



Headteacher weekly update 12.09.2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have had a good week. It has been great to have our first full week with the children and they have been working brilliantly hard.

Encouraged and Inspired: Flying High Together:

Here are a few of my highlights of the school week that have encouraged and inspired me...

1) **Year R make a happy start:** Wow Year R have made an amazing start to their school life with us. What a super group of kind and enthusiastic children they are.

2) **Sense of wonder with new topics:** It has been inspiring seeing how excited the children across the school have been by their new topics across the curriculum. Curiosity is our focus Habit of Mind and the teachers have been really impressed by the thoughtful questions children are asking.

3) **Year 6 Responsibilities:** Year 6 are going about their new responsibilities with a heart to serve and help and a really mature and responsible attitude. They have helped set a calm atmosphere around school and are setting a great example. They were the winners of this week's Behaviour Role Model trophy for leading the way in being encouraging and building others up.

4) **Significant improvements with Punctuality:** We have been encouraged by clear improvements to punctuality at the start of term with everyone making that deliberate effort to be in school on time by 8:50am. Thank you and keep it up. It means school is calm and focussed very quickly each morning.

Habits of Mind: Next week our focus **Curiosity** question from our shared language of High Expectations, Deep Empathy is **"What do you notice?"** We will be using this question to encourage children to look and think harder about situations and what they are studying. It is a good question to use to help the children reflect on their behaviour too, building awareness of the impact of their actions and choices. Do take every opportunity to pose this question at home as well.

Good Stewards: In Collective Worship we have been thinking about how to be good stewards, looking after the things, places and people around us and using what we have been given well and responsibly. Jesus taught his disciples about being faithful and trusted with the little things so that we are better prepared for more responsibility.

Ready, Respectful, Safe are our 3 school rules and as good stewards we want our school community to be a safe and respectful place to belong. We enjoy a positive relationship with our neighbours and local residents and we ask that everyone continues to **be considerate and respectful towards our neighbours in the surrounding roads, each other and our staff.** Anxieties and pressure can run higher at the start or end of a busy day but take that moment to pause and think before you speak or respond so that we are modelling what respectful community is all about. Thank you!



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Abbey Choristers: Martin Seymour from the Abbey is running a "Be a Chorister Experience!" this Sunday between 2:30 and 5:00pm for children in school years (not age) 5 and 6 and secondary school. Please take a look at the attached flyer for more details of this great opportunity.

Meet the Teacher Meetings: It has been good to see lots of you at the Meet the Teacher meetings that have taken place so far. We like to give parents and carers a chance to meet their child's new teacher and find out more about the year ahead and key expectations. Here are the times for the remaining meetings. Your children will be supervised by teachers in a neighbouring classroom whilst you attend the meeting. Meetings run between **3:15 - 3:45pm** in the classroom.

Friday 12th Sep: Year 3

Monday 15th Sep Year 5

Tuesday 16th Sep Year 4

Wednesday 24th Sep Year R* (*You'll notice this has been moved back a week as we realised the children finish at 1pm on Wednesday 17th September and so coming back for 3:15 might not be very convenient).

The PTFA AGM is coming up on Thursday 25th September at 3:30pm. To find out how you can get involved with the PTFA for the 2025/26 academic year, express interest in a named role or sign up as a Class Representative, please click on the PTFA Google form link below.

The PTFA look forward to welcoming you to the AGM and kindly request that you RSVP via the form so we can ensure we have the right space to accommodate everyone.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to reach out to Chloe Phillips in person or email romseyabbeyptfa@yahoo.com

<https://forms.gle/cn8kmbNT06GbLUSHA>

As a school we have offered to provide childcare for those attending the AGM. For more information and details on how to book a place for your child, please refer to the Google form linked above.

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Dates for your Diary: Please see the all important Dates for your Diary. Dates will be added throughout the term and we will highlight new dates in yellow so you can see what is a new addition https://docs.google.com/document/d/10-Qagv3rcTOhllGpgLuw5Jpz_roi8-UQP-67qL45jBc/edit?tab=t.0

Prayer: I'll finish with a prayer which you are most welcome to join me in praying:

Dear God,

Help us to be a school family who notice: notice those in need of a helping hand or an encouraging word; notice the good work of others; notice all the things we can be thankful for; notice where we are doing well and notice where we are getting things wrong; notice the beauty along the journey and

*notice the triumphs along the way. Thank you that you more than just notice us but are oh so deeply committed to walking with us and loving us every step of the way, that you know even the number of hairs on our head, knowing the thoughts of our hearts and the burdens we carry. Bless us with your peace that surpasses understanding!
Amen*

Have a wonderful weekend and we'll see you on Monday.

Mr Harris

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