



# October Newsletter



## Upcoming October Events

17th – Year 6 Whitemoor Lakes Residential Trip meeting 6.00pm

22nd – Individual School Photos

22nd - Friend's of The Abbey Reception Halloween Party 3.10pm - 4pm

24th – Friend's of The Abbey Pumpkin Competition and Halloween Disco (Year 1 – 3: 5pm – 6pm, Year 4 – 6: 6.15pm – 7.15pm)

25th – Training Day

28th – 1st November Half Term

## A Message From The Headteacher



What an incredible start to our academic year! It's been a whirlwind of excitement and new beginnings.

Our newly opened Nursery provision has been a roaring success, with our littlest learners settling in beautifully. It's heartwarming to see our EYFS children already embodying our '5 Bs' ethos, setting a brilliant example for the rest of the school.

I'm bursting with pride at the enthusiasm our pupils have shown for reading. The 'Golden Tickets' are flying off the shelves, and it's wonderful to see so many eager readers. Don't forget, there are spot prizes every week, and one lucky winner from each year group will receive a book of their choice, generously funded by our fantastic Friends of The Abbey Primary.

Speaking of our wonderful 'Friends of The Abbey Primary', they've got some spooktacular Halloween events in the pipeline. Keep your eyes peeled for more information – it's sure to be frighteningly good fun!

On a bittersweet note, we'll be bidding farewell to Miss Ingram after an incredible 17 years of service. Her dedication to our school community has been truly remarkable, and she'll be sorely missed.

Finally, a quick reminder that we have a training day on Friday 25th October. It's an opportunity for our staff to continue developing their skills to provide the best possible education for your children.

Thank you all for your continued support in making The Abbey Primary School such a special place to learn and grow.

**Mrs Farmer  
Headteacher**



The Romans and the Vikings have had a fantastic start to the school year! They have loved all the learning activities and made lots of new friends.



Year 2 took a trip to the Queen Elenor Cross and sketched this monument. Queen Eleanor is one of the significant people that we are learning about in our History Unit this term.



We have developed our playgrounds with a wide range of resources. Our children have had an amazing time den building, gardening, scooter boarding, block building and playing imaginatively



Have your children told you about the new reading tokens? Children can earn reading tokens by reading at home. The competition is on to see which Key stage wins!



A huge THANK YOU to our Parents and Carers of The Abbey Primary School for their donations to our harvest food bank collection for St Mary's Church.

# The Friends Events



**FRIENDS OF THE  
THE ABBEY PRIMARY  
Halloween  
Party/Disco**



**FANCY DRESS OPTIONAL**



**RECEPTION HALLOWEEN PARTY TUESDAY 22ND OCTOBER  
3:10P.M. - 4P.M. £2**  
**YEAR 1 - 3 HALLOWEEN DISCO THURSDAY 24TH OCTOBER  
5:00P.M.- 6:00P.M. £3**  
**YEAR 4 - 6 HALLOWEEN DISCO THURSDAY 24TH OCTOBER  
6:15P.M. - 7:15 P.M. £3**

**EYFS - PLEASE SEND £2 IN A NAMED ENVELOPE LABELLED WITH YEAR GROUP TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE  
BY FRIDAY 18TH OCTOBER.**  
**YEAR 1 - 6 DISCOS -PLEASE SEND £3 IN A NAMED ENVELOPE LABELLED WITH YEAR GROUP TO THE  
SCHOOL OFFICE OR PAY CASH OR CARD ON THE NIGHT.**

**ALL EVENTS INCLUDE A DRINK AND A SNACK.**



## **THE FRIENDS OF THE ABBEY PRIMARY SCHOOL Pumpkin Carving Competition**

**THURSDAY 24TH OCTOBER**

**BRING YOUR CARVED PUMPKIN IN TO BE JUDGED ON THE MORNING OF THE 24TH OCTOBER. THE  
PUMPKINS WILL BE JUDGED IN SCHOOL TIME AND A WINNER ANNOUNCED AT THE END OF THE DAY.**

**A PRIZE FOR A WINNER IN EACH YEAR GROUP.**

**PAYMENT:  
PLEASE SEND £2 IN A NAMED ENVELOPE LABELLED WITH YEAR GROUP TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE BY  
TUESDAY 22ND OCTOBER**



## Please Note

You must apply for a secondary school place for your child by Thursday 31st October 2024 by 5pm

If your child's 4th birthday falls between 1 September 2024 and 31 August 2025, you will need to apply for their primary school place. The closing date for your application is 15th January 2025

### What is Cashpot for Schools?

We're working with Asda, who are making millions of pounds available to every state primary school's PTA in the UK.

Between 2nd September and 30th November 2024, every time customers shop with Asda using their Rewards app, they can choose a primary school to receive a percentage of their spend. And that's not all – every time a customer chooses your primary school, Asda will donate £1 to your school's Cashpot, plus a further £50 when your first customer shops.

We need your help! Please nominate The Abbey Primary School on your Asda rewards app! Every pound raised goes directly to Friends of The Abbey Primary School to spend on your children.



## Parking

Please can we remind all parents/carers to park sensibly and respectfully. We appreciate your support with this.

If you have any concerns or complaints regarding parking issues outside school, please report registration numbers/incidents to Northamptonshire County Council and Northampton South West Police.

## Pupil Premium

This is additional funding given to schools so that they can support 'disadvantaged pupils' and close the attainment gap between them and their peers. This additional funding is for pupils who currently qualify for free school meals or who have done so in the last 6 years; children who have been adopted from care; looked after children and children of Service Personnel. Registering is really quick and easy. If you think you qualify, you can apply on-line at <https://www.westnorthants.gov.uk/help-cost-going-school/free-school-meals-and-pupil-premium> alternatively, please email [freeschoolmeals.ncc@northnorthants.gov.uk](mailto:freeschoolmeals.ncc@northnorthants.gov.uk) for further information.