

News from Abbey Park School

Term 6 - July 2025



'Potential into Performance'



**The Park
Academies
Trust**



Message from the Principal

'Potential into Performance'

As we approach the end of another fantastic school year at Abbey Park, I am delighted to share some of the memorable moments and achievements that have made this term so special.

We were thrilled to welcome our new Year 6 pupils for their transition visit. They took part in a range of engaging lessons and activities, giving them a taste of life at Abbey Park. We look forward to seeing them again in September as they begin their exciting journey with us.

Our annual Sports Day was a resounding success, filled with energy, enthusiasm, and healthy competition. Pupils from each of our five houses gave it their all across a range of athletic events, showcasing determination and school spirit. A huge well done to all who took part and supported!

A group of our pupils recently returned from an unforgettable residential trip to Spain. They immersed themselves in a variety of exciting outdoor activities, building confidence, friendships, and lifelong memories.

I was proud to attend the Bespoke Duke of Edinburgh tea party to celebrate the incredible achievements of our Bespoke Duke of Edinburgh participants. This initiative, led by Mrs Tubb and Mrs Dyer with the support of dedicated staff, has empowered pupils to develop resilience, leadership, and a sense of community. Congratulations to all involved!

Our annual Awards Ceremony earlier this week was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the hard work, progress, and accomplishments of our pupils across the year. From academic excellence to contributions to school life, we are incredibly proud of all our pupils.

This year, we say a fond farewell to Mrs Lloyd, our Head of Maths, who is retiring after many years of dedicated service to education. Mrs Lloyd has worked tirelessly to support and inspire pupils in mathematics, and her impact will be felt for years to come. We wish her a happy and fulfilling retirement.

We also bid farewell to Mrs Keel, Miss Taylor, Mr Haskins, Mr McKinstry, and Mr Belcher. Each of them has contributed greatly to the life of the school, and they will be missed by colleagues and pupils alike. We thank them all for their commitment and wish them the very best in their next chapters.

As we wrap up the academic year, I would like to thank all our pupils and parents for your continued support, enthusiasm, and partnership. I wish you a relaxing and enjoyable summer break, and look forward to welcoming everyone back for another exciting year at Abbey Park in September.

Regards,

Mr Ward
Principal

Reminder:

Pupils start back on Wednesday 3rd September 2025. The first day back has a staggered start. Year 7 to arrive between 8:15 and 8:40am. All other year groups to arrive at 10am for a 10:15am start with their tutor. Normal lessons will take place from lesson 3 onwards.

Abbey Park School PE Newsletter

Summer Term Highlights – Athletics, Expeditions & National Sports Week Fun!

Athletics Stars Represent Wiltshire!

Elliot C (Y10) and Lottie H (Y9) represented Wiltshire at the Southwest Athletics Championships. Elliot competed in the 400m Hurdles and finished 5th and Lottie competed in the Hammer throw and finished 2nd. Both athletes have secured National Entry standard for their event, which is an amazing achievement. They both work very hard in all their lessons and are great athletes across lots of sports and it's great to see their talent being recognised. 🏆

Elliot C – 400m Hurdles – 5th Place

Lottie H – Hammer – 2nd Place

A HUGE Congratulations to Elliot who has been selected to represent Wiltshire at the National Championships in Birmingham! GOOD LUCK!

APS pupils were also shining superstars at the Swindon athletics trials with some amazing results achieved. The PE department really are blown away by the commitment and determination with these pupils:

Douglas K (Y8) – 3rd in 800m

Elliot C (Y10) – 2nd in 400m hurdles & 2nd in 100m hurdles

Ella-Rose S (Y7) – 4th in 100m

Maya M (Y7) – 5th in 1200m

Lottie H (Y9) – 3rd in 75m hurdles & 1st in Hammer throw

Lily A (Y7) – 1st 75m hurdles

Dance World Cup

We are incredibly proud to celebrate Y10's Ruby D and Ruby S and their team, who represented England at the Dance World Cup in Spain and returned home as World Champions.

Their hard work, dedication, and outstanding talent shone on the international stage, and this remarkable achievement is a testament to their passion and commitment.

Well done! You've made our school and country very proud!



🔥 Swindon Schools Athletics Championships

Despite the hot heat, all athletes performed brilliantly at the County Ground in the Swindon Schools Athletics Championships. Their effort, sportsmanship, and competitiveness was outstanding!



