

Term 2.2 Newsletter 2024-25



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Inspire, Believe, Achieve



Summer is Coming

To our Families

To our #teamabbey families,

What an amazing term it has been in the run-up to the Easter Holidays! We have had numerous achievements and joyous occasions to celebrate, which are featured throughout this newsletter. As we approach the Easter break, we wish to extend our heartfelt gratitude to all our families for their continued support, and it was wonderful to see so many of you at our Annual Easter Egg Hunt.

It is truly astonishing how swiftly the year is progressing, and we are filled with excitement for what lies ahead at #teamabbey. This includes a variety of events and opportunities designed to enrich our students' experience. Our commitment to fostering an engaging and positive learning environment continues to drive us, and we look forward to sharing more about these upcoming events in the following months.

As always, we encourage you all to enjoy this well-deserved break and to create lasting memories with your families—perhaps by engaging in some delightful moments for your memory jars. It is essential to take time to relax and recharge during this holiday period.

Dates for your Dairies

Please remember that pupils will **return on Monday, 14th April,**

Pupils will **not be** in school on **Friday, 18th and Monday, 21st April** due to Good Friday and Easter Monday

As always, we wish you a very happy, healthy, and safe end to the Spring Term

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Windle

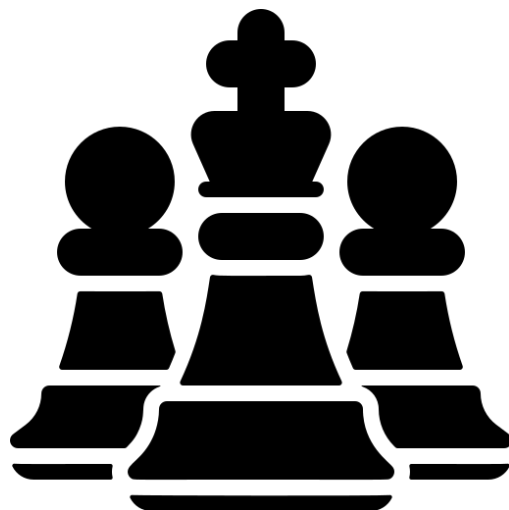
Mr Askham

Chess Competition

I am delighted to share an exciting update regarding our recent chess extravaganza, expertly led by one of our remarkably resilient pupils. This young man has demonstrated exceptional perseverance and leadership throughout this half term, inspiring his peers to engage actively in the world of chess.

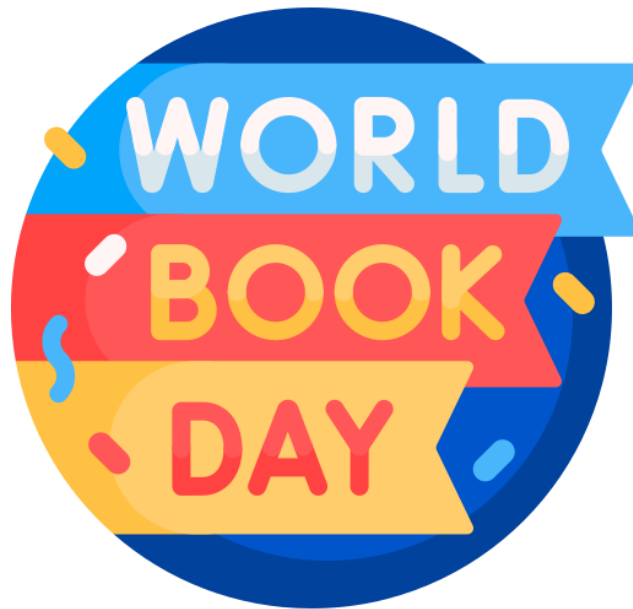
As a testament to his influence, many of our pupils have taken on mentorship roles, guiding and supporting one another in honing their skills. The recent competition was truly a sight to behold, showcasing not only skill but also the exemplary sportsmanship displayed by all participants. The players made a concerted effort to shake hands and ensure that every move was played with fairness and respect, embodying the spirit of camaraderie and collaboration.

I am exceedingly proud of our pupils for their kindness and mutual encouragement, which has turned this event into a remarkable celebration of both talent and character.



