



Friends of The Abbey School

MEETING THREE

TERM AHEAD

25TH JANUARY
2023



- Some Totals!
- Christmas Fair Feedback
- Update on projects
- Upcoming Events until Easter

Agenda



Money Raised Nov - Dec

Movie Nights made **£670!** Thank you to everyone who helped. Feedback that KS1 needs to be shorter evening. Hall worked well and thank you to Per Tutti for supplying the pizzas!

Calendars made **£400**. Still a great total but not as much as previous year. Maybe rethink for next year? Thank you to Crystal who worked so hard on this.

Christmas Cards made around **£210**...again a really good total and the kids enjoy doing this at school and seeing their prints in real life! Thank you to Ana for organizing!

Treeasy: This made around **£112**. Thank you to Sara Lamb who liaised with Dean and he also helped supply foliage for the wreaths. Probably worth keeping up and it worked well for wreaths supply...?

Wreaths: **£294** The workshop was well received and a huge thank you to Asta for all her help and generous donations for this. Selling off the remaining 'packs' worked really well...thank you again to Sarah and Asta. Thoughts on a separate wreath workshop next time or the DIY packs?





The Christmas Fair Feedback



Money Raised from Nov - Dec

External Stalls: First time (in a while) we have had external stall holders. A huge thank you to Maria for organizing. They bought in **£100** for us so probably worth it for not too much effort on our part?

Raffle: made **£571**. First year to try text raffle. Thank you to Louise for sorting. Overall it worked well. Less work unless someone is willing to take on the old style. Think it needs a print out of the QR code and instructions for all the bookbags. And on the day of the raffle someone to be allocated to drum up interest via the entrance.

Advertisement made **£750**. We purchased a banner and Caroline worked hard on putting the brochure together. This was kept as a digital version as printing is so expensive. The brochure got emailed to the whole school and has been on the website for 2 months. Again, more help on the entrance would have helped with telling people about this as they came in.

Christmas Fair:



Feedback

Year R: Entrance and 'Treat Jars': Entrance seemed to work well by main office (cold though!) 3 helpers would be helpful at the beginning as it is busy. The 50p tokens seemed to work well...thoughts ?

Jars: This was good considering first time and much easier than all the toys and books in previous years!

Year 1: Grotto: Fabulous set up in Year one classroom. We have a really detailed spreadsheet with all the info, thank you. Queuing seemed to work well and presents, books from Usborne ready wrapped worked well.

Year 2: Good set up in the hall...

Year 3: Food: Big thank you to Jane for sorting the candy floss and kids lunchboxes! Lunchboxes took a whole day to prepare so maybe not sandwiches but a selection of snacks or hotdogs...kitchen use problematic.

Tikka Nation were brilliant and ensured we had hot food to sell! Need to be ready earlier. Had to charge more than usually would for food to cover the costs and make some profit...seemed to work...feedback?

Year 4: Crafts: Really well set out and great for all ages

Year 5: Silent Disco: Maybe would work better if more visible or just a disco room so it can be heard and more people would come?

Year 6: 'Prep for Apprentice': Once initial confusions were dealt with the Yr 6 did an amazing job and hopefully learnt lots to run stalls at the summer fair.

Groups needs to be of 4 or more?



Update on Projects and Money Spent



Projects Update

New Website: A promo video has been filmed , produced and published on the school's website. Total cost **£3165**

New Phonics Scheme: As you are aware the government implemented a new phonics scheme and therefore all schools are required to meet new standards of delivery which in turn requires new resources...after trialing and auditing a few different options we have helped purchase a new Phonics Scheme which works alongside excising books and resources we have and is now in place and working well. Total cost **£5,844**

Teacher's Wishlist: New soundsfield systems have been purchased for those that needed replacing. **£1, 150**. Further discussions underway.

Learning Hub: Awaiting update on transforming the current ICT suite into a new learning hub suite.

New Sports Kits: We have managed to purchase 24 new Football kits for the boys and girls. Thanks to Per Tutti who are sponsoring these new kits 100% . Netball kits: We are researching into the same. We have one interested parent for sponsoring, we are in the process of getting some finances together to see if this will be a partial or full sponsorship ... any other leads greatly received.