Team Results:

- ■ Year 9 Boys – 5th
 - ■ Year 9 Girls – 5th
 - ■ Year 10 Boys – 5th
 - ■ Year 10 Girls – 6th
- Year 7 Girls – 4th
 - Year 7 Boys – 1st
 - Year 8 Girls – 3rd
 - Year 8 Boys – 3rd

👏 A huge well done to all competitors – you were amazing!

🏠 DofE Triumph – Year 9 Assessment Expedition

Our **Year 9 DofE group** completed their assessment expedition with flying colours! Abbey Park are proud to announce every pupil passed and all performed a brilliant display of teamwork, resilience and independence. ✅ 🏡



🏆 National Sports Week 2025

On 16th June Abbey Park celebrated National Sports Week with a variety of; sporting challenges, FIFA treasure hunt, beat the teachers, step challenge, quizzes and learnt about different sports across the world. A massive thank you to all pupils who got involved throughout the week! From high-energy competitions to trying new sports, it was fantastic to see so many pupils participating and enjoying being active especially those who do not normally attend PE session 6. The PE team thoroughly enjoyed hosting the week and can't wait to make this bigger and better next year.

Special Mentions to:

Scarlet K (Y8) – Step challenge winner
Jack C (Y7) – FIFA treasure hunt winner
Fabiano K (Y7) – Wall throw winner
Dominic B (Y7) – Basketball throw

Connor M (Y9) – Keepie ups winner
Matthew S (Y7) – Hockey rally
Austin B (Y10) – Badminton rally winner
9CH tutor group – Quiz winners

🎉 Well done to everyone for making it a week to remember!

Sports Day

Abbey Park has also held its annual sports day on the final week of term. This was a great success with the whole school watching some amazing sporting talent.

Results were very close between the 5 houses but **Stonehenge** came away with the win! Well done everyone!

2nd Avebury

3rd Kennet

4th Barbury

5th Whitehorse



Pentathlon Challenge

We would like to congratulate pupils for their amazing team work, dedication and perseverance in the Pentathlon Sports Challenge 🏆🏆🏆🏆

We did it! We won Gold!

We would also like to thank all the Sports Leaders who did a fantastic job in running this event, helping and encouraging all of the pupils from various schools.

2024 – 2025 Highlights

Overall, APS PE has had another successful year with many pupils still continuing to amaze us with their talent and skill. Special highlight being the Year 9 Girls rounders team, being undefeated the whole season again with 2 years running (Team – Emily S, Daisy G (VC), Charlotte H, Madison R, Rosie R, Charlotte R, Ella A, Nicola S, Isla M, Maisie W), who has also reached the Swindon Final. The boys U12 and U14 cricket team also had very good season showing great determination and attitude in all their fixtures and came close in some very tense matches. The Year 7 boys and girls football team winning the County Cup Finals. Year 7 girls winning the basketball tournament, coming first in Swindon.

We would also like to congratulate Billie B for winning the Physical Education Star Student award. He has demonstrated a fantastic attitude on the CNAT course, Billy is highly committed to all aspects of his studies, consistently displaying enthusiasm and a strong work ethic. He is a senior sports leader bringing maturity and leadership to the role and consistently setting high standards for others to follow. His contribution to both academic and practical elements of sport are exceptional and I hope they continue to be an asset to the department.

The PE department wish everyone a safe & lovely summer holiday. We look forward to seeing you all in September for the new netball and rugby seasons and wish Year 11 pupils' good luck on their new journey. You've all been fantastic ambassadors for Abbey Park PE!

Happy Holidays!

Thank You & Well Done! – PE Department

Music

Summer Concert 2025

19th June – the warmest day of the year so far also saw the final music concert of the academic year. The hall was set up, the pupils had been working hard rehearsing and they did not disappoint.

The evening saw some pupils perform in public for the very first time having only had lessons for a few weeks right through to pupils that have performed in every concert for the last four years.

From pieces from Musicals to Beethoven all the way through to Danny Boy the evening was filled with variety.

Thank you to everyone who took part and for the brilliant audience for their support.

Rehearsals for the Autumn concert have begun already – hope to see you there!!



YOU HAVE THE POWER TO HELP

Abbey Park Music Department
needs instruments!

