



Abbey Lane Primary School

Autumn 1 2024-25 Newsletter (2)

Ready for Half Term

That first half term has gone by in a flash. It has felt like we have never been away! The children in all year groups have settled into their new classes incredibly well. As always, I am very proud of how our children follow our Abbey Lane Core Values – visitors to school have commented on the calm atmosphere in school and that is down to the children. A great big thank you also to the staff for continuing to make Abbey Lane the great place that it is. They all deserve a very restful break at half term.

We have had lots of fun and exciting things happen in school this half term. Our first disco of the year, organised by PALS, was very popular (as always), Y4s have enjoyed an Ancient Greek day, all classes celebrated European Day of Languages and the school has competed in numerous sporting events.

I wish you all a relaxing half term and I'm already looking forward to what next term will bring.

Mr Calcutt

End of Day Collection

Just to remind you of our policy for collecting children, a sibling, who is under the age of 16 years old, will not be permitted to collect your child without a known adult with them. We have had a few instances of this recently and we have to ensure the safety of our pupils.

I want to also send out another plea to ensure that you are considerate with your parking at the end of the day when collecting your child. We have had a number of complaints from local residents and businesses that their driveways are being blocked by parked cars at home time. We are a school that is trying to forge its links with the surrounding community and we ask that you can support the school with this when parking your car.

Also, dogs (this includes puppies that are being carried) are not allowed on the school site **at any time**. This is for a number of reasons (safety concerns, allergies, hygiene, school liability, etc). We understand that sometimes your child may want to show off their pet to their friends or teacher but we urge you to please follow this rule for the reasons outlined above.

Thank you, as ever, for your continued support and understanding.

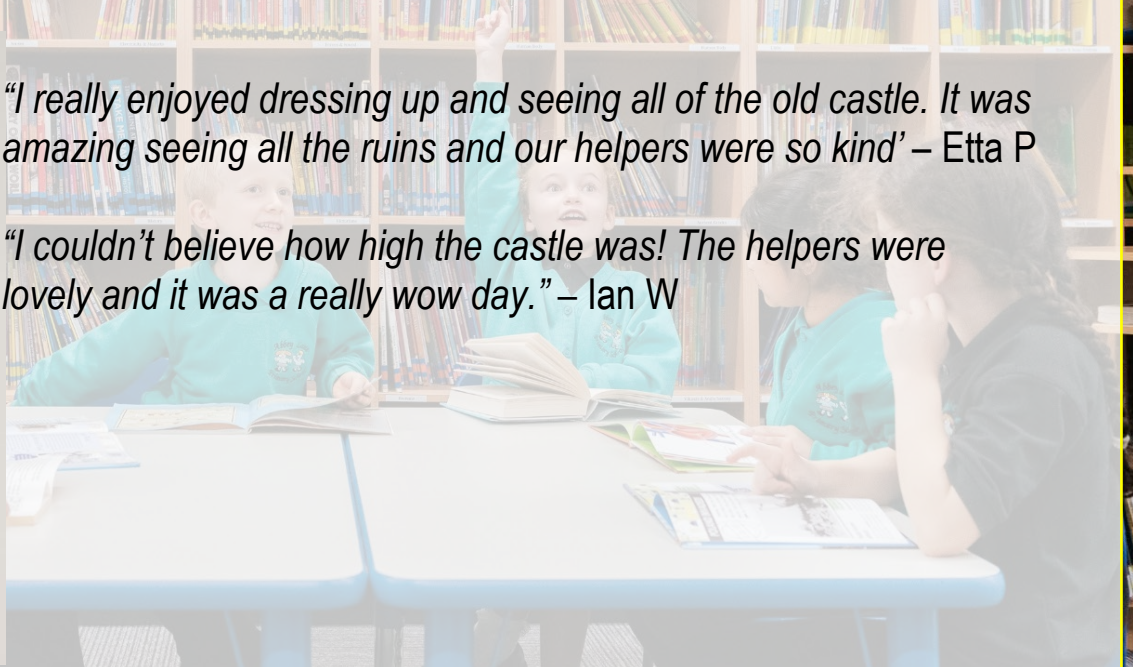
Y1 Trip to Conisbrough Castle

The Y1s had their first trip of the year recently as they embarked on a journey to visit Conisbrough Castle as part of their topic about castles. They were fantastic ambassadors for Abbey Lane and here is what some of our Y1s had to say about the trip:



"I really enjoyed dressing up and seeing all of the old castle. It was amazing seeing all the ruins and our helpers were so kind" – Etta P

"I couldn't believe how high the castle was! The helpers were lovely and it was a really wow day." – Ian W



Y2 Trip to Beauchief Abbey

The Y2s showed impeccable behaviour on their walk down to Beauchief Abbey. They had a fantastic time and learnt so much. Rayyah W (Y2F) had this to say about the trip:

"I loved going to Beauchief Abbey because I loved walking along the logs in the woods and it was amazing to see the big glass windows because they looked pretty."