Learning Hub



Small Group Sessions

A breakout space for smaller intervention sessions



Library

A central library area for all the children to use



After School Club

With a growing after school provision to have another space will be beneficial



External Clubs

Either in this new space or allow the hall to be free for after school club to happen in the Learning Hub



Challenge Abbey

Launch Friday 10th Feb...run until Friday 24th March (6 weeks)



Challenge Abbey!



Any length of time

They have 6 weeks to complete. Could be a one day challenge, a week, a month or the full 6 weeks!



Choose their own challenge

From learning a new skill to baking everyday! They can choose their own challenge



Can do it with a friend or sibling

They could team up with a few friends or even their siblings



Ask wider community to sponsor

This is good old fashioned sponsorship! Ask neighbors, family and friends. They are challenged with raising as much as they can for their own challenge.

Events

After half term leading up until Easter





Tea, Talk, Flow Yoga Night

Wednesday 22nd Feb

School Hall

7.45PM

£12

Yoga class with Ali Parker from Mindful Yoga, Tea,
healthy snack and a chat with fellow parents.

A child in a brown shirt and yellow pants is watering a plant in a garden. The child is holding a red watering can. The background is a lush green garden with a wooden fence and a house in the distance. The foreground shows a young plant with green leaves growing in a bed of dark brown soil. The overall scene is bright and sunny, suggesting a pleasant day for gardening.

Big Spring Green

Sunday 5th March (TBC)

An opportunity to get together as a school community with our families and help spruce up the school grounds, with a focus on the woodland area and the vegetable patch. Did you know we had one?! All that is needed are wellies, some gardening tools and motivation for a fun day in the fresh air!



School Disco
Friday 24th March

School Disco



INFO

- 3.20PM KS1 Children to remain in school and they can get changed and will be escorted to the school hall ready for the disco.
- Throughout Friends can hand out sweets and a drink to the children.
- 4.30PM Parents to pick up via main office or door to hall...tbc.
- 4.45PM KS2 to arrive. Repeat above
- 5.45PM KS2 Finish.

**Parent volunteers to sign up via website
Teachers to help facilitate the event.**

**[https://www.friendsoftheabbeyschool.co.uk/
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Auction Party

Thursday 23rd March

An adult event to close the online auction at, to get together for a fun evening of food, drinks and entertainment!



KS1 Bake Sale

Wednesday 29th March

KS1 turn to bake and sell...also a big uniform sale! Pre paid stamp cards have been suggested by staff to minimise loose coins at school..



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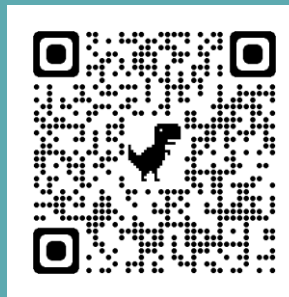
PTA Drinks 8th Feb: Megans 7.30PM onwards

Uniform: Lulu is doing a grand job...idea to have one big 'sale' just ask for donations...KS1 Bake Sale?



Don't Forget our Website

www.friends-of-the-abbey-school.co.uk



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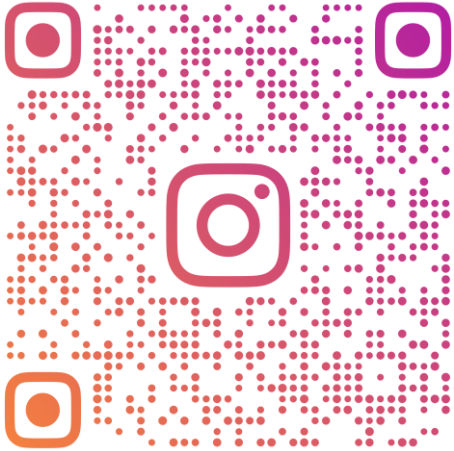
All meetings @
Abbey School
8PM



