



Dear Parents/Carers, Pupils and Staff,

As we approach the term's end, I want to express my pride and gratitude for the way we have navigated the challenges since our return from the Summer holidays. Your solidarity and support have made this term a success despite its difficulties.

Christmas Performances (Week 2!): As we bid farewell to the enchanting Christmas performances, it's with immense pride that we extend our heartfelt thanks to each and every one of our incredible performers and staff members who made each show possible.



Over the past two weeks, we have been treated to a total of 28 magical shows, where the talents of our students shone brightly. A special note of appreciation goes out to the families and friends of ABP who graced us with their presence. Your support means the world to us, and the marquee welcomed over 1000 attendees over the course of the performances - a testament to the strong bonds within our school community. As the curtain fell at the end of the last performance today, I reflect with pride at what has been achieved.



JDRF Wholeschool fundraising total: Arthur Bugler Primary raised an INCREDIBLE £3724.92 for our Charity of the Year, JDRF which supports those living with Type 1 Diabetes. Across the school, each year group tackled a variety of different fundraising events in a bid to raise the most for such a worthwhile cause. Words cannot express how grateful we are to our community for supporting the fundraising challenge set by ABP's School Council. Your overwhelming generosity and support will help to change the lives of so many people.

One of our students (Penny) represented our school at the JDRF base in London and had the honour of sharing our outstanding fundraising total with a member of the JDRF team. As we celebrate this accomplishment, let us also take a moment to reflect on the impact we can continue to make when we come together with purpose and determination. Our collective efforts can truly create positive change in the world.



BBC 500 Words: We are thrilled to announce and extend our congratulations to Riley, Kristian, Nancy, Salma and Jonty for their outstanding achievement in the BBC 500 Words Competition! Their remarkable stories have earned them a well-deserved spot in the second round of the competition.

The BBC judges, recognising the exceptional talent displayed in their narratives, have shortlisted these five individuals. This remarkable accomplishment propels them one step closer to the final round, which promises to be an unforgettable experience at Buckingham Palace next year.

As they embark on the next phase of the competition, we wish them continued inspiration and success. We eagerly await the final results and are confident that their stories will continue to shine brightly.

RAAC Update - New Marquee (PE/Assemblies/Lunch):

As part of our commitment to providing the best possible experience for our students, we are delighted to announce that our second marquee has been successfully installed and is now ready for use.



This new addition to our facilities opens up a world of possibilities for various activities, and we're eager to maximise its potential for the benefit of our school community. The marquee will serve as a versatile space for Indoor PE lessons, key stage assemblies, and an additional area for lunch, offering a more dynamic and engaging environment for our students.

We were particularly delighted to utilise the marquee this week for our Christmas dinners, bringing all the children back together for a festive and heartwarming celebration. The joy and solidarity in the air were truly special, and we couldn't be happier to see the positive impact it has already had on our school community.

We extend our thanks to the central Osborne Trust and the Department for Education (DFE) for their support in helping us overcome the challenges related to our RAAC situation. Their collaboration and assistance have been instrumental in making these improvements possible, and we are truly grateful for their continued partnership.



PTA – Christmas Crackers: Thanks to the generosity and hard work of the PTA, every child at our school had the joy of pulling a Christmas cracker during their special Christmas dinner this week. The festive spirit was truly alive, and we owe it to the incredible support from our PTA for making the event even more special.

Aspirations Week (January 2024) – WE NEED YOU! As part of our commitment to providing enriching experiences for our students, we are excited to announce our upcoming annual Aspirations Week, taking place from January 15th to 19th (2024).

As part of this special week, we are seeking enthusiastic adults from various professions to join us and share their valuable insights with our students. We believe that exposure to diverse careers and personal experiences can inspire and guide our students as they consider their own futures.

We invite you to be a part of this rewarding opportunity by coming into the school to talk to our students about your job, your unique career path, and the skills you use on a daily basis. Your participation can make a significant impact on the lives of these young individuals, helping them to envision the possibilities that lie ahead.



If you or someone you know is interested in contributing to Aspirations Week as a guest speaker, please contact the school office at (admin.abp@osborne.coop) to register your interest.

A message from our Well-being team: As we approach the festive season, our well-being team at ABP is excited to share some valuable insights from the National College Online on the benefits of embracing a Tech-Free Christmas. In a world dominated by digital distractions, taking a break from technology can be a rejuvenating and enriching experience.

12 Top Tips for Children and Young People to Enjoy a TECH-FREE CHRISTMAS

The Christmas holidays are tailor made for families to enjoy relaxed quality time in each other's company – but with distractions like pinging phone notifications, the lure of games consoles and online Boxing Day sales, that can be more difficult than it sounds. Staying off our phones, laptops and tablets, however, can really help us to appreciate the things that genuinely matter at this special time of year. Follow our 12 top tips for a tech-free festive season... Yule be glad you did! Merry Christmas!

CHRISTMAS CRAFTING

Get out the paper, glue and scissors and have a go at hand-making cards or gift tags. You could also create your own decorations to add a uniquely personal touch to the Christmas tree.

WALK IN A WINTER WONDERLAND

Delight in the great outdoors with some gentle walks over the holiday. The family can all wrap up warm as you add to your step count and savour the crisp winter air together.

NATURE QUEST

Try a scavenger hunt in the garden or your local park. Challenge yourself and your family to find natural treasures that are symbolic of this time of year – like holly or pinecones, say.

BE A SEASONAL CHEF

Get the whole family working together in the kitchen for some Christmas cooking. Choose a recipe and whip up a festive feast that all of you can enjoy.

CAROL KARAOKE

Sing your hearts out with a Christmas carol karaoke night. Pick out your favourite tunes and enjoy a musical celebration with family and friends.

