

Abbeywood First School Newsletter



Friday 6th December 2024

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Dear Parents and Carers, the last few weeks have been filled with exciting educational trips that have helped bring the curriculum to life for our children. From exploring historical landmarks to engaging with nature and science, these experiences have provided valuable opportunities for hands-on learning and discovery. As well as this, encouraging engagement in STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics) subjects inspires curiosity and a love of learning in our pupils. We are thrilled to announce the reveal of our brand-new early years all-weather outdoor learning area soon. This space has been designed to provide year-round opportunities for exploration and play in a safe and stimulating environment. More information and photos will follow soon—watch this space! The children have also been hard at work rehearsing for our upcoming festive events. We can't wait to welcome you all into school to see the fantastic performances they've been preparing.

Mrs Gilmour

Year 4 Visit Tamworth Castle:

This term our history focus has been on the Anglo-Saxons. As part of our learning, we visited Tamworth Castle to find out more about our local history linked to the Anglo-Saxons. The children thoroughly enjoyed exploring and experiencing the castle in all its glory as well further developing their knowledge of how the Anglo-Saxons once lived. We had a fabulous time, and the children were great ambassadors for Abbeywood!



Eco Council at Abbeywood:

At Abbeywood, our Eco Council have been helping us to think a bit 'greener' to ensure we are doing our best for the environment. In the spirit of 'reuse, reduce and recycle', our Eco Councillors have been emptying class recycling bins and reminding teachers to reduce their electricity consumption by turning the lights and monitors off during playtimes and lunchtimes. They have taken the role very seriously and continue to make a positive impact at Abbeywood and for our wider environment.



Wanted: donations of spare uniform including underwear and socks – particularly for Reception please.

Dates for your diary:

- Tuesday 10th December – Reception Nativity @ 2pm
- Wednesday 11th December – Reception Nativity @ 10am
- Wednesday 11th December – Rock Steady concert for invited parents @ 2pm
- Thursday 12th December – Nursery Christmas Café @ 9am
- Monday 16th December – Visit from Santa
- Tuesday 17th December – Singing around the Christmas tree @ 2:45pm
- Thursday 19th December – Year 4 Christmas performance 8:50am and 2:30pm; Christmas Dinner Day (Christmas jumpers/hats to be worn); Nursery and Reception pyjama day
- Friday 20th December – Mince pies and drinks during Family Friday (8:40 – 9:15am); Class Christmas parties
- Friday 20th December – Break up for Christmas
- Monday 6th January – Teacher training day
- Tuesday 7th January – Children back to school

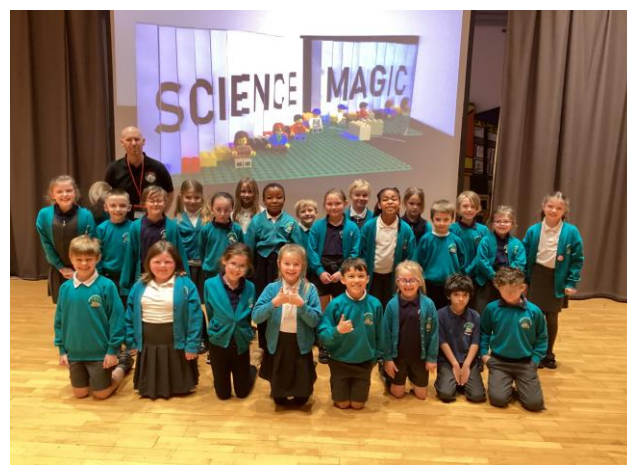
Year 1 Visit the Black Country Museum:

Year 1 have been looking at changes within living memory with a particular focus on shops, so we went to look at the some from the 1960s & 70s as well as those from the Victorian era during our visit. It was amazing to see how things have changed from being served behind a counter and weighing out sweets in jars to a modern supermarket. We also went to the School Room and the teachers got into trouble!



The Magic of Science:

As part of Abbeywood's curriculum enrichment offering, children from Year 3 went to Arrow Vale to experience some scientific magic last week. The children were amazed as they saw the effects of magnets, gravity and balancing. Everybody had a fantastic time and was really intrigued by the science magic that they saw. There will be more opportunities to help bring the curriculum to life throughout the year so look out for future details.



Christmas excitement is building at Abbeywood – a full write up of all the festivities will be revealed in the next newsletter. Until then, we would like to wish all our families a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Local Community Events:

Christingle
church@4
St Leonard's @ Church Hill

Christingle is a joyful celebration to share the light of Jesus and spread a message of hope.

4pm on
Sunday 15th December 2024
at YMCA Willow Trees Community Centre

Free mince pies, cookies and refreshments will be served.

Christmas at St Leonard's

Christmas Market and Festival
Saturday 7th December, 11am – 3pm

Toy Service
Sunday 8th December, 9.15am & 11.15am

Church@4 Christingle
Sunday 15th December, 4pm
Gathering in the YMCA Willow Trees Community Centre, Church Hill

Nine Lessons and Carol
Saturday 21st December, 6pm

Christmas Eve Services
Tuesday 24th December

Come and join in Nativity
6pm

First Communion of Christmas
11.30pm

Christmas Day
Carols and Communion
9am

ST LEONARD'S CHURCH, BEOLEY

CHRISTMAS

FESTIVAL & MARKET

SAT 7
DECEMBER
11AM—3PM
@ WILLOW TREES
CHURCH HILL