



Abbey Lane Primary School

Autumn 2 2024-25 Newsletter (2)

Christmas is nearly here!

This is always such a busy time of year in school and consequently, it always races by! Children are busy performing their nativities and practising their Christmas songs – there are also several elves on various shelves around the school. The children are very excited as we head into the last week or so of the Autumn term and as always, it's lovely to see the positivity and buzz around school as we get closer to the holidays.

Our new behaviour policy has been up and running since September and it is clear to see, as we are coming to the end of the first full term this year, that it is having an impact. There is a very calm atmosphere around school and the children are doing a fantastic job at following our School's Core Values.

I want to also give a big thank you to all the staff at Abbey Lane. Autumn term has lots packed into it, particularly during the run up to Christmas, and our staff just keep on going, trying their best to give the children the best school experience that they can. I couldn't thank them all enough – what a great team!

I hope you all have a brilliant time during the Christmas break and I look forward to seeing the children back in school again in January.

Mr Calcutt

Litter Picking

A big thank you needs to go out to some of our children who voluntarily did some litter picking on their way to and from school earlier this half term. Well done to **Evie S, Myles S, Finley B, Emme B, Reuben S, Maeve S, Ryan M, Finnian H, Nye S, Xander B, Amber T** and **Cora W**.

Really showing our Core Values of Respect and Teamwork.

Dogs Left Unattended

We kindly remind parents and carers to avoid leaving dogs tied up unattended outside the school entrances during drop-off and pick-up times. While we understand many of you bring your dogs as part of your school run, unattended dogs can bark or become distressed, which has frightened some of our children, especially those who are nervous around animals. To ensure a calm and safe environment for all our pupils, we ask for your cooperation in keeping dogs away from the main entrances or having someone stay with them at all times. Thank you for your understanding and support.

Electric Scooter Safety

We have received concerns from parents about the use of electric scooters around our local area, particularly near school grounds. It has been reported that some scooters are being ridden dangerously on pavements and roads, posing a risk to pedestrians, including children. Please be reminded that electric scooters are illegal to use in public spaces and can travel at high speeds, increasing the likelihood of accidents.

For everyone's safety, we urge parents and carers to refrain from using these scooters for school journeys and to prioritise the safety of the children in our community. Thank you for your cooperation.

Raffle Winners

For Children in Need back in November, we held a raffle with the winning children getting to take home a brand new Build-A-Bear. Below are the winners, Raya L, Freddie M and Daniil S proudly posing with their bears! Erin G was the fourth winner but she was at Thornbridge when the photos were taken – she still got her bear though, don't worry!



Y1 Animal Experience

Year One had a special visit this term from Faye from Beasties who came to talk to the children and show off some of her amazing animals. The children got to learn all about their natural habitats and find out some amazing facts. They had a brilliant time handling some of the animals as you can see by these photos:



Mission Christmas

A huge thank you to everyone who has donated to our Mission Christmas collection! Your generosity has been truly heart-warming, and we're proud to see our school community coming together to support this wonderful cause. These donations will help bring joy to children and families in need this holiday season. Please take a moment to look at the fantastic contributions we've received so far in the photos below. Together, we're making a difference—thank you for being part of it!



Sheffield Parenting Hub

Sheffield Parenting Hub will be delivering their Timid to Tiger programme at school next term: Thursday 9th January – Thursday 27th March, 9 – 11.15am.

'This programme will help you manage your child's worries and help them become more confident. We know it can be very difficult raising an anxious child. Many parents tell us they can be torn between pushing their child to face their fears but wanting to protect them when they are frightened and worried. It can be hard to know the best thing to do. This programme is designed to help parents understand anxiety and to give them strategies for building their child's confidence. As a parent you are in a great position to help them learn to deal with their worries.'

We have space for 12 parents to attend, so if you would like to come along to the 10-week programme, please contact Miss Moralee via the school email: enquiries@abbeylane.sheffield.sch.uk





SENSORY NEEDS & THE BEHAVIOURS THAT CHALLENGE

Get ready to dive into the world of sensory needs!

We'll learn about how a child or young person's sensory needs can cause challenges and develop some helpful strategies to support them.

Abbey Lane Primary School,
Abbey Lane, Sheffield S8 0BN

23.01.25 1200-1430

Booking essential via our website or scan the QR code



sheffieldparentcarerforum.org.uk

Christmas Nativities

We have had our Reception and KS1 nativities this week and they have been brilliant. The children have worked hard for weeks to practice these performances and it really showed. It doesn't really feel like Christmas can begin until you've seen a nativity performance in school! A massive thank you needs to also go to all the staff in school that helped to put these productions together – it takes a lot of time and effort to organise these and all the adults involved have done a great job as always.



Sheffield Young Artists

For All Aspiring Young Artists

Every year Abbey Lane Primary School students enter the Sheffield Young Artists competition and this year will be no exception. If you would like to make a piece of art and have the chance to win a place in our entry then get brushes, pencils, craft supplies and your creativity at the ready.

The contest has no topic or subject, so any piece of art you would like to make is welcome. There are three categories - painting, drawing and mixed media. All finished pieces must be no larger than an A4-sized piece of paper.

Spaces are limited, as we can only enter 20 paintings, 10 drawings and 10 pieces in mixed media, but all art will be considered. Please bring finished pieces to the school office by Friday 7th February.

Happy creating!

Bowling Competition

Some of our children took part in the Panathlon Bowling at Hollywood Bowl.

The children had a fantastic time. They worked hard individually, but were also really supportive of each other. In the end, the team came 3rd out of 20 schools. They received a certificate and a bronze medal.



Sheffield Parent Carer Forum

The SEND postponed coffee morning will now be on Thursday 23 January 12.30 - 2.30pm. It is an extended session as Rebekah Lawler from Sheffield Parent Carer Forum will be delivering a session: 'Sensory needs and the behaviours that challenge.'

Diary Dates

Here are some provisional dates for Autumn term and the start of Spring term. There may be more details for some of these events sent out closer to the time. There will also be some dates that don't appear on this list as they haven't been finalised yet.

Monday 16 th December 2024	Y3 and Y4 Carol Singing
Tuesday 17 th December 2024	Y1 Carol Singing
Tuesday 17 th December 2024	Reception and KS1 Author Visit
Wednesday 18 th December 2024	Christmas Dinner Day
Thursday 19 th December 2024	Christmas Party Day
Friday 20 th December 2024	Y5 and Y6 Carol Singing
Monday 23 rd December 2024 – Monday 6 th January 2025	Christmas Holidays
Tuesday 7 th January 2025	First day back in school for children after the Christmas holidays
Thursday 9 th January 2025	First weekly Timid to Tiger parent training session (9am)
Thursday 9 th January 2025	Young Voices Concert
Monday 20 th January 2025	Vision screening for Reception
Thursday 23 rd January 2025	Sheffield Parent Hub sensory information session (12.30)
Friday 14 th February 2025	Y4 Roman Day
Monday 17 th February 2025 – Friday 21 st February 2025	Half Term
Wednesday 26 th February 2025	Y2 Great Fire of London take over day (2 classes)
Thursday 27 th February 2025	Y2 Great Fire of London take over day (remaining class)
Thursday 27 th February 2025	PALS Disco
Tuesday 11 th March 2025	Parents Evening (details will be sent out closer to the time)
Thursday 13 th March 2025	Parents Evening (details will be sent out closer to the time)
Tuesday 25 th March 2025	Y3 trip to Magna
Tuesday 28 th March 2025	INSET day