We could make use of any
unused/unwanted instruments you may
have sat in the attic or cupboard.
Please send into school and help bring
the Music Department alive!



hutchingsc@abbeyparkschool.org.uk if
you require any more information

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For more information or to apply please scan the QR code below



Application form



More information

**Swindon Music Co-operative, Astoria House, 165/166 Victoria Road, Swindon, SN1 3BU
01793 781973 • info@swindonmusiccoop.co.uk • swindonmusiccoop.co.uk**

Trips

North Farm Trip – Year 10 26th June 2025

A group of 40 Year 10 pupils visited a local farm to explore real-world STEM applications. They had a fantastic trip and engaged incredibly well with all of the activities throughout the day.

The pupils learned how technology supports sustainable agriculture, including a focus on crop rotation, soil quality and production of food. A guided tour showed them the milk parlour, hoof treatment and crops throughout the farm.

The pupils also had the opportunity to meet with local businesses and education providers, with a number of hands-on activities including a tractor simulator and fake artificial insemination.

The trip highlighted the importance of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics in modern farming, with the hope of inspiring many pupils to consider STEM careers in the future.

Mr White

KS3 Science Co-ordinator



Ice Skating

During terms 3 and 4, a selected group of Year 8 boys were involved in a programme that aimed to improve engagement and attitude to learning across the curriculum. Pupils responded very positively during the programme and showed improvement in either behaviour, attendance or in building positive relationships with staff.

As a result of their determination and improvement, those who had made the biggest difference to their mindset were rewarded with a trip at the end of term 5. The boys chose to go ice-skating at the Link Centre.

During the session, the boys demonstrated their resilience and positive attitudes, with many moving from being novices to competent skaters by the end of the two hours. They all had a fantastic time and were discussing going back that same night for the late skate.

We are really proud of how this group of boys have turned their behaviour around and hope that they continue to maintain their maturity and positive behaviour as they enter Year 9.

Well done boys!

Mrs Parkinson & Mr Maddern



Year 7 Maths Trip to Bletchley Park

On Wednesday 25th June 2025, a group of 59 pupils and 6 staff members visited the world-renowned Bletchley Park, the historic home of British codebreaking during World War II.

Pupils explored the original codebreaking huts and museum exhibitions, gaining fascinating insights into the vital work carried out by Alan Turing and his colleagues. The visit brought classroom learning to life, linking mathematics, history, and computing in a meaningful and memorable way.

Throughout the day, pupils engaged in interactive workshops and hands-on activities, including a close look at the Enigma machine and real wartime cipher challenges. The experience deepened their understanding of cryptography, problem-solving, and the importance of collaboration under pressure. It was a fantastic opportunity to celebrate the role of mathematics in shaping the modern world, while also inspiring our pupils to think critically, work together, and appreciate the impact of perseverance and innovation.

Mrs McDonald
Maths teacher

Year 10 Geography fieldtrip to River Cole

On Monday 16th June 2025, the Year 10 Geographers completed their first piece of fieldwork for their GCSE.

Pupils collected primary data (the width, depth and velocity) on both a straight and meander section of the River Cole, so that they will be able to compare the characteristics at different locations and to be able to answer their enquiry question.

Pupils also collected secondary data and had a talk from someone who worked at the National Trust site, to gain an understanding of how the river has been managed over time and what different strategies have been put in place to try and restore the river to its natural state.

Pupils will now use the data in order to complete a write up, and produce graphs to analyse and to use them in order to help them answer their hypothesis question.

Pupils were really engaged throughout the trip and all got involved and became true Geographers for the day... including someone getting their wellies stuck in the mud!



Mrs Graham
Curriculum Leader - Humanities

Trips

Spanish Adventure Trip

So, after we finally loaded all the luggage on the bus with the help of some Tetris minded parents, we embarked on our long and hot journey.

Not all the pupils believed in sleeping as they were in fine singing voice but eventually it went quiet. The ferry crossing was changed due to traffic, customs and 6 passengers submitted to a random bag search. Once on board, pupils had a great time, mooching and chatting with a group of German peers. We arrived exhausted!

Thunderstorms, hail and lightning cleared the way for some beautiful sunny days. The beach was beautiful, the activities so much fun, everyone got stuck into everything.

The walk back up the steep hill to camp was really tough though! We were very well looked after, food was varied and we had lots of pool time.

The staff complimented our group and frankly that's because your young people were truly wonderful and great company!



Ms Redondo
Head of Key Stage

Summer Holidays Humanities Bingo



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If you complete **5 tasks** with some evidence (photos, work etc.) to prove that you have completed the task, email Miss Bell at bells@abbeyparkschool.org.uk. All entries receive an R2, and the first THREE to email me receive an R3!

