

NEWSLETTER - DECEMBER 2025

ABBOTSWELD PRIMARY ACADEMY

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of a busy and joyful term, we would like to congratulate all of our children on their wonderful performances and enthusiasm across our festive events.

The children thoroughly enjoyed their theatre performances and visits. They also loved welcoming parents to our Winter Workshop, sharing special moments through creative activities.

Our festive fete and grotto visit were filled with excitement and holiday cheer, creating magical memories for everyone involved.

Included in this month's newsletter is a celebratory page per phase, enjoy!

Thank you to all parents and staff for your continued support in making these events such a success.

We wish you all a happy and peaceful festive season and look forward to welcoming you back next term.

Warm wishes,

Mrs Benson



Reception

What a first term we have had in EYFS! From our ‘Stay and Read’ session, to our amazing Nativity show, from learning about the seasons of the year to how to be a kind friend, the children have truly embraced life in Reception with enthusiasm and joy, and we are very proud of how far they have all come this term.

In Autumn 1, we focussed on getting used to coming to school and how to be responsible for ourselves and our own learning. We learnt all about what it means to be a kind friend, how we can help our teachers and peers as well as how to look after and care for our belongings. The children loved getting used to the indoor and outdoor classrooms, learning how to play with the toys respectfully and exploring all the exciting learning opportunities available to them. We also begun our structured carpet learning, including our phonics lessons, maths lessons and ‘understanding the world’ lessons. The children have truly flourished through these carpet times, and we are so proud of the progress they have all made, especially when we hear them read, use their ‘Fred Fingers’ to write something or tell us a maths problem they’ve solved!

Autumn 2 has brought with it a lot of exciting visits, events and celebrations. Both Honesty and Kindness class managed to achieve 100 squares on their team behaviour charts, meaning they each had a party celebrate, consisting of biscuits, bubbles and bears from home! The children have loved learning about our topic ‘people who help us’ and they especially enjoyed the visits we had from a real-life midwife and a real-life nurse. As we have headed into the busy Christmas period, the children have loved preparing their Nativity show for you all. They have stepped into their roles brilliantly, eagerly learning the songs and actions to put on a fabulous show. As part of our winter celebrations here at Abbotsweld, the pupils have enjoyed watching a Christmas pantomime, taking part in the winter workshop and attending the Christmas fair. Amongst all of this, the children have continued to develop their maths, phonics and literacy skills wonderfully, beginning to write independently, work out maths problems on their own and read their sound blending books!

As we prepare to head into the Christmas holidays, we want to say once again how proud we all are of the children. It is not easy to start school with all the new relationships, expectations and adventures it brings, but we are so impressed with how the children have taken to life in Kindness and Honesty class. We wish you all a very happy Christmas and New Year, and look forward to seeing you all again in January for a fabulous Spring term!

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Year 1 & 2

As we approach the end of the term, it has been wonderful to look back and celebrate all the fantastic achievements of our Year 1 and Year 2 children. It has been a busy and exciting term, filled with memorable experiences and plenty of hard work!

This term, the children enjoyed a visit to the church, where they learned more about our local community and the significance of the Christmas story. We also had a great time on our cinema trip, which was a fun and well-earned treat for everyone. Another highlight a lively production of “Little Red Riding Hood,” which sparked lots of laughter, excitement, and discussion back in the classroom.

Alongside these special events, the children have shown incredible dedication in preparing for our Christmas production. They worked extremely hard to learn all of their words, songs, and actions—showing confidence, teamwork, and enthusiasm throughout. We are so proud of everything they have achieved.

Well done to all of our pupils for a fantastic term full of learning, fun, and unforgettable moments!





Year 3 & 4

This term has been an exciting and memorable one for our Year 3/4 pupils, filled with learning, creativity, and plenty of opportunities to explore the world beyond the classroom.

One of the highlights of the term has been our fantastic trips, including visits to the cinema and a lively pantomime performance. These experiences brought stories to life and gave our pupils the chance to enjoy the magic of theatre and film together.

