



# Head's Weekly Newsletter

## Week 29



### Message from the Headteacher

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Dear Students, Families, Colleagues and Friends

Welcome to the last issue of the Head's Weekly Newsletter for Term 4!

We start our Easter Holidays today and I hope that you all enjoy the fortnight off school and work and a bit more family time.

We return for Term 5 on Monday, 25 April 2022 and we will have a 5-week term of fun and learning to embrace then.

This week was fantastic and I was very impressed with the students' creativity – whether Primary Easter Bonnet Parade or the Secondary Egg Art Competition – Abbot's Lea has some real talent!!!

Congratulations to all entrants and those whose creations were particularly praised by the panel (I was joined this year by Caitlin, Kieran and Lewis – my Head Girl and Boy team – thank you!).

I wish you all a restful weekend and then – a happy Easter!

With warmest regards

Mrs A Hildrey  
Headteacher

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# Key Diary Dates

## Key Diary Dates for Week 30

The key dates for Week 30	
25 April 2022	School opens for Term 5
26 April 2022	2022-23 Supported Interns Visit to Liverpool Women's Hospital
29 April 2022	Drumming Sessions
29 April 2022	Family Coffee Mornings – 9.30am-11.00am
29 April 2022	Open Assemblies – 9.15am – 10.35am



Fun for your whole family

**Summer Fair 2022**

ABBOT'S LEA SCHOOL  
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Saturday 2 July  
School site  
Further information to follow

 **Students' school day**  
9:00am - 3:00pm

## Next term

Term 5
25 April 2022 – students return
Ends: 27 May 2022
Half Term Holiday: 30 May – 3 June 2022

## School Year Calendar

Term Dates for School Year 2021-22 (current academic year) – [Term dates 2021-22](#)

Term Dates for School Year 2022-23 (next academic year) – [Term dates 2022-23](#)

# Students of the Week

## Students of the Week

Class	Student	Reason
Early Years and Key Stage 1		
Ireland	Alfie	For being a kind friend.
Key Stage 2		
Portugal	Alfie	For working hard to use his phonics knowledge when blending and segmenting words.
France	Reem	For trying her best to make good choices and being a kind friend to the younger children.
Spain	Riley	For always trying his best and being a role model for his friends.
Italy	Ethan	For his incredible imagination.
Peru	Conor	For working super hard to write his recipe independently.
Key Stage 3		
Mozambique	Isaac	For great work in Maths this week!
Madagascar	JoJo	For being a superstar swimmer over the past 2 weeks, and listening really well to the instructors.
USA	Faye	For playing well with her peers during break times
Brazil	Martin	For being resilient during a difficult time.
Kenya	Theo	For an excellent diary entry, using expanded noun phrases.
Cape Verde	Brandon	For trying his best at swimming.
Seychelles	Joseph	For having a positive attitude in class.
Botswana	Jake	For creating an amazing cardboard village in a Geography lesson.
Key Stage 4		
Australia	Lexie	For excellent design work in lesson and for the Easter Egg competition
Samoa	Anthony	For being very positive throughout the week and working extremely hard in his accredited learning classes.
New Zealand	Bobby	For trying really hard in class, especially in Maths!
Papua New Guinea	Joe	For being mature and sensible; and for showing perseverance in maths.
Key Stage 5		
Malawi	Jack	For working hard to improve his handwriting
Christmas Island	Daneil	For his fortitude and resilience.
Fiji	Joshlin	For trying hard in all of her lessons.
Nurture Provision		
Wales	Kaiden	For following the Golden Rules!
Canada	Lilyth	For helping out in class and embracing all activities.
Tasmania	Joshua	For his beautiful manners.