<p>Visit a religious building e.g. a church or a temple.</p> 	<p>Watch a documentary/film about History or Geography. E.g. Planet Earth</p>	<p>Research the history of a country of your choice and create a fact file.</p>	<p>Read a book about: a different culture, a historical event or fiction set in a different time period.</p> 
<p>Listen to a podcast linked to Geography, RE or History. Suggested podcast channels are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Geeking Out podcast - History Hit - The Geography of Everything - Geography Ninja - Revise GCSE RS - Short History of - Gone Medieval - In Our Time 	<p>Visit the new Swindon Museum and Art Gallery.</p> 	<p>Take part in the Swindon summer trails challenge. Info here:</p>  <p>https://www.swindontravelchoices.co.uk/home/activeswindonchallenge/</p>	<p>Watch a film set in a different time period. Suggestions are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All Quiet on the Western Front (15) - 1917 (age rating R) - The Imitation Game (PG-13) - The Young Victoria (PG) - Apollo 13 (PG) - Gandhi (PG) - Young Einstein (PG) 
<p>Observe 5 types of wildlife in at least 3 different places.</p> 	<p>Create your family tree.</p> 	<p>Watch a news programme or read a news website.</p> 	<p>Spend time in a different part of the country.</p> 
<p>Research and produce a PowerPoint presentation on a holiday destination of your choice. It could be where you have been on holiday.</p> 	<p>Bake a cake or cook a recipe from a different country.</p> 	<p>Take a picture of a historical building or monument, e.g a castle.</p>	<p>Visit a physical Geography landmark such as a coastline, river, waterfall, mountain.</p> 

Mock Trial competition

On Saturday 14th June our Mock Trial pupils, Emily S, Emmy K, Harry E, Holly P, Joshua H, Lena W, Mia D, Nicola S, Oakley V-C, Thomas J, Toby P, Tyler R and William W, headed to Croydon to compete in the final national rounds of the competition. They had an early start, leaving school at 6:30am. The trip was one of excitement and hope.

We started the day with a Q&A session, a magistrate spoke to the pupils enabling them to understand the job opportunities within the legal system, and the different pathways into the legal profession.

We then headed into our first round of the competition. We were up against Gunnersbury Catholic School and our pupils took to the prosecution first. We fought hard on a very difficult case but ultimately the defendant was found not guilty, however it wasn't a straight forward win as a Magistrate on each team found the defendant guilty.

Our second round of the competition was against Waddeston Church of England School. This time we ran the case as defence. Our defence team were very good and argued the case well. This time it was down to the judging Magistrate to make the final decision as we had a split, the Waddeston magistrates voted guilty and our Magistrates voted not guilty. The presiding Magistrate had the deciding vote, not guilty.

Unfortunately, we did not place in the top three of the competition however, we did place 6th overall out of the 11 schools present – which is still an incredible achievement for our pupils.

The result did not dampen our teams spirit, it was wonderful listening to them all congratulate each other and say how proud they all are of getting to the London competition. It was also a great chance for them to meet pupils from all over the country, including Belfast, and interact with them.

Overall, we are immensely proud of how our pupils performed in the competition and represented our school. We celebrated with a well-deserved, and much needed McDonalds at the services on the way home!

The pupils themselves gained a lot from this experience and hopefully some will join us with next years group, taking on a mentor role, much as Angelica W from last years winning team did this year.



Competitions

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Movement Photography Contest

Please see below some of the entries for this recent competition.



Wright-G-img (1)



Williams-C-img (3)



Osborne-M-IMG-20250510-WA0069



Knapp-M-img (1)



Wedlock-H-img (2)



Wadhams-C-IMG_0837 (1)

BRIEF:

Swindon Station and the team at Great Western Railway have invited Abbey Park School to make a mural that will be displayed at Swindon Station. We invite you to create a design for the mural.

The best designs will be combined and a winning team of students will be selected to paint the mural on Saturday 30th August 2025. We will paint the mural live in front of the public and other artists as part of Swindon Paint Fest. Two winners will receive a visit to GWR's state-of-the-art train simulators at Reading with train tickets provided from Swindon!



Here are some of our entries:



I created this edit as I thought I would include the history of GWR by adding the walls that were built back then. Then I added railways in the background to include the modern GWR whilst also adding the logo.

Owen D



Rubie-Esme G

My work shows what the railway looked like but over the top it shows the Great Western Railway today. I have the logo at the top to show that it is the Great Western Railway.



Alice H



Erin D

Learning Resource Centre

Reading Roundup!

