



## House Point Cup Weekly Winners

The House Points earned this week were...

<b>Kennet</b>	<b>317pts</b>
<b>Avebury</b>	<b>301pts</b>
<b>Ridgeway</b>	<b>296pts</b>
<b>Silbury</b>	<b>295pts</b>



*Well done to all for collecting so many points!*

## Welcome Back

Welcome back to the start of term 5, after today only 12 school weeks left this school year. We have much to get through and we look forward to two successful Summer Terms ahead. As things 'open up' more and more we will keep you up to date with what we can offer, regarding trips and opportunities to visit the school, but we remain under the guidance of the government at all times and can only open up slowly, in line with the 'Road Map'. Thank you all for your continued support - it is truly valued and your positive comments are gratefully received and lift us every day.



## FOAMS Easter Egg Colouring Competition

Thank you to everyone that entered into FOAMS' Easter colouring competition. They were all so good. Pictures are on the FOAMS Facebook page.

The winners (of classes with participants) are

Acorn	- Daisy H
Birch	- Toby and Sophie
Alder	- Wendy
Hornbeam	- Ava and Mark
Chestnut	- Max and Amelia
Rowan	- Darin and Sophie
Sycamore	- Jacob and Theo
Willow	- Aya
Juniper	- Kiara
Maple	- Jack
Ash	- Iris
Elm	- Coby and Samuel
Holly	- Myesha and Owen
Hazel	- Jenny and Olivia



*Well done to you all - FOAMS Committee*

## Nursery News

We have settled back into Nursery beautifully and have welcomed lots of new children into Conker class this term. We have been making the most of the wonderful weather and enjoyed learning about the very hungry caterpillar. We look forward to speaking to many of you who have made parents evening appointments next week.



## Golden Book Mentions...

Congratulations to the following children, on being mentioned in the Golden Book for their excellent attitudes and approach in school.

**Shanzay and Alice** (Alder)  
**Louie and Nevaeh** (Birch)  
**Tilly and Adam** (1Chestnut)  
**Eli and Adrian** (1Hornbeam)  
**Joe and Oliver W** (2Rowan)  
**Ati and Toby** (2Sycamore)  
**Joshua and Kiara** (3Juniper)  
**Freddie and Sam** (3Willow)  
**Spencer and Iris** (4Ash)  
**Rocky and Georgia** (4Oak)  
**Danny and Alex** (4Maple)  
**Nathan and Imogen** (5Holly)  
**Harrison and Chloe** (5Elm)  
**Olivia, Lily D and Aiden** (Year 6)



*Well done ALL - Keep it up!*

## Well Done Seb

Well done Seb in Year 6 for some amazing **Paying Forward** over the Easter break. Finding someone's telephone he made efforts to find a person he knew he could trust to try to return it to the owner. This was through a parent known to Seb from our school community and the telephone was returned successfully. Seb received not only our praise and gratitude, for being such an excellent role model for our school, but also a small reward from the owner.

**Top Work Seb!**



## Parent Consultation Evenings (PCEs)

Parent Consultation Evening for either 27<sup>th</sup> April OR 28<sup>th</sup> April OR 29<sup>th</sup> April 2021.

As you already know, these will be via video conferencing. All bookings are now closed and appointments have been allocated.



The link to your meeting will arrive 28 hours before the event, please check to make sure you get that link and if you need, please call the office **before 4.30pm on the day**.

The school office contact details are [admin@abbeymeads.swindon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@abbeymeads.swindon.sch.uk) and 01793 723239





## Bag2School



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Our next **Bag2School** collection has been arranged for

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021  
before 9am**

**in the Community Room**

(please use outside entrance by staff car park)

Any questions - please ask Tracy Badger in the School Office

**www.bag2school.com**

### Some Key Dates coming up...

19-30 April - Times Table Rock Stars Battle.

27<sup>th</sup> April - Yr3 Roman Baths Visit (virtual)

27/28/29 April - PCEs - *see page 1*

**3<sup>rd</sup> May - May Day - School CLOSED**

6<sup>th</sup> May - Bag2School Donations day.

