

Term 2.1 Newsletter

2023-24



Abbey School
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Spring into Action

Updates

To our #teamabbey families,

As we approach the end of another half term, we would like to take this opportunity to extend our gratitude for your continued support and kind words directed towards our staff and the school community. Your encouragement plays a vital role in ensuring a positive environment for our pupils.

Throughout this half term, we have created numerous memorable moments together, including our exciting Chess Championships, the engaging Big Write Day, our Rock Star Numeracy Day, to name just a few. These activities not only inspire our students but also build the sense of community within our school.

Furthermore, it has been a pleasure to share valuable time with families during our recent events, such as the Family Coffee Morning, celebrations, the Chinese New Year, and, of course, the remarkable Dance Festival. These occasions highlight the importance of collaboration between the school and home as we work together to enrich our children's educational experiences.

As we move towards the half-term break, I encourage you to spend quality time together as a family. We look forward to welcoming our pupils back at the usual time on Monday 24th February 2025.

Please take note of the following important dates for the next half term:

INSET Day: Friday 28th February 2025 – School closed to pupils

Family Coffee Morning: 14th March, 10 am – 12 pm (All sites)

Pupils break up for Easter: 28th March (at normal time)

Additional key dates can be found in this newsletter for your reference.

As always, we wish you a very happy, healthy, and safe half term.

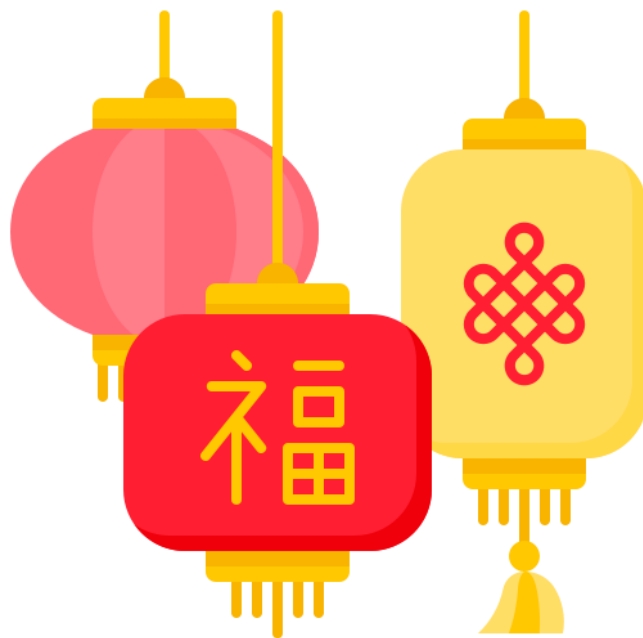
Yours sincerely,

Mrs Windle

Mr Askham

Chinese New Year

The overwhelming support and enthusiasm we received from families during our recent event, centred around learning about Chinese culture and the Year of the Snake. Your participation made the occasion truly memorable for our students.



Throughout the day, our learners engaged in a variety of enriching experiences designed to deepen their understanding of Chinese traditions. Highlights included the tasting of delectable Chinese cuisine, and I would like to extend a special thank you to the Chen family for providing such delicious food. The culinary delights were greatly appreciated by all.

In addition to the culinary experiences, students enjoyed creating lanterns and masks, participating in calligraphy sessions, and even engaging with snakes to learn about their significance in Chinese culture. These activities not only fostered creativity but also instilled a sense of respect and appreciation for diversity among our students.

Dance Festival

The recent Dance Festival, which was a resounding success and a wonderful opportunity for our children to showcase their talents. After considerable hard work and preparation, our students, alongside their peers from Birkdale, Winterhill, and Brinsworth, performed at the "Take 2 Theatre" to a packed audience.



We were thrilled to offer this opportunity not only to our students but also to those from Hilltop, Discovery, Lotus, and The Willows schools within our trust. The collaboration across schools provided an enriching experience for all participants and demonstrated the spirit of teamwork and unity that we value greatly.

Contacting Staff

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As within the last newsletter we continue to encourage our staff to have a good work / life balance at all times. This means that they will not return your call/ email/ seesaw message after working hours so please be aware of that. Could I also request that you continue to send in messages that are routed in kindness rather than anger. Nobody in our school community is perfect and we understand how frustrating it can be when your child is upset however a problem or worry is best sorted with a positive enquiry rather than a shout so please be kind at moments of stress and anxiety. The Schools Yellow pages over the next few sections of this newsletter

See Saw

Please ensure that you are checking your SeeSaw Accounts for updates from your class team and from the school. We have included Class contact details over the coming pages.