Well, we have come to the end of another very busy year here in the APS Library. We have seen over 3,000 books borrowed by our KS3 pupils over the year.

We have had several Word Millionaires with Beth D in Y8 our champion of the year reading just under 7 million words!! And between them KS3 have passed 3,891 quizzes on books.

To make the library easier to access, we will be having a change around over the summer, with non-fiction becoming subject based to help support and extend the pupils learning. We will also be making room for the new books we have got, including a few more Manga and Graphic novels, which have proven very popular with our pupils.

Over the summer, we have set the pupils a 'Summer Reading Challenge' these will be on Epraise. Y7 and Y8 have the choice to do an independent novel study or Book Bingo. Year 9s have the challenge of reading their set text ready for GCSEs.

It is really important that pupils try to read every day, even if it's just for 10 minutes, to maintain good reading standards which will help across all their subjects. Our aim is that reading ages should match their chronological age, enabling them to access the required texts and exam papers at GCSE level.

However, this should be fun, so read books and articles they will enjoy, the latest sports reports, recipes, comics, if you're on holiday get them to read a guide book or perhaps the menu if you are out for dinner.

There are lots of opportunities to read that don't always mean sitting and reading a book!



Enjoy the summer holidays and keep reading!!

Miss Bowie
Librarian



Useful Information

Buying books

In the library we try to keep a wide variety of books and authors, however it is impossible to stock everything. If your child enjoys reading it can be difficult to keep up with buying them books, especially in the current economic climate.

So here are a few tips to keep costs down:

- Join your local library, it is free to join and you can borrow up to 16 books at a time.
- While at the library, many have a withdrawn section where you can take as many books as you can carry for £1.
- Charity shops often have a book section, the bonus is you can return them when you have finished and support a good cause.
- Discount book shops such as The Works offer a wide range of books at discount prices.
- Online WoB (World of Books) is a secondhand book shop which offers books at a reasonable price and offers free delivery in the UK.

Local libraries

North Swindon Library

Orbital Retail Park, Thamesdown Drive, Swindon, SN25 4AN

01793 707120

northswindon.library@swindon.gov.uk

Current opening hours

- Monday - 2.00pm - 6.00pm
- Tuesday - closed
- Wednesday - 10.00am - 2.00pm
- Thursday - closed
- Friday - 1.00pm - 5.00pm
- Saturday - 10.00am - 2.00pm
- Sunday - 11.00am - 3.00pm

Central Library

Regent Circus, Swindon, SN1 1QG

01793 463238

central.library@swindon.gov.uk

Current opening hours

- Monday - 10.00am - 5.30pm
- Tuesday - 10.00am - 5.30pm
- Wednesday - 10.00am - 5.30pm
- Thursday - 10.00am - 5.30pm
- Friday - 10.00am - 5.30pm
- Saturday - 10.00am - 4.00pm
- Sunday – closed

Local Bookshops

Bert's Books

54 Godwin Court, Swindon, SN1 4BB

07949 190977

bert@bertsbooks.co.uk

Opening hours

- Monday - 8.30am – 5.30pm
- Tuesday - 8.30am – 5.30pm
- Wednesday - 8.30am – 5.30pm
- Thursday - 8.30am – 5.30pm
- Friday - 8.30am – 5.30pm
- Saturday - 8.30am – 5.30pm
- Sunday - 10.30am – 4.00pm

Waterstones

3 Canal Walk, Swindon SN1 1LD

01793 436465

www.waterstones.com

Opening Hours

- Monday 9.00am – 5.30pm
- Tuesday 9.00am – 5.30pm
- Wednesday 9.00am – 5.30pm
- Thursday 9.00am – 5.30pm
- Friday 9.00am – 5.30pm
- Saturday 9.00am – 5.30pm
- Sunday 10.00am – 4.00pm

School uniform Donations

As Y11s move on from our school, we'd be grateful for any outgrown items they no longer need.

If they have any of the following in good condition, please consider donating them rather than letting them sit unused.

- Revision guides or set texts
- Maths equipment (e.g. protractors, geometry sets)
- School uniform (blazers, ties, PE kits)
- Bags

Please drop donations off at reception. These resources will directly support our younger pupils.

Thank you for your generosity and for helping our school community thrive.

Warm regards,

Mr Stubbs

Assistant Principal



Pupil Laptops

When pupils are given a school laptop to use at home, please ensure the software and antivirus are updated by turning the laptop on weekly.

Please return the laptop to the school reception or IT office if it is no longer in use at home so that it can be distributed to pupils who now need a device.