ENJOY A CHRISTMAS STORY

Christmas is a perfect time for sparking stories. Get cosy and lose yourself in a brilliant book, from Dickens to Dr Seuss or a more modern favourite by Chris van Allsburg or Tom Fletcher.

WANDER DOWN MEMORY LANE

How about making a scrapbook filled with your favourite memories from Christmases gone by? Unleash your creativity while you enjoy reliving those magical holiday moments.

SNOWY SCULPTURES

If we're fortunate enough to get a white Christmas this year, make the most of the opportunity by having a family snowman-building competition!

TRY REFLECTIVE JOURNALLING

Jot down your thoughts, feelings and reflections on the holiday in a notebook or diary – you could also list some of your main goals for the new year.

GAMES NIGHT GALA

Dive into some old-school fun with a tech-free games night. Classic board games and card games have stood the test of time for a reason!

WRAP IT UP

Take time to get inventive with some luxurious gift wrapping. Break out the wrapping paper, ribbons and bows to make parcelling up those presents into a creative adventure.

GOODWILL TO ALL

You and your family could spend a day volunteering – perhaps at a food bank or helping a local charity. After all, kindness and thinking of others are part of what Christmas is all about.

Meet Our Expert

Minds Ahead design and deliver the UK's only specialist postgraduate mental health qualifications. They also provide training and support to education organisations and local authorities – empowering school leaders and staff with the knowledge and tools to shape their settings into inclusive communities where the mental health of pupils and personnel is prioritised.

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#WakeUpWednesday

School Pathway: As we strive to maintain a safe and positive environment within our school premises, we would like to bring your attention to an important matter regarding the entry and exit procedures.

As you are aware, our school is equipped with only one designated pedestrian path for both entry and exit. To ensure the well-being and safety of all users, we kindly request your cooperation in practicing consideration when entering and leaving the school premises. Thank you for your support on this matter.

Well done to...

- **Matilda (yr6)** – Congratulations to Matilda and her street dance team Belle Beatz for achieving 2nd place at the Global Dance Organisation World Championships. It's a remarkable accomplishment, and they must have put in a lot of hard work and dedication to achieve this outcome.
- **Lois (yr5)** - Congratulations to Lois for her outstanding performance at the Global Dance Organisation World Championships. Coming in 2nd place with her team, 3rd in both solo and duo categories, and securing 3rd place in her age category (10 and under amateur) is truly remarkable.




Both Matilda and Lois participating in the biggest competition in the dance world and achieving such great results reflects their talent and dedication to dance.



Lastly – Happy Hanukkah: I wanted to take a moment to extend warm wishes to all our community members celebrating Hanukkah. May the Festival of Lights bring you and your loved ones joy, warmth, and countless moments of happiness.

Yours sincerely,
Mr R Turner
Headteacher

	This week the Attendance Trophies have been awarded to		
	Lower School	Class 7	96.00 %
	Upper School	Class 9	97.33 %
	Whole School		91.39 %
Congratulations to all classes			



Safeguarding Concerns

If you ever have any safeguarding concerns please contact the office via email using. The email should be for the attention of a Designated Safeguarding Lead. As a school we have a responsibility to keep everyone safe so please get in touch sooner rather than later if you are concerned.



LETTERS SENT HOME / E-MAILED THIS WEEK

PTA Raffle Tickets
 PTA '12 Days of Christmas Book sale'
 Year 5 – Trip to Hyde Hall
 Class 9 – Swimming Lessons

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 20 th December	Last day of term
w/c 25th December	Christmas holidays
January 2024	
Thursday 4 th January	INSET Day – school closed
Friday 5 th January	INSET Trust Conference Day – school closed
Monday 8 th January	Children return to school
w/c 15 th January	Aspirations Week
23/24 th January	Grandparents' day
w/c 29 th January	Multicultural week
February 2024	
w/c 11 th February	Safety week
Friday 16 th February	Last day of half term
w/c 19th February	Half term
Monday 26 th February	Children return to school
March 2024	
w/c 4 th March	Reading and writing week
w/c 4 th March	Sponsored read
Friday 8 th March	World Book Day – dress up
Monday 11 th March	Early Years Mother's Day celebration 2pm
w/c 11 th March	Science Week
Wednesday 13 th March	SEND parent/carer meetings (from 3.30pm)
Friday 22 nd March	Spring Term Reports to parents

Tuesday 26 th March	Class 9 Easter Assembly 2.15pm
Wednesday 27 th March	Class 10 Easter Assembly 2.15pm
Thursday 28 th March	Last day of term
April 2024	
w/c 1st April	Easter Holidays
w/c 8th April	Easter Holidays
Monday 15 th April	Children return to school
Monday 22 nd – Friday 26 th April	Year 5 Isle of Wight Residential
May 2024	
Monday 6 th May	May Bank Holiday
w/c 13 th May	Key Stage 2 SATs (no holidays)
Friday 24 th May	Last day of half term
w/c 27th May	Half term
June 2024	
Monday 3 rd June	Children return to school
w/c 3 rd June	Maths Week
Monday 17 th June	Early Years Father's Day celebration
w/c 17 th June	Sport, Health and Fitness Week
Wednesday 19 th June	Sports Day
Thursday 20 th June	Reserve Sports Day
Tuesday 25 th June	Y6 SEND parent/carer meetings (from 3.30pm)
Wednesday 26 th June	SEND parent/carer meetings (from 3.30pm)
July 2024	
w/c 1 st July	Transition week (TBC)
Friday 5 th July	SEND paperwork due to CE
Friday 12 th July	Summer Term Reports to parents