



Being the best we can
be

Bramble's

News

9th June 2023



Now that we have begun the final term of this academic year, we are already making plans for next year.

Please see the dates page at the back of this newsletter to see details of the transition events. We have adapted the plans for this year and hope that it will be really beneficial for the children. Please update your calendars with the details so that you do not miss anything.

We are really looking forward to welcoming new children into both Poppies and Reception over the next few weeks, for their stay and play sessions. At the same time, we are preparing to say bye-bye to our wonderful year 2 children. It comes around far too quickly each year!

In preparation for next year, I would like to announce that Mrs O'Shea will be joining me as Head teacher in September. We shall be sharing the role. This is a really exciting opportunity for her and wonderful for the whole school. I hope you will join me in congratulating her when you see her.

A message from Mrs Gynn



ABBEY
CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY

For Year 2 parents, who have children joining The Abbey in September, I would like to make you aware that the school offer second hand uniform. I would recommend contacting them prior to making any purchases to see if you can save yourself a little bit of money.



The Friends of St James needs you!

They are looking ahead to next year and need a Chair, Treasurer and Secretary.

If you are interested, please call in to the office to find out more information.



This term is a time of preparing for farewells across the school. It is a time of pending change. We are however, making an earlier farewell to Mrs Brown. She will be leaving St James on the 22nd June. She has been such a key part of the school for 17 years - we cannot thank her enough for all that she has done. However, she is moving onto an exciting new challenge, which is so exciting for her. We all wish her the very best.



Protection in warm weather

Please be advised that children should not wear sandals to school. This is for safety reasons whilst they are playing.

Children can bring in hats to wear and sunglasses too. Please label these items and talk to your children about looking after them by keeping them in their lockers.

Suncream should be applied before coming to school. This should last for the duration of the school day. We are unable to apply suncream for your children and it is not advisable to ask children to apply it themselves.

I hope you have a lovely sunny weekend. I look forward to seeing you on Monday. ☺

Reminders... Page 2



Please remember the term dates when arranging a holiday. Term time holiday will always be unauthorised absence. There is no exception to this.

Any unauthorised absence will be referred for a fine.



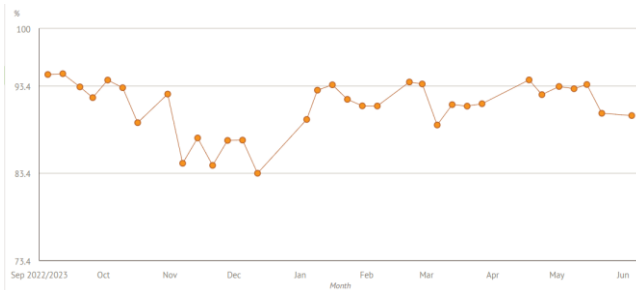
There continues to be children arriving late to school. Every minute counts. Please try to be on time.

Fact:
5 minutes late every day means around 3 ½ days of education are missed.



The playground is a child safe area. Please help us to keep it safe by closing the gate behind you.

Attendance

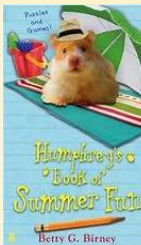


Our whole school attendance figure continues to be a worry. We have had some children not yet return after the half term break which has resulted in a plateau. In addition, I have been inundated with holiday request forms which is going to impact negatively on the remaining weeks this term. Please do your best to ensure your children are in school everyday.