If you're experiencing any problems with the laptop at home, please let us know.

IT Support





Safeguarding Information

At Abbey Park we are committed to ensuring a culture of safeguarding in our school and it is paramount in all we do. We hope that our termly safeguarding update will give you an overview of our approach, offer some useful guidance and information and inform you of what your child is learning in school about how to keep themselves safe. For more information about safeguarding, please look at our website:

What does Safeguarding look like at Abbey Park?

At Abbey Park School we follow the Government policy document 'Keeping Children Safe in Education'. This is statutory guidance for all schools in England to follow and comply with. It has recently been updated and therefore our safeguarding policy has been updated to reflect this. You can find this on our safeguarding section on the school website. Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is **everyone's responsibility**. Everyone who comes into contact with children and their families has a role to play in making sure that children grow up having the best life chances. In order to fulfil this responsibility effectively, all adults should make sure their approach puts the child at the centre of the decision making and that the best interests of the child are always considered. We believe that it is in the best interest of our children to have opportunities to learn how to stay safe both in and outside of school. Our safeguarding themes are woven into lessons across the curriculum, into assemblies and throughout daily life in school. Here are just a few examples of how we teach safeguarding at Abbey Park:

- Dedicated safeguarding team in school every day
- Pastoral support for each year group.
- Pastoral Support Assistants who have specialist training in supporting a child in their social and emotional needs
- Members of staff who have completed basic mental health training
- Mental health pupil ambassadors
- Mental health staff ambassadors
- A dedicated mental health lead – Mrs Stevens
- Wellbeing Wednesday each Wednesday Tutor time looking at how to look after mental health
- Assemblies and lessons taught throughout the year, including but not extensively, anti-bullying, equality, diversity, fire, sun, children's safety, exploitation, sexual harassment and violence and online safety.
- PHSE curriculum covering how to be healthy, having healthy relationships and developing emotional literacy
- Online safety curriculum
- RSE (Relationships and sex education) curriculum
- Weekly tutor time reminders about staying safe in school and our expectations

If you need any support with your child, please contact a member of the safeguarding Team.

Designated Safeguarding Lead:

Mrs Kara Stevens

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead:

Mrs Lorraine Hatcliffe

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead:

Ms Vanessa Redondo

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead:

Miss Stacey Prince



Safeguarding information

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Contact details and circumstances – please keep us up to date!

It is vitally important that we have the correct contact details for every parent/carers. If you change your phone number, e-mail or move house, please let the admin team know or update it on Arbor. We also need at least two emergency contacts for your child.

We also ask that you keep us up to date with any changes in your personal circumstances that may impact your child.

Mrs Stevens: stevensk@abbeyparkschool.org.uk

Mrs Hatcliffe: hatcliffel@abbeyparkschool.org.uk

Miss Redondo: redondov@abbeyparkschool.org.uk

Contact details:

Please can we ask that you ensure the school has at least two contact details in case of an emergency. Unless there is a court order saying differently both parents should be listed on the contacts. This can be done on Arbor.



Useful contacts:

'Contact Swindon' has changed its name and is now known as Children and Families Contact Swindon. If you have concerns about a child and want to speak to a social worker, family services worker without going through school please call - 01793 464646.

If you have concerns that a child is at immediate risk of harm, please call the Police on 999.

School Nursing team – for support to help children with their physical, mental and emotional well-being and referring to other specialist agencies.

Tel – 01793 465050 or email

snn@swindon.gov.uk

Online safety guidance for parents

<https://swgfl.org.uk/>



Assembly and PSHE this term

At Abbey Park School all pupils attend Assemblies and PSHE sessions each week.

During term 6 pupils have had the following assemblies: Perseverance, Behaviour & Expectations, World Refugee Day, Use Your Imagination, Team Work, Safeguarding.

During PSHE this term pupils have been learning about the following topics:

Year 7	Drugs education
Year 8	Health and wellbeing – Identity & Relationships
Year 9	Health & Wellbeing - Healthy lifestyle
Year 10	Relationships/CEIAG & Healthy Relationships

Social care or external agency involvement

A polite request to keep the Pastoral team updated if your child is receiving support from social services or any external agencies. This will enable us to ensure the right support is given at the right time.

Special guardianship orders or unofficial care givers

Just a reminder to keep the school updated if a child is under a special guardianship order or unofficial care placement to ensure they receive any support needed.

