



Abbey Primary School Newsletter

December 2025 Rhagfyr

Right of the Month

Article 29: Right to be the best you can be.

Tuesday 16th December 2025 / Dydd Mawrth 16th Rhagfyr

Annwyl/Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to my December newsletter and my final one of 2025. I hope you find the updates both useful and relevant. It is hard to believe how quickly this term has passed; with Christmas just around the corner, it has certainly been a very busy and exciting time in school.

Children in Need

Thank you all for the donations for Children in Need. We had a lovely day and raised over £305 for the extremely worthwhile charity.

Christmas Concerts

We have had wonderful Christmas shows again this year, and the pupils and staff always come up trumps and produce amazing shows. It has been a hugely successful time and thank you all once again for your incredible support. The shows were all extremely well attended and the children's faces shows how much they enjoyed the occasions.

Thank you to John Jones, from Pontardawe Town Council who allowed us to borrow the staging, as well as Father Jonathan of St. John's, for allowing us to use his church for the Year 3/4 carol concerts. It is greatly appreciated.

Thank you

A huge thank you to the following people and companies who have kindly donated lots of lovely items and hampers.

Companies/charities

Salvation Army - Tesco Vouchers

Family Engagement Network – Toys

Hope Church – Christmas Hampers

Everyone Deserves a Christmas – Hampers delivered directly to some families

Parents

Mrs L Saunders - Health and Beauty products/gifts

Ms L Wilcox - Family treat hampers

Miss Abdurrazeg - Toys (Tesco)

Monroe Beauty Lounge - Food Hamper

Also, a huge thank you to our Parent and Toddler Helpers - Donna, Wendy, Kristina and Steph. Your help is greatly appreciated.

PTA

A big thank you to our PTA for a very successful Christmas fete, the first one on our new site. Lauren and the PTA team do super work all year round, raising money for the children of Abbey and supporting them in many ways!

Staffing update

Mr. Mellin's last day with us at Abbey is on Friday 19th December. We will certainly miss a well-loved and popular teacher, who has had a huge impact on the pupils at Abbey since joining as a newly qualified teacher 8 years ago.

Mr. Mellin is an excellent classroom practitioner and a well-respected member of staff. He has been highly influential as a class teacher and leader, shaping our curriculum alongside our staff. He has a passion for curriculum development and will be sorely missed by all, not least for his caring and nurturing personality.

Mrs. Richards (Year 5) will also be leaving in mid-January on maternity leave, and I am pleased to announce that Mr. Parton was appointed as her maternity cover, after he was successful at interview and after a lesson observation last week. He will be joining the team in January and will work alongside Mrs. Richards for a couple of weeks before she starts her maternity leave.

We also look forward to welcoming Mrs. Williams (Nursery) and Miss. Richards (EYAC) back after their maternity leave. Mrs. Williams will be coming back 4 days from Tuesday to Friday and Miss. Richards will be back 3 days from Monday to Wednesday. The cover for those two positions will be Miss. Thomas, who has been covering Miss. Richards' maternity leave.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to Mrs V. Griffiths, who has covered Mrs Williams' maternity leave over the past year. She has integrated seamlessly into the nursery team and has been a highly valued member of staff throughout this period. I am grateful for her dedication, care and diligence in the role. Diolch yn fawr.

Miss Penny will also be commencing her maternity leave in January. She will be greatly missed, and we wish her all the very best during this special time.

Confirmed dates for your diary

Date	Activity/Event
Tuesday 16 th December	Reception – Year 2 to visit Santa at Wiggley's Fun Farm
Wednesday 17 th December	CHRISTMAS PARTY DAY (wear party clothes or Christmas jumpers)
Friday 19 th December	END OF AUTUMN TERM (non-uniform day)
Monday 5 th January	INSET DAY
Tuesday 6 th January	Pupils return after Christmas break

Thank you for taking the time to read my newsletter. I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas break, spending some quality time with your loved ones. We look forward to seeing all the children back on **Tuesday 6th January 2026**.

Yours faithfully,



Mr. K. M. Hodder
(Pennaeth/Headteacher)