# Next Week's Menu

## Next Week's Menu

FOOD  
FOR  
THOUGHT

## Primary Lunch Menu



Week Commencing 25/04/22

Week 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Main Meal</b> We provide a variety of seasonal hot and cold dishes for children to freely choose from	Homemade Vegetable Curry Served with Rice and Mango Chutney	Homemade Beef Lasagne served with Garlic Bread and Fresh Salad	Vegetable Stir Fry served with Noodles and Spring Rolls	Lamb Hotpot served with Fresh Seasonal Vegetables	Fish Fingers or Fish Pie Served with Chips and Baked Beans
<b>Alternative</b> Jacket potatoes with tuna and other fillings available daily	Tomato Pasta served with Green Beans	Red Onion Quiche	Twice Baked Jackets	Halloumi Fajita served with Salad	Veggie Sausage Roll
<b>Homemade Soup</b>	Chef Choice	Split Pea	Tomato and Basil	Chef Choice	Chef Choice
<b>Starchy Food</b> Various bread choices available	Rice	Pasta	Noodles	Potato	Chips
<b>Vegetables</b> Salad Bar with Hummus	Cabbage	Tomatoes	Peppers	Carrots	Beans
<b>Dessert</b> Fresh fruit, selection of low-fat yoghurts and homemade puddings available every lunch time	Iced Shortbread  Fresh Fruit	Marble Cake with Fresh Cream  Fresh Fruit	Fresh Fruit Salad  Yoghurts	Rice Pudding  Fresh Fruit	Cheese and Crackers  Mixed Flavour Yoghurts

### Ask for daily chef specials

All our meat is sourced from local suppliers, we use free range eggs and organic flour where possible.  
All our fruit and vegetables are locally sourced where possible. Halal options available.

Food For Thought is a not-for-profit school meals company owned by it's partner schools.  
Any surplus is reinvested in the company or returned to its member schools.

GOOD FOOD CULTURE

Please, inform the school about any known allergies or dietary requirements for your child.  
You can do that by sharing information with the class team or by calling the school office. Thank you



# Class News

## Early Years and Key Stage 1

<p>Ireland Class</p> <p>Teacher: Miss Hattersley</p>	<p>This week in Ireland Class, the boys have enjoyed doing our Easter crafts and activities. They made Easter decorations for the bonnet parade, showed their friends in class the bonnets they had made at home and enjoyed listening to our Easter themed rhyme of the week 'Hop little bunnies'.</p> <p>Our story of the week is 'We're going on an egg hunt'. The boys enjoyed going on an egg hunt in our outdoor area. We have decorated our own eggs to retell the story with.</p> <p>The boys have been working really hard with their phonics books and activities this week too! Well done Ireland class!</p>
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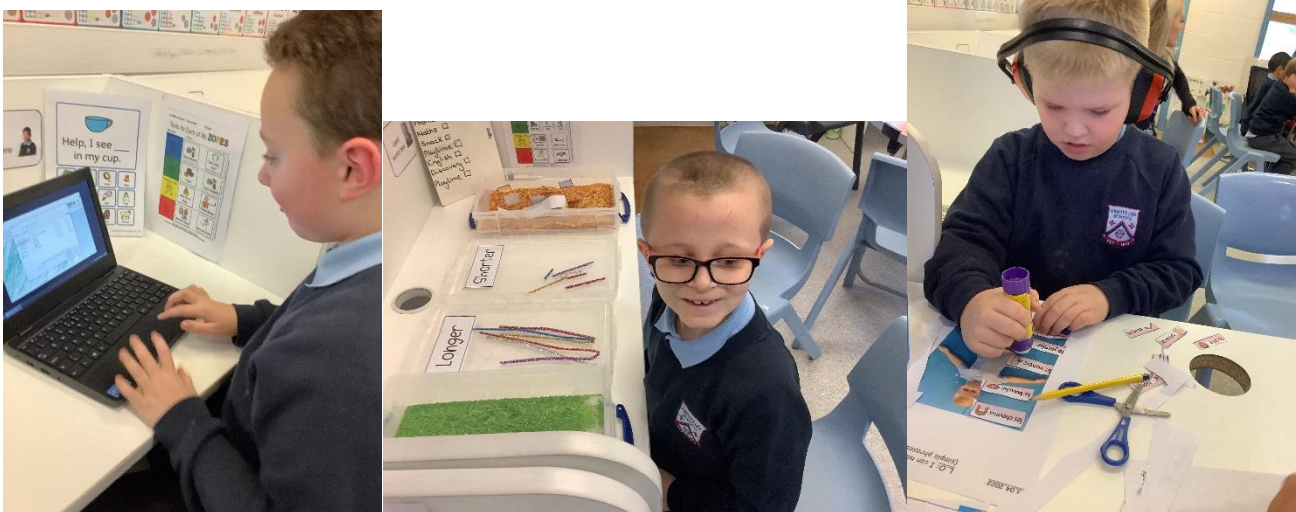
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## Key Stage 2