Our Feathers of Thanks

We want to also thank the many of you that have sent in your feathers of thanks



Contacting your class Team

Please be aware that when contacting the class teacher they will endeavour to **return your email SeeSaw or Telephone Message within 24 Hours.**

If you need to speak with someone before the 24 hour window please ring school reception who can direct your call accordingly. Tel – **01709 740074**

Attendance: Please ensure that you ring school to report your child's absence and follow the appropriate option for attendance before 9:00am. Tel - **01709 740074**

Safeguarding: The schools phone system has an option to be put straight through to the safeguarding team. Tel – **01709 740074**

Yellow Page of Contacts

Lower School: Mrs R Yorke

Lower Class and Teacher	E Mail Contact
Class L1 Miss Day	pday@nexusmat.org
Class L2 Miss James	djames@nexusmat.org
Class L3 Mr Pitchford	jpitchford@nexusmat.org
Class L4 Mr Flanagan	MFlanagan1@nexusmat.org
Class L5 Miss Hall	khall@nexusmat.org
Class L6 Miss Levitt	jlevitt@nexusmat.org

Upper School: Leader Ms J Newbolt

Upper Class and Teacher	E Mail Contact
Class U1 Mr Edwards & Mrs Crowley	redwards@nexusmat.org ccrowley@nexusmat.org
Class U2 Mr Horstead	nhorstead@nexusmat.org
Class U3 Mr Smith	asmith2@nexusmat.org
Class U4 Miss Drew	hdrew2@nexusmat.org
Class U5 Mrs Brown	vwarrington@nexusmat.org
Class U6 Mr Newbolt	snewbolt@nexusmat.org
Class U7 Miss Tapp	jtapp@nexusmat.org

WAVEE Post 16: Ms J Newbolt

WAVEE Class Teacher	E Mail Contact
WAVEE 1 Mrs Lewis	dlewis@nexusmat.org
WAVEE 2 Mrs Ross	zross@nexusmat.org
WAVEE 3 Miss Puente	mpunte@nexusmat.org

Abbey@HorizonHub: Leader Miss R Lang

H1 Class Miss Wilson	hwilson@nexusmat.org
H2 Class Miss Newall	anewall@nexusmat.org
H3 Class Mr Warden	kwarden@nexusmat.org
H4 Class Mrs Binnie / Mrs Proctor	nbinnie@nexusmat.org vproctor@nexusmat.org

If your call is urgent please contact reception who will direct your call accordingly
Contact: 01709 740074

1st Point of Contact Class Teacher

The class teacher will return emails and calls within 24 hours

Please see Contact list for your class teacher contact. Staff will not respond after working hours (5:30pm)

2nd Point of Contact Head of Department

Lower School: Mrs Yorke
Upper School & Post 16 Ms Newbolt
Horizon Hub Miss Lang

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jnewbolt@nexusmat.org
rlang@nexusmat.org

3rd Point of Contact

Head of School: Mr Askham

waskham@nexusmat.org

4th Point of Contact

Executive Headteacher: Mrs Windle

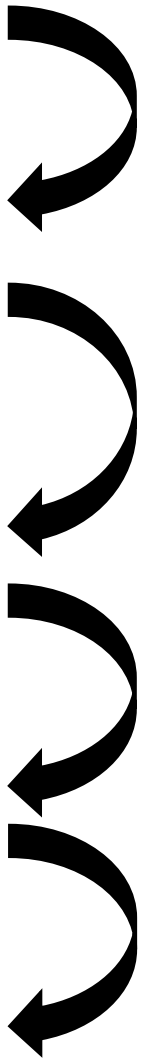
lwindle@nexusmat.org

Other Key Contacts

Designated Safeguarding Lead: Ms E Shimwell lshimwell@nexusmat.org

Deputy Safeguarding Lead: Mr T Gee tgee@nexusmat.org

Family Support &
LAC Advocate: Miss K Taylor ktaylor@nexusmat.org



The year ahead a reminder

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School Holidays

Inset Days

Bank Holidays

Term / Half Term Dates	Term Starts	1/2 Term Hols Start (off school)	Back to School	Hols Start (off School)	Back to School
Autumn Term	4/9/2024	28/10/2024	4/11/2024	20/12/2024	7/1/2025
Spring	7/1/2025	17/2/2025	24/2/2025	31/3/2025	14/4/2025
Summer	14/4/2025	26/5/2025	2/6/2025	23/7/2025	1/9/2025

The next half term

Date	Whole school events/ pupil experiences	Family Invites
24 th February	Pupils return to school (Normal Time)	
24 th February - 7 th March	GCSE/BTEC Mock Examinations	
28 th February	INSET Day No pupils in School	
4 th March	Football League Match	
6 th March	World Book Day - Come dressed as a character from your favourite book	
7 th March	YST Girl Power Day 2	
WC 10 th March	British Science Week	
14 th March	Family Coffee Morning	10:00am-12:00pm (All Sites)
18 th March	YST Shooting Stars Girls Football Tournament @Millmoor Juniors (Selected Pupils)	
21 st March	Red Nose Day (Donate £1)	
26 th March	Family Easter Egg Hunt	All Invited taking place at Abbey School Main Site 2:00pm-3:00pm
28 th March	Pupils Break Up For Easter	

As with all events these can be subject to change. If this is the case we will notify you via SeeSaw, X and the Abbey school Facebook Page



*It takes a village
to raise a child*