School Uniform

Thank you so much to all of the parents who are ensuring that their child is coming to school in correct school uniform. It really helps the children with the Core Value of teamwork. We have had a minor issue with some children coming to school in bright football trainers as opposed to plain black footwear.

If you could continue to support us with this policy, I would be incredibly grateful.

Snacks

It is really important that, if you are sending your child into school with a healthy snack, that they are not bringing anything in that contains nuts or traces of nuts. We have children in school with nut allergies and, consequently, we are a nut free school. This includes products in lunchboxes such as Brunch Bars as these contain traces of peanuts. These products may be taken off your child and given back at the end of the day if they are brought into school. This is for the safety of those children with nut allergies.

Thank you so much for thinking of the safety of other children with this.

Tag Rugby Tournament

Some of our amazing Y6s took part in a tag rugby tournament at Handsworth Grange. They did fantastically well and finished 3rd, meaning that they qualified for the final at Olympic Legacy Park.



I wanted also to use this opportunity to say a massive thank you to all staff that have given up their time to support with the various sporting events that our children have represented Abbey Lane in this half term, particularly the cross country events that take place at the weekends. These simply could not take place without your time and dedication. Thank you!

Timid to Tiger

We're excited to announce that we are hosting Sheffield Parenting Hub at school for their Timid to Tiger programme. This programme will help you manage your child's worries and help them become more confident.

Thursday 9th January – Thursday 27th March, 9.15 – 11.15am.

There is 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 address: enquiries@abbeylane.sheffield.sch.uk

Coffee Morning

We will be holding our next SEND coffee morning on **Monday 25th November, 9 – 10am**. A peer support worker from Sheffield Parent Carer Forum will be attending to share how SPCF can help you. If you are interested in attending, please sign up on the Parent's Evening booking system.

Hello from PALS

Well done to all for making it to the end of the first half term! We had a great time at the first school disco of the new term and raised an amazing £933.21 which will be spent on making the kids school experience that little extra special.

Our first campaign supported by the No Cold Child Charity saw over 35 kids in school benefit from a free winter coat. The applications for this year are now closed but please do email us if you have any queries about the scheme.

Uniform Sale

Wednesday 6th November 3pm. Branded uniform items £1 each. Cash and card accepted

Wreath Making Event

Friday 29th November at Laycocks Sports and Social Club. A small number of tickets are left. Please book soon to avoid disappointment!

PALS Annual General Meeting

Monday 11th November at 7.30pm at The Abbey Pub. All welcome!

As always, if you would like to join PALS please email parentsabbeylane@hotmail.co.uk.

Thank you all for your support and we hope you a great half term!

Y4 Ancient Greek Day

The Y4s have really enjoyed their History topic of 'Ancient Greece'. The children had a fantastic Ancient Greek Day where they learned more about Ancient Greece and looked brilliant in their Ancient Greek clothes! They painted pottery, conducted their own research, took part in a Greek alphabet-themed orienteering task and even had a virtual reality workshop where the children could explore the real Ancient Greece including the Parthenon and real Greek trireme (a ship with 3 decks).



Diary Dates

Here are some provisional dates for Autumn 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.

Friday 25 th October 2024	Inset Day
Week commencing 28 th October	Half Term
Wednesday 6 th November 2024 – Friday 8 th November 2024	Y6s Thornbridge Residential
Monday 11 th November 2024 – Wednesday 13 th November 2024	Y6B Thornbridge Residential
Wednesday 13 th November 2024 – Friday 15 th November 2024	Y6BG Thornbridge Residential
Wednesday 13 th November 2024	New Reception parents Visit (for children potentially starting in September 2025)
Friday 15 th November 2024	New Reception parents Visit (for children potentially starting in September 2025)
Friday 15 th November 2024	Children in Need (details to follow)
Monday 18 th November 2024	Mission Christmas collection begins
Friday 22 nd November 2024	Y1 Animal Encounter visit to school
Wednesday 27 th November 2024	New Reception parents Visit (for children potentially starting in September 2025)
Thursday 28 th November 2024	Flu vaccinations in school
Monday 2 nd December 2024	New Reception parents Visit (for children potentially starting in September 2025)
Monday 9 th December 2024 and Tuesday 10 th December 2024	Reception Nativity
Tuesday 10 th December 2024	Y5R trip to Kelham Island
Wednesday 11 th December 2024	Y2 Nativity
Thursday 12 th December 2024	Y2 Nativity
Thursday 12 th December 2024	Y5BF and Y5HL trip to Kelham Island
Thursday 12 th December 2024	<i>Save The Children</i> National Christmas Jumper Day
Monday 16 th December 2024	Y3 and Y4 Carol Singing
Tuesday 17 th December 2024	Y1 Carol Singing
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