In Design Technology, the children enjoyed getting hands-on in the kitchen as they created their very own apple crumble. This project allowed them to follow a recipe, practise safe food preparation skills, and of course, take pride in a delicious final product.

Our History lessons transported us far back in time to the Stone Age. Pupils demonstrated great curiosity as they explored how early humans lived, hunted, created tools, and built their communities. They showed real passion for the topic, often using sentence stems to challenge each other's ideas and build thoughtful, well-reasoned discussions.

Throughout the term, Year 3/4 have shown resilience, teamwork, and enthusiasm in everything they have taken on. We are incredibly proud of how much they have achieved and look forward to more adventures and learning in the new year.





Year 5 & 6

As the Autumn term comes to an end, Year 5/6 would like to celebrate the wonderful experiences and efforts of the past few weeks.

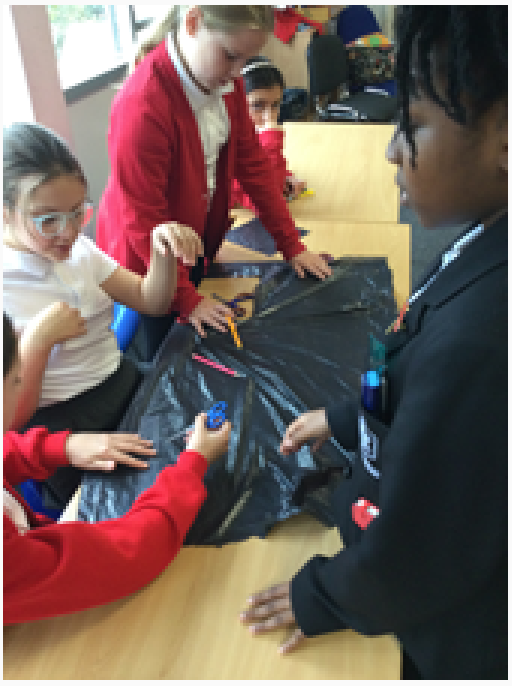
Children have been writers, mathematicians, scientists, historians and geographers - among other things.

Children visited Hampton Court Palace to support our learning of The Tudors; made parachutes and orreries in science and learned about physical and human aspects of geography, Children have challenged themselves in maths and have produced well-written diaries and story endings in English.

This term, we have enjoyed a number of exciting trips and activities: walking to Parndon Wood library; watching Bad Guys 2 at Cineworld and being thoroughly entertained by Silly Billy at Harlow Playhouse. In addition, our Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day was a huge success, as was the Rock Steady concert - and many of our children have represented Abbotsweld at various sporting events.

Well done to our Year 5/6 children who have worked incredibly hard this term!

We would like to say a special ‘well done’ to those children who have been regularly attending morning boosters; your determination and perseverance shows your commitment to your learning.