Attendance matters:

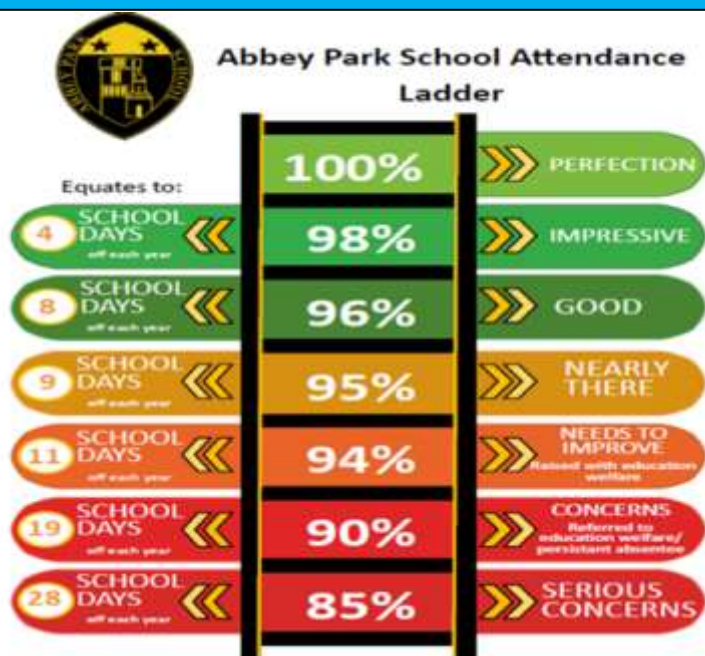
Research shows that there is a direct link between good attendance to school and better outcomes for young adults.

If you are struggling with your child's attendance please contact your Child's Head of Key stage, PSA or Mrs Evenett for support.

First aid

Just a reminder that we can only offer first aid in school. We are not able to treat pre-existing conditions as we are only first aiders.

Paracetamol – we will not issue any paracetamol to pupils during P5 to ensure pupils do not take another dose at home.









Your leftover foreign currency and old UK coins and notes are an easy way to help us raise valuable funds



- All foreign coins & banknotes
- Old British & Irish money
- All current UK money
- Even obsolete currency!

DRAMA *KIDS" STRATTON

I'm looking for something to do after school where I can be more **creative**, build my **confidence** and **communication** skills while also making friends. Where can I go?

Drama Kids allows me to **express** myself and have **fun** while building my **self esteem**

We are much better at talking to others. I am even more **confident** at raising my hand in the classroom

We have classes to suit all ages starting in September:

Lower Primary: ages 5-8

Upper Primary: ages 9-11

Youth Theatre: ages 12-18

Want to know more?

Website - dramakids.co.uk

Email - stratton@dramakids.co.uk

Phone - 07467198824

Socials - Drama Kids Stratton



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LOVE LEARNING NEW SKILLS?
LOVE HAVING FUN?**

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FOOTBALL SUMMER CAMPS

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**FOR 6 - 16 YEAR OLDS
10AM - 2PM EVERY TUESDAY AND
THURSDAY
@ CROWDYS HILL SCHOOL**

**only
£15
per session**



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SUMMER HOLIDAY CAMP



**MONDAY TO FRIDAY
8:45AM TO 3PM
THROUGHOUT THE
SUMMER HOLIDAYS
FOR AGES 5 TO 16 @
OUR ATHENA AVENUE
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VIA HOLIDAY
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Freshbrook Multi-Sport Summer Sessions

**For ages 5 – 16 years old
Learn non-contact boxing,
martial arts, football skills and
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**Wednesdays 1:30 – 3:30
@ Freshbrook
Community Centre
Book Via Ticketsource**





SUMMER HOLIDAYS

SWINDON BASKETBALL CAMP

JULY

30TH & 31ST

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13TH & 14TH

12PM - 3PM

LOCATION

GREAT WESTERN ACADEMY, SWINDON
SN25 2PP

VISIT: WWW.SWINDONBASKETBALLCAMP.COM

BOOKINGS ARE NOW OPEN

PRICE

£30



SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUB

**Launching
Summer
2025!**

- Summer club led by our **experienced mentors**

- Daily sessions involving fitness, music creation, arts and crafts, team-based gaming, and sport activities

- A **diverse, fun, safe, inspiring** environment where children develop confidence, character, and connection



Extras & Flexibility

- Early Drop-Off from 8:30 AM
- Optional Late Pick-Up available until 5:30 PM for a small fee
- Healthy snack options and hydration support
- Flexible hours designed to support working families

