



## Headteacher's Weekly Update: Friday 28th November

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have had a good week as we draw near to the end of November and the start of December and Advent.

**Flying High Together:** One of our flying high together highlights this week has been hearing the wonderful **Power for Good Speeches** that children have been delivering to their class this week. It has been inspiring to hear how passionate the children are about using their time, hard work, talents and strengths to make a positive difference in the world we live in. We will be holding our Power for Good Speech Grand Final on Wednesday next week where the winners in each class we deliver their speech to the whole school.

**Romsey Abbey Christmas Fair:** Tomorrow is the Abbey Christmas Fair between **10am and 2pm in the Abbey**. This is a great community event to usher into Advent with. It is £1 entry for adults and children enter for free (but must be accompanied by an adult. Lots of stalls and games to visit and enjoy. Our school choir are singing as part of the fair and those involved in that have been asked to meet Mrs Maxey at 11:15am in the Abbey in full school uniform ready for performing at 11:30am. Do come along and support the choir and enjoy this family friendly event.

**Christmas Jumper non-uniform day:** Next Friday (5th December) is our Christmas Jumper Non-School Uniform Day. We ask for a **donation for the School Christmas Tombola of a bottle or a box of chocolates**. These will be collected at the front of school on Friday morning. In return the children can wear a non-school uniform and a chance to get those Christmas jumpers out if desired.

**Christmas Family Celebration Event:** We will be holding a Christmas Family Celebration event on **Tuesday 16th December between 3:30pm and 4:30pm**. Thank you for those who have offered their help for the event. We are still looking for more volunteers to help set up that afternoon and help run a stall or serve drinks. If you are able to offer some help please do email [adminoffice@romseyabbey.hants.sch.uk](mailto:adminoffice@romseyabbey.hants.sch.uk) to express your interest. We look forward to hearing from you. And if you cannot help out this time, do come along and enjoy the event.

**Parking Issues:** We know parking near the school at drop off in the mornings and collection at the end of the day can be difficult sometimes. We are keen to continue looking for ways to solve this with the council. If you have specific examples of difficulties and the impact of parking restrictions in the area then please email Liz Wagner, our Chair of Governors, with the details so that we can talk through with the council possible ways to improve the situation for all concerned. You can contact Liz on [elizabeth.wagner@romseyabbey.hants.sch.uk](mailto:elizabeth.wagner@romseyabbey.hants.sch.uk)

**Hand Hygiene:** It is that time of year when seasonal viruses and infections tend to peak in schools. We are working hard to clean surfaces regularly and encourage excellent hand washing and hygiene. We would be grateful if you could do so at home too; children often need reminders of what good hand washing looks like and the importance of washing hands before eating in particular.

**Year R 2026 Applications:** We are in the window for parents to make applications for Year R places in September 2026. The deadline for applications is the **15th January 2026** so always wise to get this sorted before Christmas so it doesn't get forgotten. If you know of any parents with children due to start school in September 2026 please do encourage them to book in a tour with me and get their application complete. The links below take you to the place to apply and provide video guidance on what you need to do. Thank you  
<https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/admissions>  
<https://documents.hants.gov.uk/education/Online-application-guidance.pdf>



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**Dates for your diary:** [https://docs.google.com/document/d/10-Qagv3rcTOhllGpgLuw5Jpz\\_roi8-UQP-67qL45jBc/edit?tab=t.0](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 very welcome to join us in praying as we draw close to the start of Advent. The prayer is the Collect from the Church of England for the first Sunday of Advent...

*ALMIGHTY God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious Majesty, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, now and ever. Amen*

Have a lovely weekend and we'll hopefully see lots of you at the Abbey Christmas Fair tomorrow.

Kind Regards

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