



Abbey Lane Primary School

Spring 2 2024-25 Newsletter

It's great to be back in school!

Welcome back! I hope you all had a fantastic half-term break and that the children are feeling re-energised for the new half-term ahead. From visiting classrooms this week, it's clear that they've returned eager to learn and I've enjoyed hearing about their half-term adventures.

This half-term promises to be another exciting one, with plenty of great learning opportunities ahead. We're eager to see the children continue to progress as they move into the second half of the school year. At Abbey Lane we strive to make learning both engaging and meaningful and it's been wonderful to see that in action already this week.

This half term may be short and the Easter holidays will be here before we know it but looking at the key dates at the bottom of this newsletter it's clear that the children have plenty of exciting experiences and activities ahead.

I hope everyone has a great Spring 2!

Mr Calcutt

Peak Edge Academy Trust

Before half term I wrote to confirm that our academy conversion is set for Saturday 1st March, when we will officially join Peak Edge Academy Trust. I'm pleased to let you know that everything remains on track meaning that when your children arrive at school on Monday 3rd March Abbey Lane will be part of Peak Edge.

As I've mentioned previously there will be little noticeable change to your child's day-to-day school experience everything will feel very much the same. However, joining the Trust will bring significant benefits including increased networking and professional development opportunities for staff as well as access to a wider range of expertise from like-minded schools. As always, if you have any questions about the conversion please don't hesitate to get in touch with me or Dan Smith, our Chair of Governors —we'll be happy to help.



Y6 Netball Team

We took two teams from our Y6 netball after school club, to the SFSS U11 Tournament on Saturday 25th January. Fifteen teams entered and we are really proud to share that one of our teams got silver medals, narrowly losing 5-3 to Sheffield High School in the final. A fantastic achievement from the children but also a big thank you to Mrs Hibberd for organising our involvement in these events and coaching the team. Well done!



Panathlon Challenge

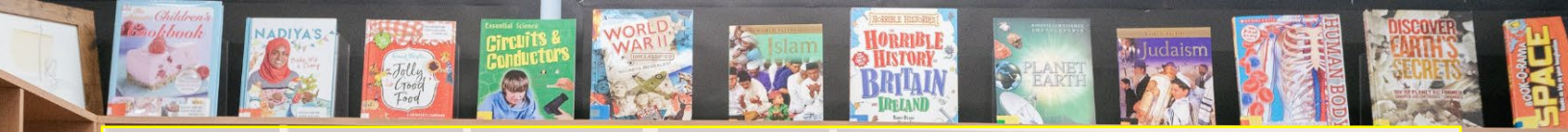
Before half term, a group of our children participated in the Panathlon Challenge at Concord Sports Centre. This was their third Panathlon event of the year, with this particular competition focusing on multisports. As always, they demonstrated fantastic teamwork, supporting and cheering each other on throughout. We are incredibly proud of their enthusiasm and team spirit—well done, Team Abbey Lane!



Mr Munday's Children's Book

We are delighted to announce that one of our teachers, Greg Munday, will soon be having his first children's book published. This story, *A Woodland Adventure Part One – The Meeting*, centres around Amy and her great grandmother, Nanny Agnes, and will be available to purchase from many outlets, including Amazon, from Friday 25th April. This is a huge achievement and we are all very proud of Greg. Well done, Mr Munday!





Hello from PALS

We hope you all had a lovely half term. Firstly thank you to everyone who supported the bake sale on Valentine's Day. It was a great success and we raised over £250!

We are excited for the first disco of 2025 on Thursday 27th February. Thank you to everyone who has helped sell tickets and supported on the night. These events really cannot happen without a big volunteer team!

Our Quiz Night on Friday 7th March has now sold out. Thank you to everyone who has bought tickets. We are really looking forward to the evening!

We will be selling uniform during Parent's Evening on the Tuesday 11th and Thursday 13th March, volunteer dependent. If you can help set up, pack down or sell, please join the Whatsapp uniform group and let us know which day/time you can do.

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/H05pjDRB15dIRw1RGwqMU7>

As we mentioned in previous newsletters, all the fundraising we do this year will help fund the new playground project. Thank you all for your support.

If you would like to get in touch then please email parentsabbeylane@hotmail.com

Thanks,

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Ramadan

As our school community is wonderfully diverse, we would like to take this opportunity to wish Ramadan Mubarak to all our Muslim families.

For those who may not be familiar, Ramadan is a sacred month for Muslims worldwide, marked by fasting as a test of strength and devotion. It is also a time for prayer, reflection, and coming together as a community. This year, Ramadan begins this weekend, with the exact start date depending on the sighting of the new moon.

Y6 1940s Day

On Wednesday 26th March, the Y6s will be having a 1940s day which will be linked to their WW2 topic. At 2.30pm on that day, the children will be performing the Lindy Hop dance for parents and carers in the school hall. There will be more details about this closer to the time.

Parent Survey

The governors have created a short survey for parents and carers to fill out regarding their thoughts and opinions about the school. We would be incredibly grateful if you took some time to complete it.

As always, we welcome all feedback and take all comments on board – both positive and areas for improvement.

If you follow the link below, it should take you straight to the survey:

<https://forms.gle/HTkEyUCPK5CjH3mcA>

Diary Dates

Here are some provisional dates for the rest 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.

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
Friday 28 th February 2025	Y4 Quidditch showcase for parents
Monday 3 rd March 2025	Reception JAM Coding (computing enrichment day)
Thursday 6 th March 2025	World Book Day
Saturday 8 th March 2025	Y6 Pop Maths Quiz at Sheffield Hallam
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)
Friday 14 th March 2025	Y6 trip to Holocaust Museum
Tuesday 18 th March 2025	Y2 trip to Ecclesall Woods (2 classes)
Wednesday 19 th March 2025	Y2 trip to Ecclesall Woods (remaining class)
Friday 21 st March 2025	Red Nose Day
Friday 21 st March 2025	Reception trip to White Post Farm
Friday 21 st March 2025	MCLT Concert at Meadowhead School
Tuesday 25 th March 2025	Y3 trip to Magna
Wednesday 26 th March 2025	Y6 1940s Day
Thursday 27 th March 2025	Y5 Viking Day
Friday 28 th March 2025	INSET day
Monday 31 st March – Friday 11 th April 2025	Easter Holidays