Portugal Class  Teacher: Miss Gibney	Portugal have had an amazing final week. We've done so many fun Easter activities. We have been on an Easter Egg hunt around the whole school. The students were so sensible walking around the school grounds. We also did our Easter Bonnet Parade. There were some amazing Easter Bonnets and the students loved showing them off. We've had such a fun week. Have an amazing Easter!
France Class  Teacher: Miss Last	France class have had such a fantastic week! This week in France class we have been looking at mass and weight in Maths and weighing different objects around the classroom. We also used our estimation skills to guess what the different objects would weigh. We had our last Judo session for the year on Monday and each received a certificate. We also concentrated on the importance of internet safety during our ICT lesson. In English we completed a book review on our favourite Julia Donaldson book we have read this term. We have enjoyed lots of Easter crafts, we have enjoyed an Easter egg hunt and celebrated birthdays and a baby shower! France class are looking forward to having a well-earned rest over the Easter break and coming back to school refreshed and ready for our next term.
Spain Class  Teacher: Miss Ledward	Spain Class have had a lovely week. We have developed our knowledge in length during Maths, had fun playing games and learnt more sounds in Phonics. We identified what materials are sturdy and work well for building a car garage in DT; explored rhyming words during English and developed our own rhyming sentences. The staff are amazed at how much confidence the children have gained during P.E in both using the equipment and their skills in dodge ball. We are super proud at all the progress made this term and wish everyone a very happy Easter break.
Italy Class  Teacher: Mrs Cooney	This week Italy class have been in full swing of all of the Easter celebrations across school. We listened to the story of Supertato and the Easter Extravaganza and talked about our favourite characters. We enjoyed lots of different Easter crafts and sensory experiences. Well done to all those children who brought in Easter bonnets for our parade on Thursday. There were some truly incredible designs across the primary department! All children got the opportunity to make an Easter headband in school if they wanted. The children put their detective skills to good use on our Easter egg hunt. They worked hard to solve the puzzles and clues and gathered some Easter treats along the way! Have a wonderful Easter break Italy Class!
Peru Class  Teacher: Miss Laird	This week in Peru class we have been learning all about Easter and why we celebrate it. We created Easter bonnets, and we were able to participate in our Easter Parade with bonnets we made at home and in school. Peru class really enjoyed the Abbots Lea Easter scavenger hunt, where we had to scan QR codes and solve clues to find our prize - EASTER EGGS! On Friday, we also took part in the Easter Kahoot quiz which we really enjoyed.



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## Key Stage 3

Mozambique Class Teacher: Mr Hodgson	Mozambique have had a great week debating some very interesting discussion topics! Some very mature and balanced discussions took place. In Maths, we have been consolidating what we have learnt this term and we have enjoyed designing and building our final structures in Design Technology.
Madagascar Class Teacher: Miss Jennings	This week in Madagascar we have enjoyed yet another great week of swimming. We have enjoyed making stained glass windows, going on an Easter hunt and cracking the code, discussing the importance of being different and accepting people for their differences and learning all about appropriate communication in Life Skills. We are looking forward to a restful yet enjoyable Easter break and hope you all have a lovely half term.
USA Class Teacher: Mrs Suku	What a fun week for USA! Our class butterflies were ready to be released and after finding a suitable habitat the children were able to watch them flutter away. They will be missed! Also, USA enjoyed a Easter egg hunt and solving riddles around school. It got very competitive! We hope you all have a restful break and we will see you after Easter.
Brazil Class Teacher: Mrs Rodway	This week Brazil Class have finished measuring length in Maths and some students moved onto perimeter. In English we wrote our own diary entries from 1666 during the Great Fire of London. We shared our thoughts and feelings as if we were there. On Wednesday we took part in the whole school Easter Trail. We had to scan QR codes and crack the clues to find our Easter eggs. Well done Brazil class for a fantastic term. Have a lovely Easter break!
Kenya Class Teacher: Miss McClintock	Kenya Class have had a very busy last week of term. We started the week by continuing our evacuee diary entries and created amazing pieces of writing. On Tuesday we went on a trip to Calderstone Park. We looked at the different flowers and how pollination happens as well as enjoying some time on the exercise machines. On Wednesday we took part in a number of Easter activities including baking hot cross buns, taking part in an Easter egg trail hunt and completing some Easter crafts. On Thursday we continued to learn about team work in Life Skills and worked together as a team to complete some break out rooms. On Friday we took part in a whole school kahoot quiz and had some social interaction time.
Cape Verde Class Teacher: Mr Hatton	This week Cape Verde have continued with swimming and have developed their swimming skills. We have come to an end with our fractions and enjoyed playing fraction bingo as a class. Students in Life Skills have been discussing team work and our own attributes. They discussed what we bring to a team and created their own puzzle piece representing ourselves which is being placed on our display. Students worked to place the puzzle pieces together to represent the one team. Well Done Cape Verde! Students enjoyed taking part in Easter activities including an Easter egg hunt and the 'design an egg' competition. Students have worked very hard this term. Enjoy your break!
Seychelles Class Teacher: Miss Joyce	This week in Seychelles the class have completed the following activities: The students have taken part in Easter activities such as, code breakers, word searches, work booklets and an Easter egg hunt. In Maths, we have played bingo to recap place value. And finally, for Science we used paint, washing up