World Book Day

We are pleased to report that World Book Day was an absolute success this year. It was a privilege to witness so many pupils engage with literature in such a vibrant and enthusiastic manner. The day was filled with a variety of activities designed to inspire a love for reading, and it was heartening to see our students fully embracing the opportunity to explore new genres and authors.



The creativity displayed during our dressing up event, where pupils came as their favourite book characters, added a delightful element to the day. Moreover, the enthusiasm in our reading sessions highlighted the importance of fostering a passion for literature from an early age.

We are grateful to all the staff and parents who supported this initiative, helping to make it a memorable occasion. As we continue to promote a culture of reading within our school, we look forward to witnessing the ongoing development of our pupils' literary interests

Coffee Morning

We are delighted to announce that our recent family coffee morning was a resounding success. It was truly heartwarming to see our families gather, fostering connections and creating a sense of community. The atmosphere was magical, filled with warmth and camaraderie, as parents and guardians engaged with one another.

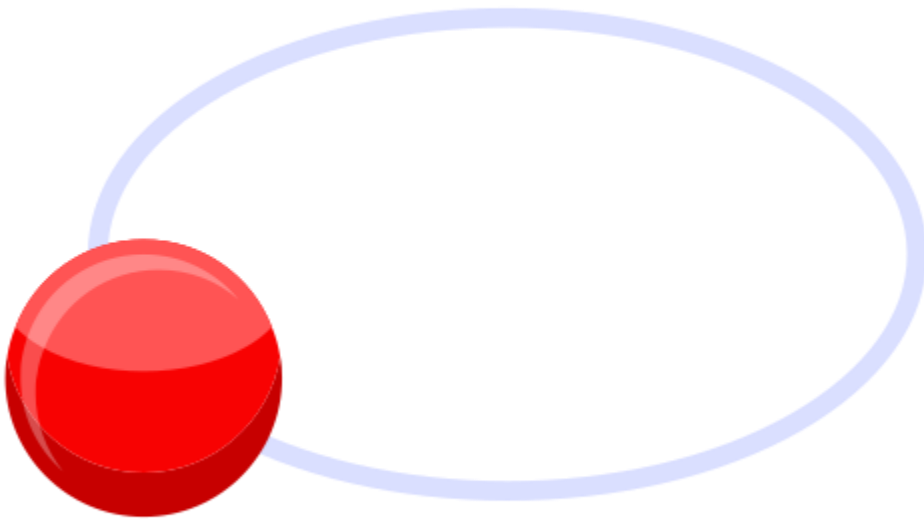


Moreover, we were encouraged by the fantastic ideas and suggestions you shared during the event. Your input is invaluable in enhancing our school's activities and ensuring that we continue to meet the needs of our community. We deeply appreciate your enthusiasm and commitment to your children's educational experience.

As we look forward to future gatherings, we warmly invite you to join us once again. Your presence and participation greatly enrich our school community, and we are excited to explore new initiatives together. Thank you for your continued support, and we hope to see you at our next event!

Red Nose Day

We are delighted to share that Red Nose Day was a resounding success at our school this year. The pupils wholeheartedly embraced the spirit of this charitable occasion, engaging in a variety of activities aimed at raising awareness and funds for those in need. From sponsored events to creative fundraising projects, the enthusiasm and creativity displayed by our students were truly commendable.



A range of activities were organised, allowing children to not only have fun but also to learn about the important work that Comic Relief does in supporting vulnerable communities. The support from parents and staff ensured that the day was filled with joy and camaraderie, reinforcing our commitment to fostering a compassionate learning environment.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who contributed to making this event a memorable one. Together, we have contributed to a vital cause, demonstrating the power of community and the impact we can have when we come together for a worthy purpose

Masked Singer

Today, we held an engaging and entertaining event that allowed our pupils to witness their teachers participating in a rendition of the popular television show, "The Masked Singer." This delightful afternoon brought our school community together in a spirit of camaraderie and creativity, providing a wonderful opportunity for both staff and students to interact in a light-hearted environment.



As we approach the end of term, such events are instrumental in fostering a sense of belonging and school pride. The teachers, donned in whimsical costumes and accompanied by various performances, showcased their hidden talents, much to the amusement and delight of our students.

