

ABBOT ALPHEGE ACADEMY

NEWSLETTER



Spring Term

9 February
2024



Message from Mrs Emma Cooper—Interim Headteacher

What a fabulous half term we have had, it's only been 6 weeks but we have crammed so much in! My highlights have been seeing the positive impact that class changes have had on learning, pupils have really benefited from this structure and I am proud of all of the children and staff.

I have really enjoyed seeing all the events take place, such as the drama workshop and our GB athlete coming in. Staff enjoyed Forest School training last night and we are looking forward to embedding this into our curriculum.

I hope you have a restful half term break and we look forward to seeing you back in school on Tuesday 20th February.

Pupil Attendance

To report a pupil absence, please either email office@abbot-alphege.org.uk or telephone the school office before 9 a.m. on each day of absence so the registers and lunch orders can be completed accurately.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 12—Friday 16 February **Half Term**

Monday 19 February **INSET Day**

Tuesday 20 February **First day of term 4**

Wednesday 20 March **Parent/Teacher meetings**

Tuesday 26 March **Dance Umbrella at The Forum**

Thursday 28 March **Last day of Term 4**

Friday 29 March—Sunday 14 April **Easter Holidays**

Monday 15 April **First day of Term 5**

Class News—Pipistrelle

Pips have had a really busy term, getting to know new friends and challenging themselves to try new things.

Our learning question has been 'How has it been built?' and we've been reading the story of the Three Little Pigs and finding out about the engineer Brunel. In thinking about structures, we've explored sculptures and joining techniques, making our own sculptures and bridges!

We have also really enjoyed reading the story Izzy Gizmo and writing about how, with her inventions, she helped an injured crow to fly again.

Alongside this we've been practising our fine-motor skills, handwriting numbers to 20 in maths.

Mrs Griffin



Class News

Horseshoe

Horseshoe have had a fantastic term! We have loved



learning all about Isambard Kingdom Brunel, creating amazing newspaper reports on the launch of the S.S. Great Britain in Bristol as well as writing interesting 2-page spreads all about his life. We have also LOVED going swimming this term (although not the walk back up) it's been wonderful to see their confidence grow in such a short space of time! We have learnt about different measurements in math as well as a big focus on our 2,5- and 10-times tables. The year 3s have smashed their times tables booklets they started this term. This class has transitioned so well this term into being a new class, I couldn't be prouder! They've been scientists, engineers, musicians and reporters and I can't wait to see how they flourish next term!

Mrs Day

Class News Brandt

All pupils in Brandt class have settled in to their new room and learning experience so well. This half term we have been focusing on building positive relationships, life skills, managing our emotions and independent learning. It's been fantastic and we can't wait to see you all after half term!

Miss Pearce



Class News Natterers

This term, Natterer class have been focusing on answering the question 'where is space?'. They have learnt all about the planets, their size and their distance from the sun. They have also looked at the heliocentric model, the phases of the moon and how this affects the tides and even made their own solar system!

The class enjoyed their visit from Simon from Bath Astronomers and also a trip to Royal High to see a drama performance!



The children have produced some great work this term, particularly their writing based on our text 'Cosmic' by Frank Cottrell Boyce.

They have also enjoyed doing reading comprehension using the text 'The Jamie Drake Equation' by Christopher Edge.

I am extremely impressed with their work on space and proud of their hard work!

Mrs Randall

my  **child** at **school.com** 

*Please can parents/carers check your child **MCAS** accounts to ensure that all payments are up to date and balances cleared as we are at the end of Term 3.*

There are outstanding balances on trips/ swimming /clubs and breakfast club. If you have any queries, please contact the school office.

Thank you.