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	liquid, straws and water to create an experiment. As always, well done Seychelles for all your hard work!
Botswana Class  Teacher: Miss Caveney	This week Botswana Class have had lots of time working on practical projects in our Geography lessons. We have made lots of different types of bridges and the students all made their own village from scratch. The students have also had lots of amazing music lessons and have already started being able to read sheet music! On Friday we had our long awaited trip to the Warhammer shop. Everyone had loads of fun and some of the staff members came back to school with more paint and figures than they went with.



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## Key Stage 4

<p>Australia Class</p> <p>Teacher: Mr Lyons</p>	<p>Students this week in Australia enjoyed the chance to be introduced to their accredited learning option classes during the afternoons Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. The class enjoyed their experiences and are excited about the next two terms. In Science this week we took part in an experiment looking at forces. This was through making a two stage balloon rocket. In PE students were supported by LFC Foundation working on positioning and accuracy of throwing in Basketball. Students enjoyed making egg free cookies on Thursday, and as soon as they cooled they disappeared! We hope the class all have a restful and enjoyable Easter, take care and enjoy from the Australia class team.</p>
<p>Samoa Class</p> <p>Teacher: Miss Gibney</p>	<p>This has been the last week before then end of term, and it's been a fun one at that! We began our accredited learning classes, which are subjects that the class have chosen personally in which they receive a qualification at the end of the year. Our class took part in subjects such as History, Design Technology, Food Technology, Art and PE. They have enjoyed going to different classrooms and interacting with other students across Key Stage 4 and 5.</p> <p>The class have also taken part in a school wide Easter egg hunt, using QR codes to solve clues around the school, with a well-deserved Easter egg as a prize at the end! We have continued to read our class book, 'Blood Brothers' as the class each have a character in which they read out loud. They have also entered into an Easter egg designing competition, as they used their creativity skills to come up with their own personal design. In Science we have been learning how to calculate the moment of a turning force using the formula <math>\text{movement} = \text{force} \times \text{distance}</math>. In Food Technology we made egg free cookies, a fabulous healthier alternative to a regular well-loved snack.</p>
<p>New Zealand Class</p> <p>Teacher: Miss McKenna</p>	<p>This week in New Zealand Class, we have had a brilliant last week of term. In Maths, we have been looking at the area and surface area of shapes. In English, we have written persuasive letters focusing on the features of persuasive writing.</p> <p>We have also started our accredited learning options this week which have been very exciting!!</p> <p>On Wednesday, we took part in the Easter scavenger hunt and at the end found some Easter eggs!!</p> <p>Brilliant week overall New Zealand Class - well done!</p>
<p>Papua New Guinea Class</p> <p>Teacher: Mrs Wong</p>	<p>PNG has had a great time this week! We welcomed Mr O'Brien who joined our class as our new teaching assistant. We have been challenging ourselves during unstructured time by playing Wordle, Globble, Heardle, Worldle and conundrum every day to keep our brains active. In English, we read the extract of 'Secret Teacher: teaching in prisons is where I can make a real difference'. We discussed on the viewpoint of the writer on education in prisons and analysed the language structure used to support this viewpoint. We also compared this with another article 'The murderer hanged on the Sussex Downs', which described the process of hanging and how it was handled. We planned and wrote a comparative response.</p> <p>In Maths, we recap on the area formula for rectangle and used it to deduce the formula for finding the area of triangle. We consolidated our learning by</p>