Friend's Meetings 2022/23

Meeting 1 Welcome Back! 'Looking Forward'	14 SEP	Meeting 2 Term Ahead & 'Christmas'	19 OCT
Meeting 3 Term Ahead & 'Easter'	18 JAN	Meeting 4 Recap and 'May fest planning'	01 MARCH
Meeting 5 Term recap and Summer Planning	26 APRIL	Meeting 6 Term Ahead & Summary of year	13 JUNE

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FACEBOOK



EVENTS CALENDAR

Academic calendar 2022/23 UK

September 2022		October 2022		November 2022		December 2022		January 2023		February 2023	
1 Th		1 Sa		1 Tu		1 Th		1 Su	New Year's Day	1 We	
2 Fr		2 Su		2 We		2 Fr	NON UNIFORM	2 Mo	Substitute day	1 2 Th	
3 Sa		3 Mo		3 Th	40	3 Sa		3 Tu	XMAS HOLIDAYS	3 Fr	
4 Su		4 Tu		4 Fr		4 Su	XMAS FAIR	4 We	XMAS HOLIDAYS	4 Sa	
5 Mo	TERM STARTS	36 5 We		5 Sa		5 Mo		49 5 Th	XMAS HOLIDAYS	5 Su	
6 Tu		6 Th		6 Su		6 Tu		6 Fr	XMAS HOLIDAYS	6 Mo	6
7 We		7 Fr	MINI MARATHON	7 Mo	45	7 We	NATIVITY YR 1&2	7 Sa		7 Tu	
8 Th		8 Sa		8 Tu		8 Th		8 Su		8 We	
9 Fr		9 Su		9 We	MOVIE NIGHT KS1	9 Fr		9 Mo		2 9 Th	
10 Sa		10 Mo		10 Th	41	10 Sa		10 Tu		10 Fr	LAUNCH CHALLENGE ABBEY!
11 Su		11 Tu		11 Fr		11 Su		11 We		11 Sa	
12 Mo		37 12 We		12 Sa		12 Mo		50 12 Th		12 Su	
13 Tu		13 Th		13 Su		13 Tu	WHOLE SCHOOL CAROL SERVICE	13 Fr		13 Mo	HALF TERM
14 We	MEETING 1	14 Fr		14 Mo	46	14 We	CAROL CONCERT R	14 Sa		14 Tu	HALF TERM
15 Th		15 Sa		15 Tu		15 Th		15 Su		15 We	HALF TERM
16 Fr		16 Su		16 We	MOVIE NIGHT KS2	16 Fr		16 Mo		3 16 Th	HALF TERM
17 Sa		17 Mo		17 Th	42	17 Sa		17 Tu		17 Fr	HALF TERM
18 Su		18 Tu		18 Fr		18 Su		18 We	MEETING 3	18 Sa	
19 Mo		38 19 We	KS2 BAKE SALE MEETING 2	19 Sa	Children in need	19 Mo	ABBEYS GOT TALENT	51 19 Th		19 Su	
20 Tu		20 Th		20 Su		20 Tu		20 Fr		20 Mo	8
21 We		21 Fr		21 Mo	47	21 We		21 Sa		21 Tu	
22 Th		22 Sa		22 Tu		22 Th	XMAS HOLIDAYS	22 Su		22 We	TEA TALK FLOW YOGA NIGHT 7.45PM
23 Fr		23 Su		23 We		23 Fr	XMAS HOLIDAYS	23 Mo		4 23 Th	
24 Sa	WELCOME BBQ	24 Mo	HALF TERM	24 Th	43	24 Sa		24 Tu		24 Fr	
25 Su		25 Tu	HALF TERM	25 Fr		25 Su	Christmas Day	25 We	MEETING 3	25 Sa	
26 Mo		39 26 We	HALF TERM	26 Sa		26 Mo	Boxing Day	52 26 Th		26 Su	
27 Tu		27 Th	HALF TERM	27 Su		27 Tu	Substitute day	27 Fr		27 Mo	9
28 We		28 Fr	HALF TERM	28 Mo	48	28 We	XMAS HOLIDAYS	28 Sa		28 Tu	
29 Th		29 Sa		29 Tu		29 Th	XMAS HOLIDAYS	29 Su			
30 Fr	MACMILLAN COFFEE	30 Su		30 We		30 Fr	XMAS HOLIDAYS	30 Mo		5	
		31 Mo		44		31 Sa		31 Tu			