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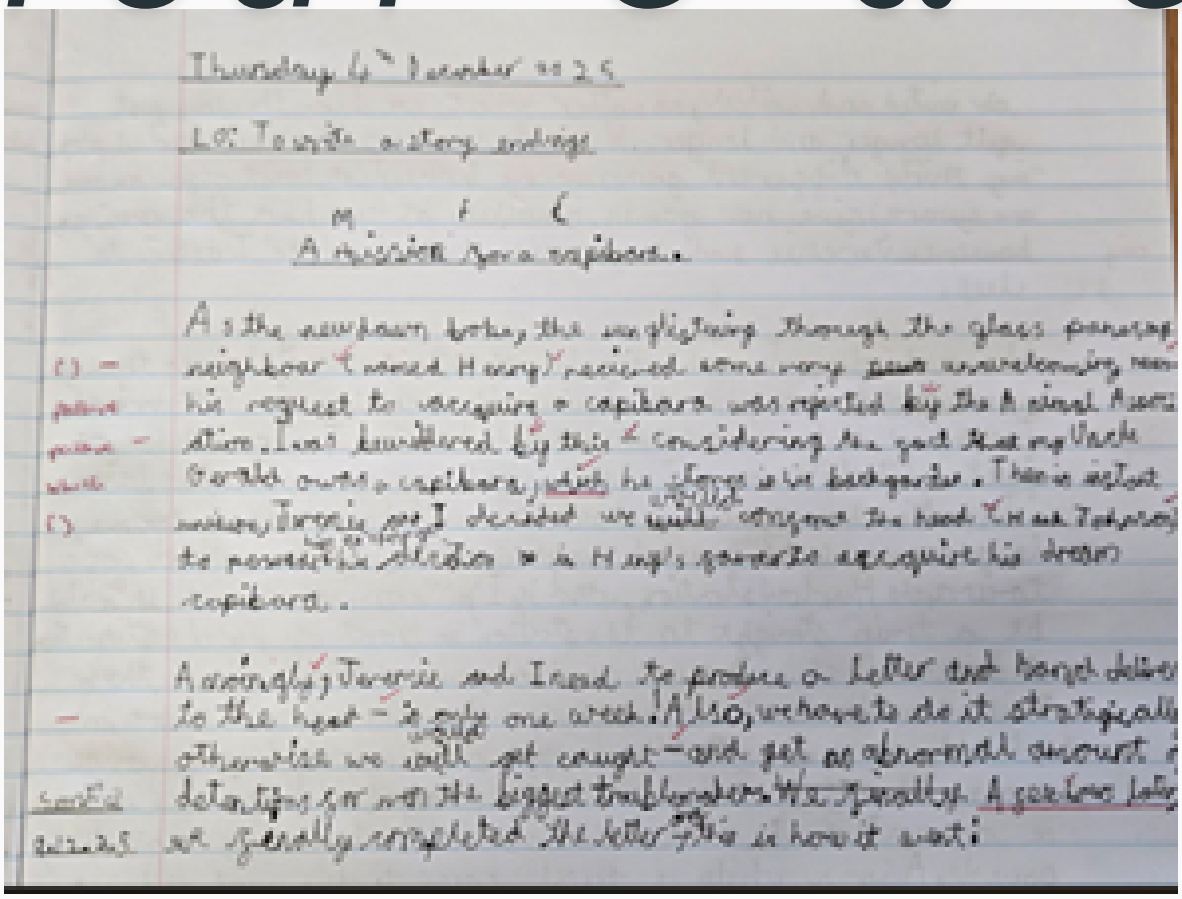