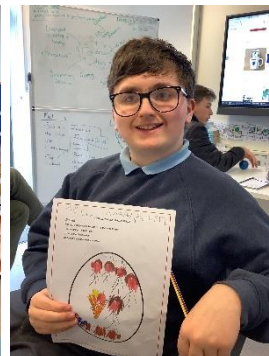
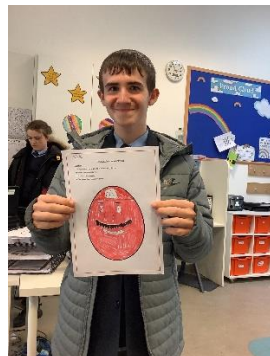


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attempting different styles of questions and some of us have challenged ourselves on finding the area of compound shapes.

In Science, we identified the key moments on a distance time graph. We also defined the term of relative motion. In ICT, we used Publisher to create a leaflet for a spelling bee contest. In Life Skills, we discovered what jobs we are interested in and researched the job descriptions. We found out what skills and qualifications are needed in each job.

On Wednesday, we enjoyed an Easter trail hunt round the school ground and some of us have demonstrated our creativity by entering the Easter egg competition.





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## Key Stage 5

<p>Malawi Class</p> <p>Teacher: Mr Mason</p>	<p>This week Malawi continued reading Ratburger, took part in the Easter Trail and began their accredited learning with fellow pupils from KS4. Josh turned 18 on Saturday and Callum began his work experience at Woolton Sainsburys!</p>
<p>Christmas Island Class</p> <p>Teacher: Mr Griffiths</p>	<p>Food Technology was interesting this week for Christmas Island Class! Our ingredients had not arrived so we made do with beans on toast! Whilst the meal itself was simple, the students had to use their self-organisation and team work skills to help each other create it.</p> <p>The end of the week also saw the class undertaking an Easter craft activity, which was an exciting change to a normal week!</p>
<p>Fiji Class</p> <p>Teacher: Miss Ham</p>	<p>Fiji Class has been recapping work we have been doing this term. In Food Technology we made Apple Crumble, We peeled, chopped and then baked the apples and added the crumble mix. We joined in with the Easter trail walking around the school site looking for QR Codes and clues to find our Easter eggs. Have a lovely Easter holiday, Fiji Class!</p>



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## Nurture Provision

<p>Wales Class</p> <p>Teacher: Mrs Leyland</p>	<p>We cannot believe it's the end of Term 4 already! This week Wales Class have loved reading Supertato and The Great Eggscape! We've made some lovely Easter cards, Easter hats and eggs.</p> <p>We've enjoyed lots of time on the pirate ship and exploring the forest school. We hope that you have a wonderful Easter break and we will see you all again on Monday 25 April. Happy Easter love the Wales class team!</p>
<p>Canada Class</p> <p>Teacher: Mr Roach</p>	<p>This week Canada Class have been taking part in Easter related activities, including making Easter egg cheesecakes and partaking in the school's Easter egg hunt which they thoroughly enjoyed. Canada Class have continued to look at fractions (tenths and hundredths). This week Canada Class have moved on from The No.1 Car Spotter and they have begun to look at different adjectives which can be used to describe Greek mythological characters.</p>
<p>Tasmania Class</p> <p>Teacher: Mr Terry</p>	<p>Tasmania Class have been learning about the Easter story and enjoyed an Easter Egg hunt. We also made a delicious lentil soup in our Food Technology lesson!</p>





# Student News

## School Library Update

This term was a busy one for our school library – we brought new books almost every day! We want all students to enjoy reading for pleasure and the first step to achieving that is finding books that everyone likes. At the start of the term, we asked students about their favourite books and suggestions for our library.

### You said – we did!

Based on the students' suggestions, we updated our school library with books for everyone's taste. From Wimpy Kid and Spiderman to Star Wars and football – we hope this will start some new conversations amongst friends in school. Students – please recommend new books to your friends and talk to your student ambassadors about other ideas.

In the photos below, you can see a selection of new books we now have.