Academic calendar 2022/23

March 2023		April 2023		May 2023		June 2023		July 2023		August 2023	
1 We		1 Sa		1 Mo	Early May Bank H.	18 1 Th	HALF TERM	1 Sa		1 Tu	
2 Th	World book day	2 Su		2 Tu		2 Fr	HALF TERM	2 Su		2 We	
3 Fr		3 Mo	EASTER HOLIDAYS	14 3 We		3 Sa		3 Mo	27	3 Th	
4 Sa		4 Tu	EASTER HOLIDAYS	4 Th		4 Su		4 Tu		4 Fr	
5 Su	BIG SPRING GREEN (TBC)	5 We	EASTER HOLIDAYS	5 Fr		5 Mo		23 5 We		5 Sa	
6 Mo		10 6 Th	EASTER HOLIDAYS	6 Sa	ISPRINGFEST!	6 Tu		6 Th		6 Su	
7 Tu		7 Fr	Good Friday	7 Su		7 We		7 Fr		7 Mo	32
8 We		8 Sa		8 Mo	SATS	19 8 Th		8 Sa	WILDCAMPING?	8 Tu	
9 Th		9 Su		9 Tu	SATS	9 Fr		9 Su		9 We	
10 Fr		10 Mo	Easter Monday	15 10 We	SATS	10 Sa		10 Mo	28	10 Th	
11 Sa		11 Tu	EASTER HOLIDAYS	11 Th	SATS	11 Su	HALF MARATHON	11 Tu		11 Fr	
12 Su		12 We	EASTER HOLIDAYS	12 Fr		12 Mo	BREAK THE RULES	24 12 We		12 Sa	
13 Mo		11 13 Th	EASTER HOLIDAYS	13 Sa		13 Tu	MEETING 6	13 Th		13 Su	
14 Tu		14 Fr	EASTER HOLIDAYS	14 Su		14 We		14 Fr		14 Mo	33
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16 Th		16 Su		16 Tu		16 Fr		16 Su		16 We	
17 Fr		17 Mo		16 17 We	MOVIE NIGHT KS2	17 Sa		17 Mo	29	17 Th	
18 Sa	Comic Relief	18 Tu		18 Th		18 Su		18 Tu		18 Fr	
19 Su		19 We		19 Fr		19 Mo		25 19 We		19 Sa	
20 Mo	CLOSE CHALLENGE ABBEY THIS WEEK	12 20 Th		20 Sa		20 Tu		20 Th		20 Su	
21 Tu		21 Fr		21 Su		21 We		21 Fr		21 Mo	34
22 We		22 Sa		22 Mo		21 22 Th		22 Sa		22 Tu	
23 Th	AUCTION NIGHT	23 Su		23 Tu		23 Fr	NON UNIFORM	23 Su		23 We	
24 Fr	KS1&KS2 DISCO	24 Mo		17 24 We	MOVIE NIGHT KS1	24 Sa		24 Mo	30	24 Th	
25 Sa		25 Tu		25 Th		25 Su	SUMMER FAIR	25 Tu		25 Fr	
26 Su		26 We	MEETING 5	26 Fr		26 Mo		26 26 We		26 Sa	
27 Mo	EGG DECORATING	13 27 Th		27 Sa		27 Tu		27 Th		27 Su	
28 Tu		28 Fr		28 Su		28 We		28 Fr		28 Mo	August Bank Hol. 35
29 We	BAKE SALE KS1?	29 Sa		29 Mo	Spring Bank Hol.	22 29 Th		29 Sa		29 Tu	
30 Th		30 Su		30 Tu	HALF TERM	30 Fr	FAMILY PICNIC	30 Su		30 We	
31 Fr				31 We	HALF TERM			31 Mo		31 Th	