

Hello, December



What a way to start the month!

Having witnessed our reception penguin plod this week, it is impossible not to be swept along by the excitement and energy that can be found amongst the Abbots Green Globe at this magical time of year! To see our youngest pupils challenge themselves to run the daily mile with their penguin themed hats radiated the fun, festive activities that we have to look forward to this month.

December is a poignant month in our Abbots Green calendar as we recognise not only the beginning of Advent, but the pride that we have in the feeling of Belonging.



As a school community, we enjoy coming together to light our rainbow candles, to recognise the appreciation of Advent but more importantly our 'AG ingredients'. Our pupils reflected sharing the pride of golden credit cards, roles and responsibilities, and shared experiences that we have each day.

This week, our Year 5 children have done exactly this, embarking on a trip to Leicester Space Museum. The awe and wonder of the solar system on such a large scale brought our classroom learning to life. As the children came off the bus after a long day, one child reported 'we've come back with stickers from the museum from staff who spotted that we took our Abbots Green pride with us'. What great ambassadors we really do have!



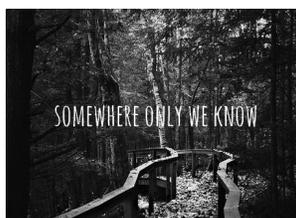
At a time of year when the lists get longer and the time seems to be against us, we too are preparing for the season of festivities.

Throughout the school, we prepare for our performances in Bury Cathedral, Singalongs large and small, as well as endless baking for our choir extravaganza. With visitors coming into our school during this



time, it remains a privilege to be reminded that we have such happy, engaged, children throughout our school with a great sense of purpose and pride.

As we reflect with our December song in assembly 'somewhere only we know', let's press pause, and smile with pride about simply this. From song, music and freshly baked cookies, it's time to celebrate and cheer for all things Abbots Green!



Christmas fair

Thank you to our FOAG who organised a stunning Christmas market earlier this half term. We very much hope this continues to be one of our community traditions. So far we look to have raised over £700. This is an incredible achievement.

December dates

With a busy few weeks ahead of us, please see a reminder of dates that we have to look forward to this month:

10th & 12th December - Year 1 Winter Performance

11th December - Year 1-6 WOW Wednesday

17th-18th December-FOAG Elf Room

18th December—Year 2 Winter Wonderland

18th December - Choir Performance

19th-20th December -Christmas Jumper days.

19th –20th December—Christmas and Boxing Day Dinner

20th December—Santa Run

Parents Evening

It was great to see so many families join us for our first parents evening of the year. As staff, it was great to come together as a school to facilitate such a well organised positive experience to share your child's learning. If you missed your child's appointment, please do not hesitate to get in touch to rearrange this.



Medicines

With the season of coughs and colds here, please be aware that any medication must be brought into school through the front office. All medication must have an administering medication form completed and approved by a senior member of staff.

Sunsetters and Sunrisers

Whilst we have limited places in our before and after school club, please be aware that this is not a 'readily available service'. This term we have had some children attending who have not been booked in, this means our staff to pupils ratios are greatly challenged.

Staffing

At the end of this term we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Brill and Mrs Wegg in Finland class who will be embarking on new ventures beyond the primary classroom. We wish them every success in their new roles.

Please see attached an update on staffing for Spring Term.