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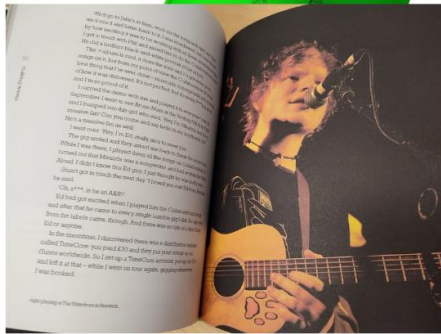


For more information on your child's progress, contact the class team directly.  
Our Key Stage Leaders and Mrs Tobin can tell you more about our curriculum, with all subject maps available on our website ([access here](#)).

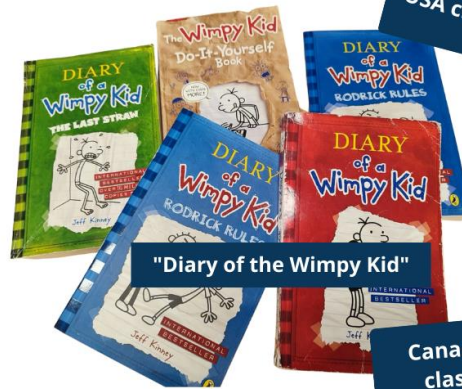


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"music biographies"  
New Zealand Class



USA class



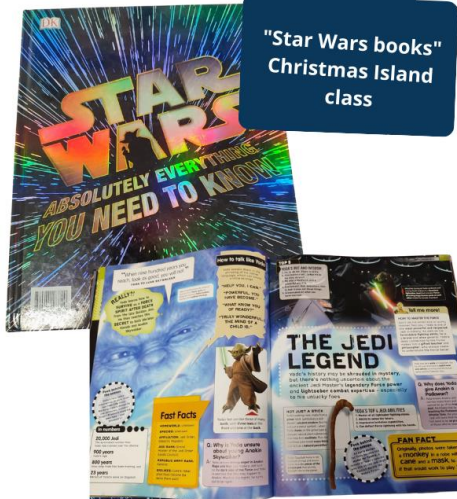
"Diary of the Wimpy Kid"

Canada class

Brazil class

New Zealand class

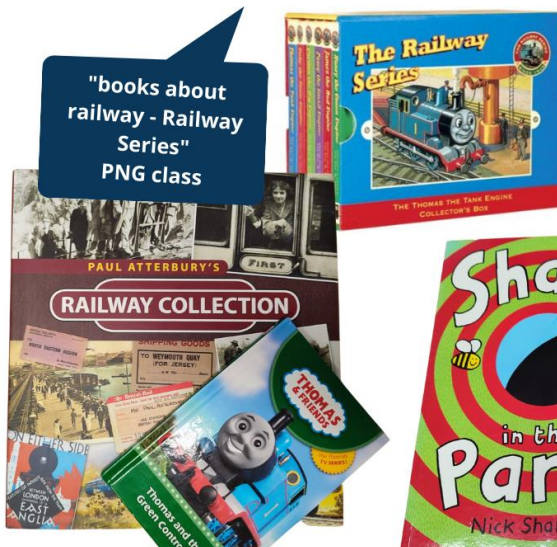
"Star Wars books"  
Christmas Island class



"Books teaching us how to sketch"  
Peru class



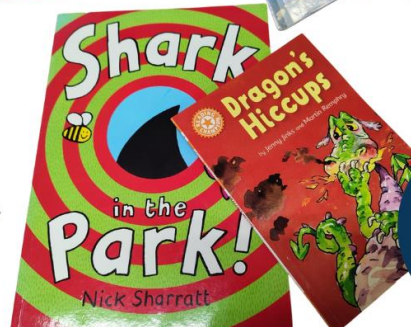
"books about railway - Railway Series"  
PNG class



Key Stage 2



EYFS and Key Stage 1



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## Coffee Mornings and Open Assemblies

We are excited to launch our Open Assemblies and Coffee Mornings for families in Term 5.