Thursday 4th December 2025

LO: To write a story endings

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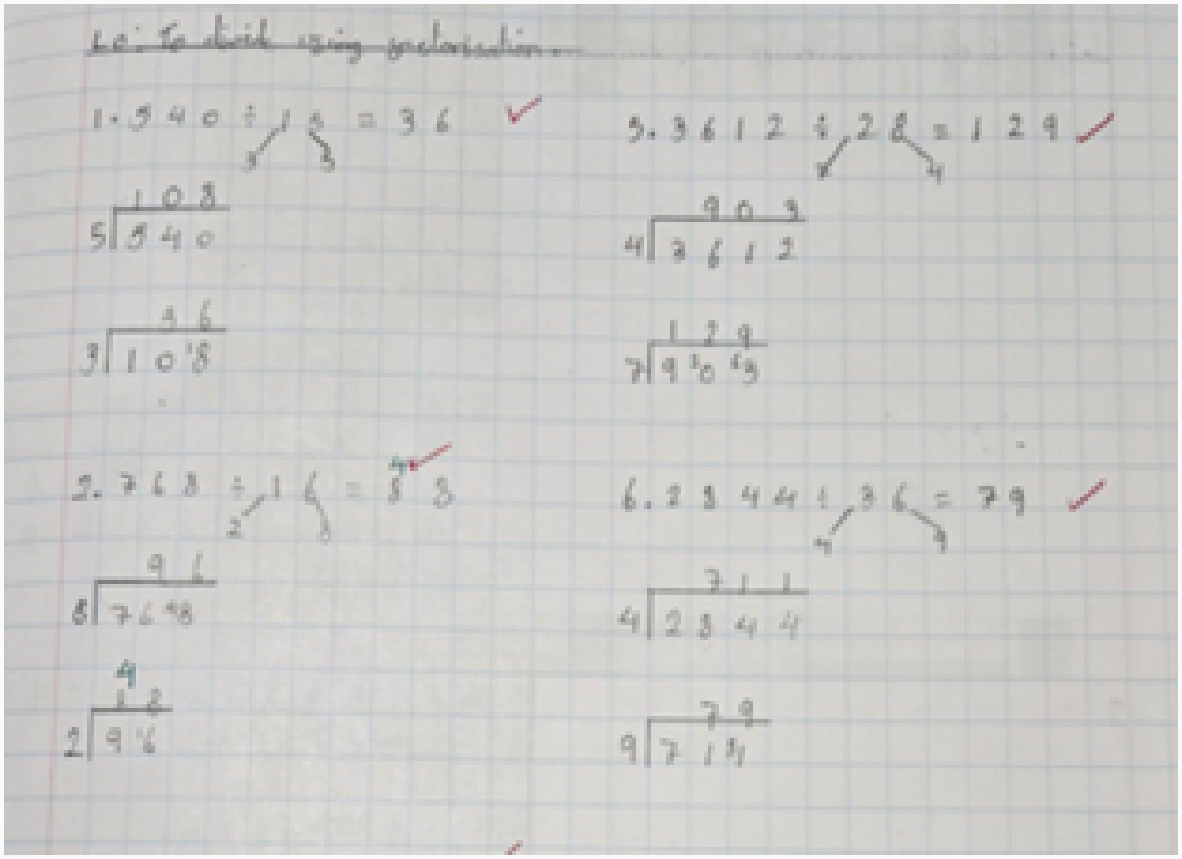
A mission for a capibara.

As the newdown broke, the sun glistening through the glass panes of neighbour named Henry received some very unwelcoming news. His request to acquire a capibara was rejected by the Animal Association. I was bewildered by this considering the fact that my Uncle Gerald owns a capibara, which he stores in his backgarden. There is instant unknown, Terence and I decided we would conform the head (Mark Johnson) to persuade his decision in Henry's favour to acquire his dream capibara.

Amongst Terence and I need to produce a letter and hand deliver to the head - is only one week! Also, we have to do it strategically otherwise we would get caught - and get an abnormal amount of detentions for men the biggest troublemakers. We finally A few two later we finally completed the letter and this is how it went:



LO: To divide using factorisation.

1. 540 ÷ 15 = 36

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2. 768 ÷ 16 = 88

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3. 3612 ÷ 28 = 129

4 | 3612 = 903

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6. 2844 ÷ 36 = 79

4 | 2844 = 711

9 | 711 = 79

Diary DATES

January

5th - School Closed to pupils- Inset Day
6th – First Day of spring term
W/C 12th - Winter Olympics
W/C 12th Reading Cafes with parents
15th - Fun Lunch

February

5th - Play in a Week for Year 3 and 4
9th and 10th – Y5 Bikability (previous sign up) Safer Internet Day
10th- Great Open Door Assembly for children
12th – School Closes at 1pm – Parent Consultations
Half Term Mathematics Challenge
16th-20th – Half Term- School Closed
W/C 23rd – Numbots and TTRS challenge cup
25th – Young Voices at O2 (previous sign up)

March

5th World Book Day
W/C 9th – Science Week
13th – Science Fair
20th - Spring Workshop for Parents and Red Nose Day
W/C 23rd – Reports to Parents
27th- Last Day of Term

School Term and Holiday Dates
Academic Year 2025-2026

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School days
Weekends
School Holidays
INSET Day
Bank Holidays

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Be Honest

Be Safe

Be Respectful

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