

## House Point Cup Weekly Winners

The House Points earned this week were...

Avebury	434pts
Kennet	422pts
Ridgeway	417pts
Silbury	412pts



Well done to all

## Nursery News

Awe and wonder ... we couldn't believe the size of the bumble bee that visited our garden today. We watched it collect all the pollen, it was covered. This provided a great opportunity to teach our youngest children about the importance bees.



## Golden Book

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

*Reception classes will appear here soon...*

Bethany and Dougie (1Elm)  
 Kaylee and Marlie (1Holly)  
 Sachi and George (2Beech)  
 Aslan and Jaxon (2Hazel)  
 Phoebe and Hadi (3Alder)  
 Toby and Ruby (3Birch)  
 Mason and Sophia H (4Chestnut)  
 Jaxon and Trelawny (4Hornbeam)  
 Evie-Lea and William (5Rowan)  
 Ollie and Eniola (5Sycamore)  
 Isla T and Kieran (6Juniper)  
 Brian and Jasmine (6Willow)



*Well done to all of you - keep it up!*

## Harvest

Please note that our annual Harvest Assemblies will take place over the next two weeks.

We are asking that any donations are brought into school on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October, so that they may be given to the Swindon Food Collective. The message from the collective is:

### HARVEST DONATIONS

### WHAT WE NEED MOST THIS YEAR

Regular sized Tins, Jars, Bottles, Cartons or Packets of:  
 Potatoes; Meat; Fish; Tomatoes; Soup; Vegetables;  
 Fruit; Puddings; Pasta Sauce; Cereals; Small Jars of  
 Coffee; Tea; Small Bags of Sugar; Biscuits; 1L Bottles  
 of Squash; Washing Up Liquid; Laundry Pods; 2 in 1  
 Shampoo & Conditioner; Male and Female  
 Deodorants.

### BUT PLEASE NOTE:

**Please do not donate alcohol / fizzy drinks**

**We have plentiful supplies of pasta, baked beans and shower gel, so none of these are needed this time.**



## School Council and Poetry Competition ALERT!

Advance Warning - Get planning!

**The elections for School Councillors** (Y1-Y6)

takes place on **5<sup>th</sup> October**. Time to get your manifesto and poster made if you would like to stand this year. Children vote for their own councillors in a secret ballot with a real Ballot Box.

**The Inter House Poetry Competition** takes place during Enrichment Week 1 (31/10/23 to 3/11/23). You have between now and **31<sup>st</sup> October** to choose **and learn** a poem.

*We will have class winners, with some being selected to represent their House in the Poetry Competition at the end of that week. Mr Bicknell will come and judge the competition and the new Poetry Competition Owl will be presented to the winning House.*

Get learning now - all age groups - even the youngest.

**If unsure, please ask a teacher for help.**



## Year 6 have a busy start to term

Last week Y6 enjoyed a very informative workshop with Barnardo's Safer Streets team. They learnt about healthy relationships and the children demonstrated their knowledge of what makes a good friend in a number of interactive activities.

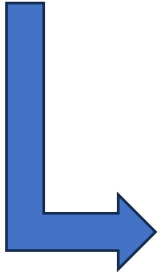
They are looking forward to their second workshop in term 2.

This week they visited STEAM to continue their studies in History and doubled up the trip to include their Geography Fieldwork Studies, this time at the Swindon Designer Outlet.



## Parent Update 9<sup>th</sup> October 2023 - 6pm

Repeat  
Item



Parent Updates happen a few times a year and involve Mr Buckley presenting information on school development and education in general. It is an opportunity for parents to come along and spend time with Mr Buckley without children in attendance so we can discuss policy and practice.

Although Mr Buckley values the involvement of those who attend, in the past these updates have not been very well attended, so this time we are trying a different model. It will take the form of a question-and-answer session, with additional information on anything of interest to the parents attending. Therefore, the session is dependent on there being enough interest and content.



If you would like to attend, please email the office on [admin@abbeymeads.bluekitetrust.org](mailto:admin@abbeymeads.bluekitetrust.org) and submit any questions you have or subjects on which you would like more information. We will either run a face-to-face session, if there is sufficient interest, or produce a fact sheet answering the questions raised (or both).

**Deadline for submitting questions etc is Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September** (so that people have enough notice whether they need to attend school at 6pm on 9<sup>th</sup> October or not).

We will announce the outcome on Newsletter 5 (29/09/23) so you can plan ahead.

### Well done David and Daniel on your swimming achievements.

David and Daniel advanced from Stage 4 to Stage 5 in the 'Learn To Swim' program by Swim England. They proudly received their certificates and badges on Tuesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023 (photo attached).

Well done boys on your achievements, it is excellent that you have been given the opportunity to swim outside school.

