



End of Term 1 - Thank you all for being so supportive during Term 1. - **School is now closed.**

We return on Monday 2nd November 2020 – government policy allowing.

7.30am for Sunshine Club and somewhere between 8.20am & 8.50am for a safe and fluid entry to classrooms.

Have a restful break – we look forward to seeing you at the start of Term 2.

House Point Cup Weekly Winners

The House Points earned this week were...

Avebury	540pts
Kennet	530pts
Silbury	515pts
Ridgeway	505pts



Golden Book

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

Sophie and George (Reception)
Eli and Martha (1Hornbeam)
Alexander and Harley (1Chestnut)
Genesis and Oliver W (2Rowan)
Caitlin and Kobi (2Sycamore)
Aviana and Zayed (3Willow)
Anton and Chaela (3Jumiper)
Jaisal and Holly (4Oak)
Alicia and Arthur (4Maple)
Keira and David (4Ash)
Gracie and Jack (5Holly)
Madeline and Adrian (5Elm)
Cohden, Lauren & Finley T-Y (Year 6)



FS2 – Parent Meeting

Thank you to all those parents who attended our Reception Induction Meeting this week.

We were able to share lots of information with you, including information about how we have come to settle the classes, along with other messages about organisation and curriculum.

Mr Buckley even managed to tell a couple of his stories, which always have a meaning and always manage to connect with those who are able to be reflective.

Thank you for the many kind messages of gratitude and support. It is much appreciated.

Harvest Assembly

Thank you to all who donated food in packets, jars, bottles etc today. Our Harvest Collection will be donated to Food Banks and other local charities over the half term break. *Today we celebrated your kindness in our Assembly and listened to one of our favourite harvest songs.*



Date Reminders

Just a reminder that, after this end of term break, we have just two more school closures **planned** this year.

1st September / 19th - 20th & 21st October 2020 (closures to date)

The remaining **planned** closure dates are...

4th January 2021 (Blue Kite Trust Day)

7th June 2021 (School Teacher Development Day)



Sunshine Club The Sunshine Club are having a Halloween party this afternoon. We have decorated the hall, have Halloween party songs, dancing competitions, popcorn, sweets, colouring competitions and we will be decorating Halloween biscuits



Nursery News

We have had a wonderful, colourful term. The children have been amazing settling into nursery life. We have developed good friendships and have learnt so much. Please make sure you look at all of this term's observations on 'Tapestry'.

We are so proud of you all.

Well done everyone.



Music Roadshow

Thank you to the music service for sharing their Percussion Roadshow with us this week.

All classes were able to see a series of recorded Live Performances involving the professional tutors within the service.

It was an excellent way of completing this term's work within the music curriculum.



Looking for a New School? (Repeat item)

Mr Buckley is giving tours on Fridays for people looking for a Reception Class place for September 2021. *If Fridays are impossible for you, please call the office to discuss options.*

These tours are mainly an opportunity to meet Mr Buckley, have a shortened restricted tour, hear him speak about the school and for you to ask questions.

There is a [Virtual Tour](#) available on our School Website [Home Page](#), along with a [Reception Video](#) showing what life is like in our reception classes.

Please call the office 01793 723239 or email admin@abbeymeads.swindon.sch.uk to book a visit.





Why are Year 1 Dressed as Pirates?

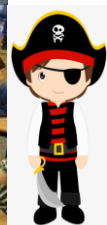
... Because they aarrrrrrrrrr!

So sorry to those of you who have been hearing this all week!

The children in Year 1 had a fabulous swashbuckling day on Wednesday, when they dressed as pirates for their Pirate Day. Despite having to walk the plank on several occasions, we didn't lose any overboard and all had a great day. Videos even made it on to [Twitter](#).

https://twitter.com/AMCPS_Swindon/status/1316294037985525760?s=20

They have also been doing some amazing works of art, with their finished products looking just like their original designs!



Swindon Stories and Swindon Wildcats: competition overview

Competition overview

On 14 October, the Swindon Wildcats and Swindon Stories (the literacy campaign from the National Literacy Trust and Swindon Borough Council) will invite schools to participate in a competition.

