



Weekly update 02.05.2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy May to you all. I hope you have had a good week and been able to enjoy the sunshine and warm weather to some degree this week.

Collaboration Counts: We continue to explore what being a great team looks like, reflecting on the image from 1 Corinthians 12 in the Bible about one body with many parts and each part having its purpose and role to play. Verses 17 and 18 state: *"If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? But in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be."* One of the collaboration questions from our shared language is, **"How can you help the team?"** Whether that team is our class in school or our family at home, positively encouraging each other to think about how we can each help the teams we are in is really worthwhile. A strong sense of purpose and belonging are so valuable and powerful. How can you help the team?

Safety at drop off and collection: An important reminder to all, whether driving or walking to school to take extra care in and around the Abbey car park and Church Lane at the start and end of the school day to keep each other safe. Please be particularly mindful of children on scooters and bikes. It is unavoidably a busy time so please take extra care and time and be alert.

Please also **refrain from parking on Church Lane immediately outside our neighbour's drive** as there have been a number of occasions where they have not been able to get in or out of their drive because someone has parked on the yellow lines opposite their driveway.

Wildflower Meadow: As you will have seen the Abbey's wildflower meadow is really flourishing at the moment. It is a wonderful space and will bloom beautifully over the coming months. The Abbey has asked us to remind children to stick to the pathways through the meadow rather than plough through the flowers so that it can grow happily. Thank you!

PE Kit Shorts: On PE days for KS2 when they come into school in PE kits, please can you ensure that shorts come at least halfway down the thigh. In the summer, a number of girls have been keen to wear some very short shorts but where they are in their PE kits all day we ask that they have shorts that come at least halfway down the thigh.



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Earrings/necklaces: Also a quick reminder that earring should only be studs and not any bigger or hooped. Necklaces should not be worn to school. If you can help us by reinforcing this with your children that would be appreciated.

VE Day Celebrations: It is the 80th anniversary of Victory in Europe Day on Thursday next week. Local artist Elizabeth Hammond is coming into school on Wednesday to work with the children in creating some lovely commemorative artwork to mark the occasion and we will have a special Collective Worship on Thursday morning.

Romsey Relay Marathon: This excellent community event is coming up on Sunday 18th May at Broadlands. The school is entering a staff team and there is also a parent team taking part too (the race is on!). There is also a Children's race at 3:15pm. If you are interested in finding out more please go to the website <https://www.romseymarathon.co.uk/> or email info@romseymarathon.co.uk. You will need to have a pass to enter broadlands but these can be obtained by speaking to one of those signed up to run. Speak to us if need be.

Governors: The Governors play an important part in the life of our school. Hopefully you will be aware of who the governors are and if not please see the dedicated page on the school's website <https://www.romseyabbeyschool.co.uk/governors> . You may know the Chair of Governors, Liz Wagner, as she is usually at the morning meet and greet at the gate once a week and there is a link to a letter from Liz included in this email.

Smartphones and phone addiction Parent Presentation Evening: On Tuesday 10th June, the schools across Romsey will be running a shared presentation and information evening on smartphones, screens and phone addiction. The evening will take place at the Rugby Club at Ganger Farm at 17:00. A booking system will follow in the next few weeks and we would encourage you to sign up and engage with this important event.

Dates for your Diary: Please check the dates for your diary carefully each week: https://docs.google.com/document/d/10-Qagv3rcTOhllGpgLuw5Jpz_roi8-UQP-67qL45jBc/edit

Finally, enjoy the bank holiday weekend and we'll see you all on Tuesday next week.

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

Dear God,

We pray that you will help us all to collaborate well as a school community, cheering each other on, building each other up and coming alongside those in need of a helping hand or a listening ear. Thank you that you have made each of us to play our unique part. Help us to use our skills and time faithfully to make a difference to others.

Have a great weekend and we'll see you on Tuesday!

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