



Spring Term 2019

22nd January	Parents Assessment Evening 6pm
22nd January	Nursery Parent Tour – please book at office
28th January	Young Voices 02 Concert & Houses of Parliament Visit
30th January	Yr 4 Indoor Athletics Festival
1st February	Nursery Parent Tour – please book at office
11th February	Nursery Parent Tour – please book at office
18th - 22nd Feb	Half Term
25th February	Back to school
26 th March	Parents Evening 5-8pm
28 th March	Parents Evening 3.30-6pm
5th April	Last Day of Term – 2pm finish
23rd April	Back to school

Severe Weather/School Closure Notification

Hertfordshire County Council has changed the way that you will be notified if a school is closed. Please sign up to the Everbridge system via the following link:

<https://member.everbridge.net/index/892807736725489>

This link will direct you to the “Sign Up” page where you should click on the “sign up” button and follow the instructions. It should take no more than five minutes to register and you can edit your information at any time should your contact details change. If you have children at more than one school, you can register for those schools too in a single registration process.

Please register as soon as possible so that your text and email alerts are set up. Should we ever need to close the school we will try to update the website or send a message using School Comms but sometimes the system crashes. The quickest way to receive any alerts will be via the Everbridge system.

This week:

I am excited about rolling out our new ‘Positive Friday’ initiative today: Each Friday, every class teacher will give one family a cheerful message about a child in their class. The aim is to celebrate successes and spread the positivity!

We have had some amazing achievements in school this week, especially our athletics teams! The children couldn’t wait to show me their medals today!

I showed KS1 children the following clip in assembly today. It has a strong message of teaching children empathy:

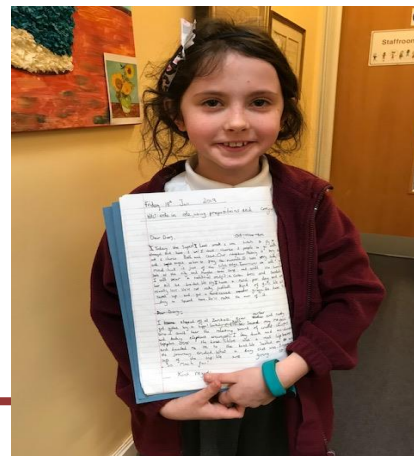
<https://www.facebook.com/powerofpositivity/videos/the-perfect-example-of-teaching-children-empathy/10154818617787371/>

Have a lovely weekend. Rebecca Negrello

Fantastic Home Learning in Year 4!



Excellent Writing in Year 3!



Year 6 Indoor Athletics



Our Yr6 have been training for the Indoor Athletics competition and a team was selected to represent the school. They worked brilliantly together, really encouraging each other, particularly in some of the close races where we snuck in a win right at the end! The children also took part in some field events where they demonstrated some real natural talent. Once all the events were over, we took some time to reflect on our successes and eagerly awaited the results. To our delight the girls and boys team won their separate competitions. Bring on the finals!



School Policies

We have added our Communication, Parent/Carer Code of Conduct, Complaints and Persistent Complaints policies to our website – please see the Statutory Information section of the website for details.

Parking

Please take care when parking around the side roads when picking up your children.

A child was nearly hit by a car as the family had to walk in the road because of the cars parked on the pavement.

We are also receiving complaints of car doors hitting children when they are trying to squeeze past parked cars.

Please ensure you park sensibly at all times. Keep the driveway clear and remember the car park is for staff use only, particularly as staff arrive at school in the mornings.

TT Rockstars

Well done for improving our school speed even more! As a collective our average speed is 4.11 seconds per question. Only 40% of children have been on this week. Would be great to see everybody practising next week!

Watford School of Music

We attach flyers for upcoming KS2 Music Making Days this term.

Half Term Holiday Multi Sports Clubs

We attach two flyers with details of Multi Sports Camp at St Paul's School, Hunton Bridge and St Catherine of Siena Primary School, Watford, which are running during the February half term holiday.

Football Club

Football Club will resume on Friday 8th February.

ALSA

ALSA are running a table top sale on Sunday 10th February. Today is the last day for priority booking for parents. You can still book after this date however ALSA will be opening up and offering any remaining table spaces to the rest of the Abbots community from Saturday 19th January. To reserve please email the ALSA committee on alsa@googlemail.com

Attendance:

Class	Red <95%	Amber 95%	Green 96%+
Tiggywinkles		95.5	
Cotton Tails			97.9
Wonderland			99
Neverland			99.3
Blake			97.9
Dahl			98.3
Donaldson			96.2
Potter			98.6
Pratchett			96.1
Blyton			96.8
Rowling			98.6
Fine		95	
Morpurgo			100
Lewis	94.7		
Wells			97
Rundell		95.7	

Our overall attendance this week is 97.3%.

A special well done to 5 Morpurgo for 100% attendance this week!

Attachments:

Apex Half Term Holiday Club
The Elms Half Term Holiday Club
Junior Singing Day 5 February 2019
Junior Brass Day 5 March 2019