11<sup>th</sup> May - Football Tournament 1pm - (Girls)

18<sup>th</sup> May - Class Photos

24<sup>th</sup> May - Football Tournament 4.30pm

28<sup>th</sup> May - Last Day term 5

**7<sup>th</sup> June - TDD - School Closed**

8<sup>th</sup> June - First day of Term 6

8<sup>th</sup> June - Shakespeare Day Yr 6  
(Virtual Globe Theatre Visit)



8<sup>th</sup> July - Year 6 DAY TRIP to IOW (tbc 7am-11pm)

21<sup>st</sup> July - Rock and Pop Music Roadshow

22<sup>nd</sup> July - Yr6 Celebration / Activity Day

23<sup>rd</sup> July - 1.30pm - **LAST DAY OF 2020-2021**

**Summer Holidays**

### BLUE KITE APRIL SCHOOLS COMPETITION

Blue kite 2021 competition

Info Class Enrollment School Results Class Results Pupil Results

School average / user

School score

Ends next Friday – are you helping?  
We are third!

Position	School average / user
1	Femdale Primary School & Nursery, Swindon
2	Brook Field Primary School
3	Abbey Meads Community Primary School, Swindon

693

487

353

### Times Tables Rock Stars Battle!

**Calling ALL children in Years 2 to 6.**



All activity on Times Tables Rock Stars, between 8am and 5pm from 19<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> April, will count towards your individual, class and school total in our **Blue Kite TTRS Battle!**

### Trips Update

**Year 6** children have spent 7 years waiting for their trip away and we have not been able to do this. As a result we are planning a loooong day to the Isle of Wight (if allowed) on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2021 - leaving at 7am and returning around 11pm or even later! Please keep the date in case we can manage this. A letter will follow soon.

**Year 5 parents** - please remember the IOW £60 deposit for the September trip needs to be paid by next Friday - 30<sup>th</sup> April 2021 to secure a place for September.  
*This is refundable if the trip is cancelled!*



### Birthday Cakes/Sweets

We are asked on a daily basis if parents can start sending in cakes and sweets for the class to celebrate their child's birthday. Whilst maintaining an overall healthy lifestyle, we do acknowledge that parents like to do this and will now allow this activity to return. **BUT - Please make sure all products are wrapped and individually packaged** so we can guarantee they are Covid-friendly.







### Year 4 Enjoy Battle of Hastings Reenactment Day

Our fantastic Year 4 pupils reenacted the Battle of Hastings on our school field this morning. They freeze-framed battle poses and rallied their troops using props crafted in Forest School. Riding horseback, the Normans advanced with speed. Although the Saxons put up their shield wall, drew their bows and launched their catapults, the Normans were victorious. We are looking forward to writing news reports all about the battle.



### Government funded Holiday Activities and Food (HAF)

The Department for Education (DfE) is providing funding to local authorities to coordinate a programme that provides healthy food and enriching activities to eligible children during the 2021 Easter, Summer and Christmas Holidays.

This is known as the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme.

Places will be available at a range of holiday club providers, and offer eligible children the opportunity to attend sessions 4 hours per day for 4 days per week over Summer and for 4 days over the Christmas holidays.

#### Eligibility

School aged children from any of the following categories are eligible to access the programme:

- Children in receipt of benefits related free school meals
- Children in need
- Child protection
- Looked after or previously looked after school aged children

#### How to apply

Parents or carers of eligible children are invited to apply for a place online using the form found on the following link

[https://www.swindon.gov.uk/info/20029/people\\_and\\_communities/1178/covid-19\\_holiday\\_activities\\_and\\_food\\_programme](https://www.swindon.gov.uk/info/20029/people_and_communities/1178/covid-19_holiday_activities_and_food_programme) .

A check will be carried out to ensure each child's eligibility for means tested free school meal provision and a confirmation email will be sent to be used as proof of eligibility. This email can be taken to your chosen holiday club provider direct, or for further support accessing a place, contact [EY&Cbrokerage@swindon.gov.uk](mailto:EY&Cbrokerage@swindon.gov.uk)