Have a look at Joe Wicks Here](#)



You can hear Graham's interview with Mrs Farmer and three of our children by tuning into BBC SOUNDS. Look for Sue Davies show around 37mins in on 13-11-2023 - (you have to go to the schedule and click on Monday 13<sup>th</sup>).

[You can try by using this link](#)

To make donations you are able to click on the link below, which will take you to the Abbey Meads ParentPay donation page and will show us how much we are raising for our part in the challenge for Children In Need.

[Use this link to make a donation via AMCPS](#)



## Thank you for your donations

Thank you all for your donations of clothing through our BAG2SCHOOL scheme. Together we recycled 202Kg which means we gained £101 to FOAMS to be spent on your children.



### Gymnastics success continues

Well done to these girls on their gymnastics successes last weekend. They had to compete on trampet, vault and floor. Here they are (alphabetically not left to right!) with their medals.

Eloise, Isla, Isla, Molly, Olivia



### Book Look Open Hour

*Thanks for coming.*

There were many parents who came for the duration of the open hour and a steady stream throughout.

As mentioned in advance, these Open Hours are not parent interviews, so if you needed to see a teacher please make separate appointments by contacting your child's teacher.

The next Open Hour Book Look is 6<sup>th</sup> February 2023, 3-4pm. We look forward to seeing you all again then.



### **Non-Uniform Next week AGAIN!**

This time it will be for the donations we collect to create our **FOAMS FAMOUS CHRISTMAS HAMPERS**

Please see the ideas on this chart for each age group to donate. →

Please don't worry though, if unable to match your age group, ANY donations will be gratefully received and will help us raise funds to be spent on your children.

### Friday 24th November 2023 is NON UNIFORM DAY for Christmas Hamper Donations

FOAMS are extremely grateful for any donation and will create hampers based on the donations made. Please do not worry about what to donate for a specific category, just donate something you feel able to give. The lists below are just ideas - you may have better ideas. Please ensure items are new and unopened:

Nursery & Reception	Ladies	Make up, toiletries, notelets, chocolates, picture frames, vouchers, magazines, alcohol, hair accessories, jewellery, scarves, candles, nail polish
Year 1	Gents	Toiletries, magazines, chocolates/sweets, alcohol, lottery ticket, snack food, books, stationery, crackers, games, mince pies, torch, socks, car or sport accessories, water bottle
Year 2	Children	Toys, scarves, games, paper, pens, magazines, sweets, hair accessories, puzzles, comics, pencil cases, books, art and crafts
Year 3	Grandparents	Christmas puddings, jar of mincemeat, books, alcohol, confectionery, biscuits, crackers, Christmas decorations or cards, wrapping paper, bookmarks, photo frames, stationery, kitchen accessories
Year 4	Christmas at home	Alcohol, crisps, popcorn, mince pies, crackers, Christmas puddings, wrapping paper, cards, tree decorations, tinsel, baubles, table decorations, vouchers, kitchen accessories
Year 5	Arts & Crafts	Pens, card or paper, stickers, colouring books, magazines, beads, painting, pencil cases, stickers, cross-stitch, designs of things to make, feathers, handmade gifts, origami paper, books or vouchers
Year 6	Hobbies	Sport equipment, golf balls, socks, tennis balls, games, playing cards, craft vouchers, sports or craft magazine, painting, baking, sewing, knitting, books, fishing, cars, DIY, cross stitch

**THANK YOU** for your help and support

### **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](https://www.abbeymeads.swindon.sch.uk/files/ugd/64c1c7_11b5e6de6cf544d3b403516bb2ffe3a1.pdf)

**Even if you don't want the meals, by not claiming the school misses out on vital government funding.**

# WHEN TO SEE THE DOCTOR

Arrange to see or speak to your doctor today if any of the following occur:

## RAPID OR DIFFICULT BREATHING (DEPENDING ON AGE):

AGE OF CHILD	BREATHING RATE
Babies under 6 months	over 60 breaths per minute
Babies 6-12 months	over 50 breaths per minute
Children over 1 year	over 40 breaths per minute
Any age	Being short of breath (as if your child has been running) or is 'working hard' to breathe when resting
Any age	Skin between and below the ribs gets sucked in each time your child takes a breath

## HIGH OR PERSISTENT FEVER (DEPENDING ON AGE OF CHILD):

AGE OF CHILD	TEMPERATURE
Babies under 3 months	38°C or more
Babies 3-6 months	39°C or more
Children over 6 months	over 37.5°C for more than 5 days
If your child has a fever fit, call 999 or take them to A&E.	