*Where Fun, Meets Focus
Powered by our Iprovefit
Mentors*

Location & Dates

Venue: 32a Ganton Way, Techno Trading Estate, Kembrey park, Swindon, SN2 8ES

Dates: Monday - Friday, July 28th - August 22nd 2025

Time: 9:00-17:00 (with optional extras from 8:30-17:30)

Age Group: 8-13

Price: £20/day, discounts available for full-week bookings and siblings

For any enquiries please email: Referrals@iprovefit.com

website: www.iprovefit.co.uk



Open Evenings & Mornings

We invite Prospective pupils and their parents in year 5 and 6

Abbey Park School Open Evening and Mornings



Join us for our Open Evening

Tuesday 9th September 2025. 4.30pm – 7.30pm

Classrooms will be open, with displays of work, resources and equipment. There will be various activities that children can take part in to get a feel for life at Abbey Park School. Some of our pupil ambassadors will be in school to show you around, talk to you about life at Abbey Park and demonstrate examples of their work.

Teaching staff and the leadership team will be readily available to answer all of your questions.

The evening will also include a presentation from Mr Ward on the excellent opportunities Abbey Park School has to offer your child.

Open Mornings

Wednesday 24th & Thursday 25th September 2025. 9.15 – 11.15am

Alternatively, or in addition to the open evenings, if you wish to see the school in action during the day, there are two open mornings. As there are limited spaces please book a place on one of these open mornings, please contact us on 01793 705400 or email admin@abbeyparkschool.org.uk

Abbey Park School
Redhouse Way, Swindon, SN25 2ND
Tel: 01793 705400

GCSE Results Day



GCSE Results Day

Thursday 21st August 2025
9.00am - 10.00am

Main Hall

Enter through the front of the school



Abbey Park PTA



ABBHEY PARK PTA

Come and be part of something
new and exciting

Abbey Park PTA need you to support raising
money to support the school

Interested email me
hutchingsc@abbeyparkschool.org.uk

Contact details and consents

Having up-to-date contact information enables us to communicate with you promptly in the unlikely event of an emergency school closure during the day. This ensures that we can communicate effectively and keep you informed of any urgent developments. Please also take a moment to review the contact details and consents we have recorded for you on the Arbor Parent Portal are correct.

If your circumstances have changed and your child can no longer go home by themselves in event of an emergency school closure, you can update the consent accordingly on Arbor.

Inset days

Monday 21st July
Tuesday 22nd July

Summer Holidays

Wednesday 23rd July - Friday 29th August

Inset Days

Monday 1st September
Tuesday 2nd September

Return to school (all pupils):

Pupils start back on Wednesday 3rd September 2025. The first day back has a staggered start:

Year 7 to arrive between 8:15 and 8:40am

All other year groups to arrive at 10am for a 10:15am start with their tutor

Normal lessons will take place from lesson 3 onwards

Monday 8th September	EVENT: Whole School Individual Photos
Tuesday 9th September	EVENT: School closes 2.05pm in preparation for the open evening
Tuesday 16th September	EVENING EVENT: Year 11 Key to Success evening 5.30-7pm
Wednesday 24th & Thursday 25th September	Open Morning 9.15-11.15am
Thursday 25th September	EVENT: UKMT Mathematical Competition for Girls EVENING EVENT: Y7 Tutor Consultation 4-7:30pm
Thursday 2nd October	TRIP: National Museum of Computing
Thursday 9th October	TRIP: St Paul's Cathedral, London
Monday 13th - Friday 17th October	Well-being week
Friday 17th October	MUSIC TRIP: BSO @ The Platform
Tuesday 21st October	EVENT: Character Champion Pizza Party
Wednesday 22nd October	EVENING EVENT: Autumn Music Concert
Thursday 23rd October	TRIP: Blood Brothers @ Wyvern Theatre

Autumn Break

Monday 27th - Friday 31st October 2025



Abbey Park School Terms and Holidays 2025 - 2026



August 2025						
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July 2026						
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INSET Days 1st and 2nd September, 20th and 21st November, 23rd February, 1st June, 20th July

Lunchtime Finish 19th December and 17th July

Bank Holidays 2025/26 UK

25 August '25	August Bank Holiday	1 January '26	New Year's Day	4 May '26	Early May Bank Holiday
25 December '25	Christmas Day	3 April '26	Good Friday	25 May '26	Spring Bank Holiday
26 December '25	Boxing Day	6 April '26	Easter Monday		