Every minute counts - examples

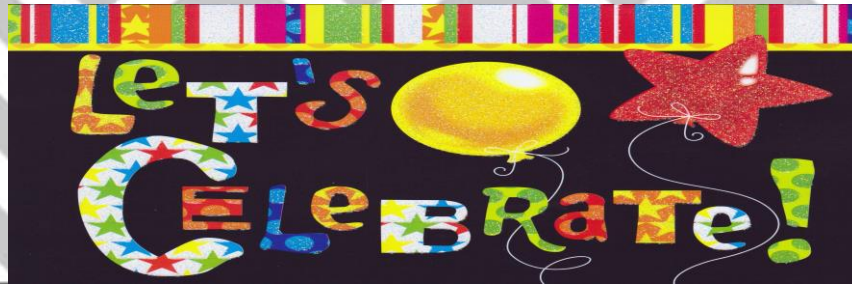
Attendance during one school year	equals this number of days absent	which is approximately this many weeks absent	which means this number of lessons missed
95%	9 days	2 weeks	50 lessons
90%	19 days	4 weeks	100 lessons
85%	29 days	6 weeks	150 lessons
80%	38 days	8 weeks	200 lessons

This week's book recommendation



The forecast for this weekend is so nice, I could not resist sharing a book all about summer with you! 'Humphrey's Book of Summer Fun'.

There are so many books about Humphrey - you are sure to find one in the library. We have copies in the school library too.



Certificates have been awarded

to:

World of Words

Great reading, writing, speaking and listening or drama work

Oviana in Bluebell Class and The whole of Daisy Class!

Let's Investigate

Fantastic maths or science work

Jax in Dandelion Class

Express Yourself

Wonderful art, design technology, music or P.E. work

Cora in Snowdrop Class

Exploring the World

Super history, geography or religious education work

Being your best

Tommy in Buttercup Class and Mehmet in Sunflower Class

Wow!

Star Reader

Elsie 😊

Our value for June is:



Fairness - Inclusion

Values:
Inclusion
Integrity
Initiative
Inspiring



We celebrated this week with:

Emily B, who is now 4!

Emily, Kasper, Liliana, who are now 5!

David, Hristo, Maisy, Marcel Z, Sophia, who are now 7!

Happy Birthday to you!



Bramble's Rule

Children who are a role model...

Elsie, Emmanuela, Noah C and Poppy, Alla, Ellie, Alesia, Rebecca, Kiki, Jude B, Fatima, Jude H 😊



Attendance Award

DANDELION CLASS - 96.2% - well done



Reading Challenge

50 reads - Dumitru

100 reads - Alicia

200 reads - Jackson

Star Readers 😊

What will be happening in our school?

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Lots of children received 5 Dojo points this week, having been in school every day. Dojo points will continue to be issued this week. 😊

w.b. 11.6.23 - National Phonic Screening week

children in year 1 and 2 will be taking this screening. Please continue to practise their letter sounds and practise 'Fred talk - read the word'. All practise will help.

w.b. 11.6.23 - Transition events for children coming new into Poppy Class

(If you know anyone who has a child turning 3 years old - please tell them all about Poppy Class. We would love to meet them.)

14.6.23 - Reception's trip to Gulliver's Land

w.b. 19.6.23 + w.b. 26.6.23 - Transition events for children coming new into Reception



30.6.23 - Mufti - bring a bottle for the Summer Fair tombola, instead of £1.00

4.7.23 - Sports Day

This year we will be sharing sports events with The Abbey CE Academy. This is really exciting. The events will all take place on the field of The Abbey school. More details will follow closer to the time.

(Please note - Poppy class will have their own sports event in our playground - date to be confirmed.)



7.7.23 - Summer Fayre (afternoon) (more details to follow) / Year 2 reports issued to parents

13.7.23 - Year 2 Leavers' picnic and assembly

14.7.23 - Year 2's Everton trip / End of year reports issued to parents

w.b. 17.7.23 - 'Stay Up Week'

Year 2 children will be Year 3's for the week (those attending The Abbey will be at the The Abbey all week, those attending Falconer's Hill will be there every morning) (more details to follow).

Year 1 children will be Year 2 for 4 days, in their new classrooms with their new teacher. They will celebrate the end of the year with their current teacher on the last day of term.

Year R children will be Year 1 children for 4 days, in their new classrooms with their new teacher. They will celebrate the end of the year with their current teacher on the last day of term.



20.7.23 - MUFTI - single colour day (children to wear, red, white, pink, blue or green, from head to toe!)

End of term - break up for the Summer holidays.