This event served not only as a celebration of the students' hard work throughout the term but also as a reminder of the importance of community and connection within our school. We look forward to more such occasions in the future, which contribute to making our school a vibrant and inclusive place for learning.

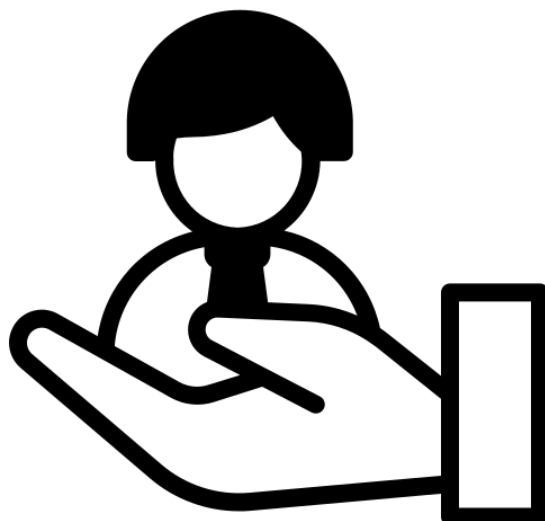
Staffing Changes

As we approach the final term of the year, we would like to inform you of several staffing changes within our school community.

Today, we bid farewell to Mr Flanagan, who is embarking on a new career path away from education. His contributions to our school have been invaluable, and he will be deeply missed by both staff and students alike. We wish him all the best in his future endeavors. Mr Busby will be stepping into the role vacated by Mr Flannigan, and families have been given the opportunity to meet him and express their goodbyes to Mr Flanagan .

Additionally, Miss James from L2 has commenced her maternity leave. We extend our heartfelt wishes to her as she embarks on the journey of motherhood. In her absence, Miss Newall will assume the responsibilities of L2 teacher.

Finally, we are pleased to announce that Miss French will take over as H3's form tutor, succeeding Miss Newall. We appreciate your support during this transition period.



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 Newall	anewall@nexusmat.org
Class L3 Mr Pitchford	jpitchford@nexusmat.org
Class L4 Mr Busby	jbusby@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 Harrod	kHarrod@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 French	kfrench@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

ryorke@nexusmat.org
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

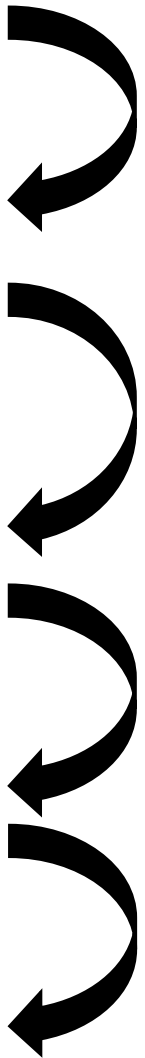
lwindle@nexusmat.org

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

Term 3.1 April – May 2025

Date	Whole school events/ pupil experiences	Family Invites
14 th April	Pupils return to school (Normal Time)	
17 th April	Family Coffee Morning	10:00am-12pm (All Sites)
18 th April	Bank Holiday	
21 st April	Bank Holiday	
22 nd April	Earth Day	Earth Day Community Event 2:00pm-3:00pm
22 nd - 25 th April	Exam Walk thoughts and Functional Skills Resits (Selected Pupils)	
29 th April	YST MATP Day	
5 th May	Bank Holiday	
8 th May	VE Day	
8 th May	BTEC Sport Exam (Selected Students)	
9 th May	BTEC Childcare Exam (Selected Students)	
12 th May	GCSE Lit Paper 1	
13 th May	GCSE Biology Paper 1	
13 th May	Football League Match	
15 th May	GCSE Maths Paper 1 Non Calculator	
14 th May	Parents Eve	4-5pm (All Sites) Appointments sent Via Section
16 th May	Heritage Day - Come dressed to represent your Heritage	
19 th May	GCSE Chemistry Paper 1	
20 th May	GCSE Lit Paper 2	
21 st May	YST Upper School Athletics at <u>Herringtons Stadium</u>	
22 nd May	GCSE Physics Paper 1	
23 rd May	GCSE English Language Paper 1	
23 rd May	Pupils break up for Half Term (Normal Time)	

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*