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To our #teamabbey families,

As we approach the end of our first half-term, I just wanted to write to thank you for all your support. We really do appreciate seeing you in school and also receiving such beautiful comments about how the school is impacting your child's lives. You truly are the most amazing groups of families.

Below are some answers to questions that families have asked, updates from us and a share of some of the amazing feedback you have given.

What are the term dates and Inset Days next half term?

We have so much to look forward to next half term I have placed a screen shot of the family calendar for term 1.2 from the Little Book of Key dates into this letter as well as highlighted key dates below:

Pupils return to school 30th October (Normal Time)

1st December INSET DAY – No Pupils in School

4th December INSET DAY No pupils in school

22nd December Pupils break up for Christmas 2:00pm

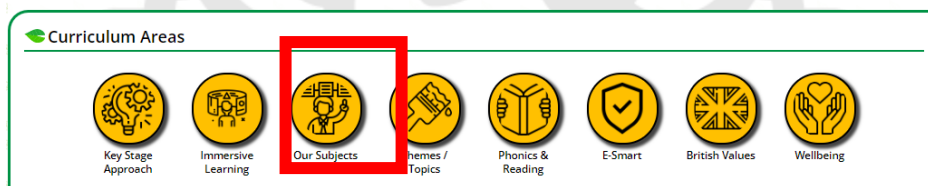
The Family coffee morning on the **8th November** all sites will be held from **10:00 -12:00pm**. The last coffee morning was a huge success and we can't wait to see more of you there.

How are the family events going?

It has been an absolute pleasure seeing how many families have been part of our family events and the enjoyment that you are getting from them. This half term there has been a highly attended Coffee Morning, Family Cooking Evening and Families into classrooms. Thank you for the #teamabbey support.

What is my child learning next half term?

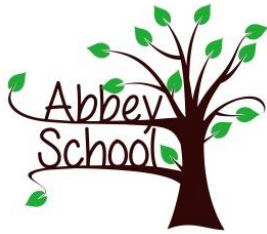
Thank you to the families that have already given us some great feedback for the new curriculum section of the website. A reminder to find out what your child is learning each half-term you can use the 'Theme's/Topics Section' of the website to see.



The link can also be found [here](#)



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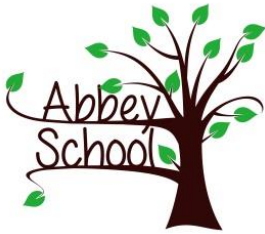
Screen Shot of Key Dates

Term 1.2
October – December 2023

Date	Whole school events/ pupil experiences	Family Invites
30 th October	Pupils return to school (Normal Time)	
3 rd November	Remembrance Assembly	
8 th November		Family Coffee Morning (All Sites) 10:00am-12:00pm
6 th – 10 th November	GCSE Mock Examinations	
10 th November	Diwali Festival of Light Assembly	
13 th – 17 th November	Anti Bullying Week	
13 th - 17 th November	BTEC, Functional Skills and Entry Level Mock Examinations	
17 th November	Children in Need (£1 Donation) Girl Power Day	
22 nd November	Christmas Fayre	Christmas Fayre Main Site and Horizon Hub 1:00-3:00pm
27 th - 30 th November	Winter Wonderland Community Project	
1 st December	INSET Day No Pupils In School	
4 th December	INSET Day No pupils in School	
6 th December	Net 4 All (Selected students)	
7 th December	Lower School Christmas Show St Thomas Community Hall	Ticketed Event for Lower School Families 1:00pm Start
8 th December	Christmas Jumper Day £1 Donation	
12 th December	Christmas Church Visit (Pupils Can wear Christmas Jumpers)	
14 th December	Christmas Performance Upper School - St Thomas Community Centre Horizon - at the Horizon Hub	Ticketed Event Upper School and Horizon Christmas Performances 1:00-2:30pm
19 th December	Christmas Dinner	
22 nd December	Pupils Break up for Christmas 2:00pm	



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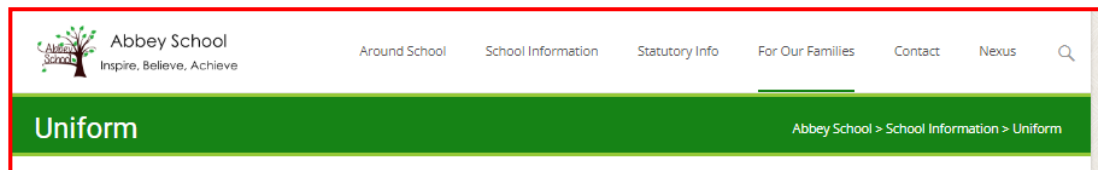
We have a new family Champion in School!

I am delighted to say that we have a NEW Family Champion in school who will be leading on family events and promoting the Charter Principles. It is my pleasure to introduce you to Giovanna Labarbera! Please make her feel welcome and she cannot wait to start working with you all.



What is the uniform as we approach the winter months?

It goes without saying that as we approach the winter months our pupils will need to wrap up warm and come prepared for the cold weather with coats, hats and scarfs. Information about uniform can be found on the family handbook section of the website shown below or at this [link](#).



Family Feedback:

“Being part of the lesson was amazing” “Seeing my child be a part of something was magical” “The family cooking event allowed me to see my child be so independent. Thank you” “My child’s annual review and PATH were just so positive and child centred” “The team in reception are by far the friendliest and caring I have ever come across” “I have been really impressed how many families were part of the classroom visits, it was nice to catch up and have a natter”

As always thank you for being part of #teamabbey and please ensure that you have a restful half term with family and friends and take care of each other.

Warm Wishes

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