*We can all ensure your children are safer near water by getting them swimming early. Don't wait for a few school lessons, get your children swimming!*



**23<sup>rd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> October, 10:00am – 12:00pm**

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EVERY OTHER FRIDAY FOR PRIMARY AGED CHILDREN

Autumn term 2023:

8<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> Sept, 13<sup>th</sup> Oct, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> Nov, 1<sup>st</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> Dec

**ZOOM  
KIDS CLUB**

**FREE TO ATTEND, JUST COME ALONG TO REGISTER**

ABBEY MEADS COMMUNITY SCHOOL @ 6pm – 7pm

SEE [WWW.NSBC.ORG.UK](http://WWW.NSBC.ORG.UK) or contact [admin@nsbc.org.uk](mailto:admin@nsbc.org.uk) for MORE INFO



Look at the chart and say the COLOUR not the word

YELLOW	BLUE	ORANGE
BLACK	RED	GREEN
PURPLE	YELLOW	RED
ORANGE	GREEN	BLACK
BLUE	RED	PURPLE
GREEN	BLUE	ORANGE

**Left – Right Conflict**

Your right brain tries to say the colour but your left brain insists on reading the word.

## Important Office Updates

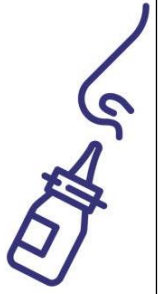
### Flu Vaccinations

A quick reminder that the Flu Vaccinations take place on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2023. Consent forms need to be completed up to 48 hours before this date if you want your child to receive the Nasal Spray Vaccine. The link allows you to accept or decline, but if you do not reply this will be taken as a decline of the offer.

The link to register is here: <https://schoolimms.hcrgcaregroup.com/flu/2023/swindon>

If you want more information, see a copy of the original email to parents here:

[https://www.abbeymeads.swindon.sch.uk/files/ugd/64c1c7\\_c54aa47358384729a6c176d1ef781af8.pdf](https://www.abbeymeads.swindon.sch.uk/files/ugd/64c1c7_c54aa47358384729a6c176d1ef781af8.pdf)



### Clubs

Letters inviting children to Clubs were sent out this week.

You will know already the day and times for the club, but please note the dates - they run across two terms and are not always consecutive weeks. Please also note the finish time of the clubs. We run these clubs on a voluntary, free basis, and this is not the case in all schools. Our teachers do have meetings and other work to do once the clubs have finished, so we are grateful for prompt collections at the published end time for each club. *If your child was unlucky and not allocated a club this time, they are now a priority for next time.*



## ABBEY MEADS Community Primary School



### School Visits

There are three ways of seeing our school and you may choose all or some of these.

1. Virtual Tour [Available on our Website](#)
2. Reception Class Video [Available on our Website](#)
3. Face to Face tour with Headteacher **BY APPOINTMENT ONLY**

If it is completely impossible for you to make use of these arrangements, please contact the school to discuss how we can help you. make an informed decision.

#### School Places

**If your child's 4th birthday is between September 2023-August 2024 please apply online via [www.swindon.gov.uk](http://www.swindon.gov.uk) (to start school in September 2024)**

#### Nursery Places

**We accept children from 3 years old in our Nursery classes  
Please contact us for an application form**

Mr Buckley will give you a tour, replaced by his Deputy Mrs Cunningham, who is also SENDCO, if needed.

**Please telephone the office for an appointment to see the school.  
Telephone 01793 723239**

or

**Email: [admin@abbeymeads.bluekitetrust.org](mailto:admin@abbeymeads.bluekitetrust.org) to book a tour.**

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### Swimming



Just a quick reminder that the Link Centre has been flooded and as a result swimming in Year 4 has been cancelled both this week and next.

We will continue to liaise with the Link and make every effort to find alternative opportunities to catch up on any swimming missed.

## FARMOR'S SCHOOL AND SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENTS 2023



**FARMOR'S SCHOOL**  
The Park  
Leafield Road  
Fairford  
  
Phone: 01285 712302  
Email: [admin@farmors.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@farmors.gloucs.sch.uk)

#### YEAR 6 OPEN EVENING

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2023  
4:00pm – 7:00pm

Presentations throughout the evening  
by Headteacher Mr M Evans

#### OPEN MORNING TOURS

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2023  
Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2023

To book a tour or for more  
information please visit  
[www.farmors.gloucs.sch.uk](http://www.farmors.gloucs.sch.uk)



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**WHERE: BADBURY PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**WHEN: TUESDAYS FROM 26TH SEPT- 17TH OCT 1PM-3PM**

**WHAT: PRACTICAL IDEAS AND STRATEGIES TO SUPPORT  
BEHAVIOUR, ROUTINES AND RELATIONSHIPS AT HOME**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION EMAIL  
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