Participants will be asked to feature Swindon Wildcats' mascot or one of the ice hockey team's players in a choice of the following:

- A short story (either of your own creation, or picking your favourite book and swapping the main character for a Wildcat / or a famous sports star)
- A comic strip
- A poem

The deadline is 16th November, with winners announced w/b 7th December.

Prizes

Prizes are for different age categories – but the overall winner (from all categories) will receive a framed Wildcats jersey.

Primary Categories are:

- 4-7 (key stage 1)
- 7-11 (key stage 2)

Prizes are – Signed Wildcats Jersey (1 for the overall winner), plus a set of books for each category of winners, stationary and set of books for your school.

Entries should be sent to Dave Ridley, Wildcats in the Community, C/O The Link Centre, Whitehill Way Swindon. Or email Dave Ridley at dave.ridley@swindonwildcats.com

Fire Fighters give more ZOOM lessons

Over the past fortnight, the children in Years 1, 2 and 3 have all experienced a virtual session with Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service. The team from the fire station in the centre of Swindon taught the children all about the importance of wearing a seatbelt, what to do if they fall into water and the steps they would need to take in the event of a fire. The children were a credit to the school, listening carefully, joining in with activities brilliantly and asking sensible questions.

Well done to everyone involved!



Important Information

Menus are now on ParentPay up to end of December. Please remember to book them every week – you can book up to end of December if you like. If you have not booked a meal for your child, please provide a packed lunch.

A letter regarding the **Wilderness Trip** has been sent out this week to **Year 4**, to see if there is enough interest, **if allowed by then**, for the trip to take place in March 2021. Please reply with your thoughts.

Year 6 parents – please remember the deadline for secondary school applications is 31st October 2020.



Curriculum Updates Online

Please don't forget to look at the [Curriculum Information](#) for each age group, which can be found on our Website – in the same place as the Topic Letters and Topic Webs. <http://www.abbeymeads.swindon.sch.uk/content.asp?Id=5>

This includes the slides from the FS2 Induction Meeting. These slides were emailed to you today, but if lost in space... you can find them here as well.



Swindon's Online Christmas Market

Local businesses ☆ Festive Gifts
☆ Handmade crafts ☆

- October through December
- Hosted on Facebook
- Raffle and activities



scan QR to find our group

Online Christmas Market
packed full of fabulous local sellers.
Items include
personalised gifts
Christmas treats
Handmade jewellery and cards
plus lots more

Supporting
Wiltshire Air Ambulance
and
Abbey Meads Primary School



Swindon's Online Christmas Market Fund Raiser Raffle £2 a number

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Bags of Hope



Are you finding things difficult at the moment ?
Is it hard trying to make ends meet ?
Is it a struggle to feed yourself and your children ?
If so we can help you with a bag of hope. A bag includes lots of food and fun activities for children of all ages.
Contact us on the e-mail below or on the church facebook page, we d love to help.

Please email:
boxesofhope@ghbc.org.uk

Gorse Hill
BAPTIST CHURCH

ABBEY MEADS CLASS COIN CHALLENGE

SEND IN LOOSE CHANGE FOR YOUR CLASS TIN FROM 2ND NOV UNTIL 11TH DEC.

THE CLASS WHO RAISES THE MOST WINS A DOUGHNUT TREAT!

DOUGH FOR DOUGH!



Virtual Christmas fair

We're thinking of getting small businesses from within our school family community (not outside of this) to advertise their business, a product or a special offer at the virtual event for £5. This buys you a 'patch' on the patchwork site we will be using.

The event will start from the 9th Nov.

We may run some small competitions for the children to be involved in too alongside this, bringing more traffic to the event.

We've not been able to fundraise since Feb so this will help raise some funds for the school, whilst helping our school family's small businesses during this difficult time, and hopefully getting people shopping small and local.

If you think you would be interested in signing up for it please message in on our Facebook page or email foams@abbeymeads.swindon.sch.uk.

From there we can send you further details
Thank you, the FOAMS team



If anyone would like a stall, please contact FOAMS foams@abbeymeads.swindon.sch.uk
so we can arrange for a payment item of £5 to be added on ParentPay.
Shopping opens on 6th November.