These will take place on Friday mornings each week, with the expectation of the final Friday of each term. The timings of the Open Assemblies and Coffee Mornings are as follows:

- KS4, KS5 and Tasmania Open Assembly - 9.15am – 9.35am
- EYFS, KS1, KS2 and Wales Open Assembly – 9.40am – 10.00am
- KS3 and Canada Open Assembly – 10.05am - 10.35am
- Coffee Mornings – 9.30am-11.00am

We hope that as many of you as possible will attend on Friday mornings when your availability allows. We would ask you to arrive no earlier than 9.00am (if attending the first Open Assembly slot) or 9.25am (if attending the Coffee Morning) to first allow for the transport team to leave site swiftly.

The Coffee Mornings will be a chance for you to meet with other families and during these mornings we will take the opportunity to learn from you and share ideas with you. A training schedule will be released ahead of each Coffee Morning, which will comprise of a mixture of internal and external facilitators. Please be mindful that should you not need the information on offer, we would still love to see you here.

## Attendance Policy

We have updated our Attendance and Truancy Policy, which can be found on our website [here](#)

## Care and Safeguarding over the Easter Holidays

If you have any safeguarding concerns over the Easter holidays, the Safeguarding Team can be contacted on [safeguarding@abbotsleaschool.co.uk](mailto:safeguarding@abbotsleaschool.co.uk)

# Useful Information and Resources

In this section, you will find information on services that are available to you across the city over the next few months. There are links that you can click on which will take you to lots of different places of support and services for our parents across the city. Remember to check online at [Liverpool Early Help Directory](#) for regular updates and new programmes from a wide range of council and partner services.

## **Easter HAF Programme**

The Easter HAF programme starts on the 11 April and there are lots of great activities happening over the school holidays. Children and young people will be able to access hundreds of activities throughout the Easter break including specific provision available for children with SEND or additional needs, at **no cost to you**. There's a great range of activities across the city including **boxing, trampolining, football, music, dance, cycling, cooking, climbing, films, bowling, arts and crafts, drama, a make up course, trips out** and much more! Every day there will be a meal available for every child that attends.

To find out where your nearest scheme and all the details of what is on click on this link - <http://www.merseyplay.com/haf-easter-half-term/> or visit [www.Merseyplay.com](http://www.Merseyplay.com) and click on the Easter HAF link.

When you have chosen an activity, you will need to contact that organisation to book a place. Each organisation will have either a telephone number, email address or online booking system. If your child has any additional needs or dietary requirements then please discuss this with the organisation when you book. There is no central booking system so please read the details of the programmes on the website and ring the providers directly.

Liverpool City Council is working with the local schools, voluntary and community organisations, and childcare providers to provide the HAF programme. The programme is funded by the Department for Education.

## **Family activity sheets for Online Safety from ThinkuKnow**

ThinkUKnow has a new platform available for 11-18 year olds with resources about online safety, healthy relationships and consent: [https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/11\\_18/](https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/11_18/)

ThinkuKnow also have resources available to families to start conversations about online safety using their [family activity sheets](#) and [#AskTheAwkward](#) links

# Useful Information and Resources

## **ADDvanced Solutions Community Network**

The team at ADDvanced Solutions Community Network continue to support the families living with Neurodevelopmental conditions in Liverpool pre, during and post-diagnosis.

### **What's available?**

A weekly programme of Virtual Community Network Groups and webinar Learning Workshops for parents and carers of children and young people living with neurodevelopmental conditions pre, during and post-diagnosis and also to the professionals who support them while we are unable to deliver our face-to-face delivery.

You can see their calendar of activities for Liverpool parents [here](#) and also find information on the services [here](#).

## **Charlie Waller Trust Mental Health Charity Webinars**

The Charlie Waller Trust is a registered charity that helps young people to understand their own mental health, to equip them to support themselves and those around them, and to empower them to talk more openly about the subject.

They are running a series of live webinars for families and educators. The webinars are free to attend and are all presented by their mental health trainers, speakers and guest speakers who come from a wide range of professions, including education, psychology, social work, youth work, public health, psychotherapy and nursing.

Book the below free webinars [here](#)

- **15 April 12pm** - Teen brain matters
- **18 April 6pm** - Managing the highs and lows: what our experience taught us
- **2 May 7pm** - Teen brain matters
- **4 May 12pm** - Why sleeping well matters and what you can do to improve it
- **10 May 12pm** - Loneliness: How to support young people
- **17 May 6pm** - Loneliness: How to support young people
- **25 May 6pm** - Why sleeping well matters and what you can do to improve it