## VOMITING (DEPENDING ON AGE):

AGE OF CHILD	SYMPTOMS
Babies under 3 months	Vomiting + fever of 38°C or above
Babies 3-6 months	Vomiting + fever of 39°C or above
Children over 6 months	Vomiting + fever + extremely drowsy or listless
Any age	Severe vomiting (child not able to hold down fluids for 8 hours or showing signs of dehydration)
Any age	Persistent vomiting (more than 2 days)

### SKIN PALER THAN USUAL

If your child appears much paler than usual; hands and feet are very cold while their body is warm. **If skin, lips or tongue appear blue, call 999.**

### PAIN

Pain in the chest (not when coughing) combined with fever and rapid breathing.

### HARD TO WAKE / UNRESPONSIVE

Cannot be woken or wakes only slightly and then immediately goes back to sleep.

If your child wakes only with lots of stimulation, or is much less responsive to social stimulation (smiles and talking) than usual.

### NOT FEEDING

**Babies under 1 year:** if your child stops feeding entirely.



Emailed home this week...

What to do if your child develops a winter cough...

Expand to read...

## A message from the children

The **School Councillors** will be running our contribution to the Swindon Christmas Toy Appeal again this year. Please see the poster here for more information. We have two weeks to make donations, with all donated toys and games being collected on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December.

## Dates Update

All the dates you need for Christmas will be published again in next week's newsletter.

Early Reminders are...

**Year 5 Assembly** Next Friday 9am

**Discos** will be on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November

**Carol Service** for Years 3 to 6 is confirmed as 9am on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023

At Christ The Servant Church.

School Diary here:

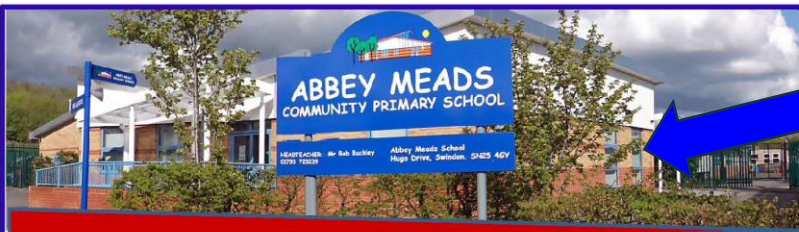
[AMCPS Diary Dates.](#)

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

*Thank you for reading this far... a number of parents have commented this week on how informative the weekly Newsletter is. Please continue to spend the short time it takes to read our Friday News. See page 4 for an important poster on school places!*

**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](https://www.abbeymeads.swindon.sch.uk/files/ugd/64c1c7_11b5e6de6cf544d3b403516bb2ffe3a1.pdf)  
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**Tours happening now...** Do you have a child who needs a school place from September? Or know someone who needs a place? The deadline for applications to Swindon Borough Council is **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024** - come look now!

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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Tel: 01793 723239  
Email: [admin@abbeymeads.bluekitetrust.org](mailto:admin@abbeymeads.bluekitetrust.org)  
Website: [www.abbeymeads.swindon.sch.uk](http://www.abbeymeads.swindon.sch.uk)

The Blue Kite Academy Trust

**Abbey Meads Community Primary School**

**SWINDON MULTI SPORTS HOLIDAY CLUB**

AGES 4-12

FULLY QUALIFIED COACHES

DECEMBER CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CLUB

MAKE NEW FRIENDS FUN ACTIVITIES

**BROOK FIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
18th - 22nd December 2023

A wide variety of sports and activities on offer including, Football, basketball, cricket, table football a nature walk, outdoor gym equipment, 2 play areas, and much more.....

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

**Winter Holiday Fun Workshops**

Park South Community Centre,  
Cranmore Avenue, Swindon, SN3 2ER

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- GAMES • SINGING • DANCE & MOVEMENT
- DRAMA • ARTS AND CRAFTS

Sessions are free for eligible HAF recipients, £20.00 per session for Non-HAF recipients  
Sessions are £20 for children who do not receive free school meals

To enrol, please go to [www.revolutionpa.co.uk/holiday-fun-swindon](http://www.revolutionpa.co.uk/holiday-fun-swindon). For any questions, email us at [office@revolutionpa.co.uk](mailto:office@revolutionpa.co.uk) or call us on 01793 792983 or text us on 07799691328

arts award centre, SWINDON ARTS COUNCIL, SWINDON STORIES

**Winter Holiday Opportunities**

We will keep posting these adverts for you - but it is for parents to decide which opportunities best fit their children.

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