



NEWSLETTER - OCTOBER 2025

ABBOTSWELD PRIMARY ACADEMY



It has been a wonderful half term filled with enthusiasm, learning, and community spirit. It's been fantastic to see so many sporting fixtures taking place — our pupils have shown great teamwork, determination, and pride in representing our school.

A special mention goes to Year 2, who led our final collective worship of the half term. Their confidence and clear oracy skills were a joy to watch, and it was lovely to see how their work linked so thoughtfully to their English learning.

Across the school, pupils have been engaged in fantastic learning, showing curiosity, creativity, and resilience in every subject. From hands-on science investigations and creative writing to problem-solving in maths and exploring new topics in humanities, it has been a pleasure to see children's enthusiasm for learning continue to grow.

Thank you to everyone who attended parent consultations — we hope you enjoyed hearing how your child has settled into their new class and the progress they've already made. We are also very grateful to those who joined us for our wide range of events this half term, including Reading Cafés, Maths Cafés, MIND workshops for parents, Phonics workshops, and more. Your support and involvement are so valuable and help to strengthen our whole school community.

As we head into the break, we hope everyone enjoys some well-deserved rest and family time. Please remind children about keeping safe when out and about — whether playing outdoors, travelling, or celebrating upcoming seasonal events.

We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday, 3rd November, refreshed and ready for another exciting half term of learning.

Wishing you all a safe and happy half term,

Mrs Benson



ORACY CHALLENGE



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Half Term Homework

Over the half-term break, we are inviting all children to take part in an exciting oracy challenge: Learn and perform a poem or rhyme! When we return to school, each child will have the chance to recite their poem aloud to their class. This is a fun way to build confidence, develop speaking and listening skills, and enjoy the beauty of words.

EYFS

- » Choose your favourite nursery rhyme, learn it off by heart, and practise saying it aloud with expression and actions!

KS1

- » Choose a short poem or rhyme to learn by heart. It can be funny, silly, or about something you love! Practise saying it clearly and with confidence.

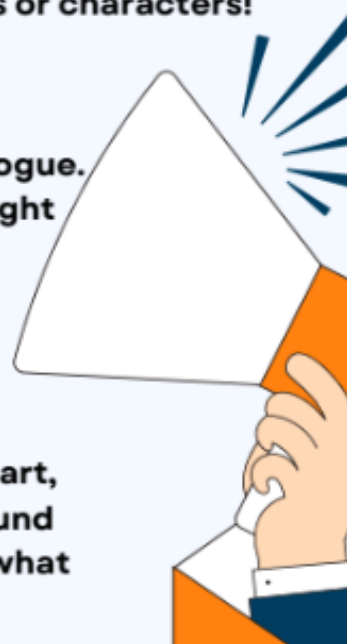
Challenge: Use different voices for different parts or characters!

KS2

- » Learn a performance poem, speech, or monologue. Focus on clarity, pace, and expression. You might even like to dress up or use a prop!

Y3 & 4 Challenge: Think about how your voice changes to match the mood of the poem.

Y5&6 Challenge: Learn to perform it off by heart, and prepare a short spoken introduction (around 30 seconds) explaining why you chose it and what it means to you.





The Safer Harlow Partnership

Working together for a safer community

Operation Pumpkin

Dear Parent or Guardian,

We are writing to you as a parent or guardian of a young person who attends a school within Harlow. We are seeking your support over the Halloween and Fireworks period. Typically, this time of year is the busiest for anti-social behaviour (ASB) and crime linked to young people both nationally and locally. Many children enjoy this time of year but, unfortunately, we have seen some being drawn in to taking some initial fun too far.

We have previously had incidents where young people have aimed lit fireworks at each other, members of the public and moving traffic. Others have thrown lit fireworks towards crowds of people, causing injury or damage to both them and others. We have also seen fireworks used inappropriately and sometimes dangerously, day and night, causing unnecessary worry and upset to both people and animals.

This year we will be running Operation Pumpkin where we will have increased patrols in hot spot areas of both uniformed and non-uniformed officers. These patrols will be to support those enjoying the half term and Halloween but also to prevent offences being committed and keep communities safe.

We will be taking a robust approach to those involved in ASB and will work together with the Safer Harlow Partnership to ensure everyone is kept safe.

Please ensure you know where your child / children are, and who they are with, during the days that lead up to and after Halloween and firework nights.

Please highlight to them the dangers of being drawn into this behaviour, that could lead to injury to themselves or others as well as possible criminal proceedings. We also ask that if you hear of any planned activity that you report it to Essex Police at www.essex.police.uk. There are also posters that you can print to put in your window to either welcome or deter trick or treaters which can be found on the Essex Police website when you search Halloween.

We would like to thank you in advance for your support in keeping Harlow a safe place to live, visit and work, and not allowing the behaviour of the minority to negatively impact upon communities.

Yours Sincerely,

Inspector Leanne Archer
Harlow Community Policing Team





Be Honest

Be Safe

Be Respectful



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