



Joyful January!

At a time of year when it can initially feel dark and bleak, it is essential that we start 2025 by sharing the joy that we create at Abbots Green each day!

In assembly this week we met by sharing the words Jambo Bwana- a traditional South African phrase meaning 'welcome to our joyful world'- this year we agreed we share our commitment to doing just that- even banging the bongos to celebrate this! Feel free to listen to the song at home to feel the joy that we had on Monday! <https://youtu.be/vUrVeRGo5IM>



From chants and drums to learning our timetables by heart!



This week it was a pleasure to be introduced to our first Year 2 times table champions of 2025! At Abbots Green we begin learning our times tables early, with high aspirations of learning an instant recall of many multiplications. To be told 'my heart was racing as I beat my time and had no silly mistakes' shows how ambitious our pupils can be. To celebrate this with a times table lanyard to wear, is an exceptional achievement for this time of the year.

As we jump back into school from a time of festivities to our much-needed routines, some of us have already jumped back into Panto season!

It was wonderful to see our Year 1 and 2 pupils start the term with the excitement of a bus ride to the Bury Theatre to watch the Aladdin Pantomime. The buzz, laughter and shared memories that this brought to our pupils was an experience I have no doubt that they will never forget and remains one of our Abbots Green traditions.

It has been a pleasure to start the year with so many new families joining our Evergreen Nursery. As we adapt to our

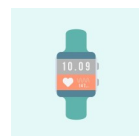
'school routines' our youngest pupils have embraced the opportunity to explore the cold snap both inside and outside.

Here's to a year of spreading the joy that we create at Abbots Green Happy New Year!



### Smart Watches

This week many pupils have been wearing smart watches that have received over Christmas. Please can we ensure that any watch that can link to the Wi-Fi or can connect to a mobile phone is not worn in school. If you have any questions regarding a specific watch please speak to your child's teacher in the first instance.



### PE kit

With the cold snap officially here, please be aware that pupils will still be having some PE lessons outside. Please ensure that pupils are appropriately dressed with trainers in our school PE kit only.

<https://abbotsgreenacademy.co.uk/uniform>

### Parents forum reminder

We welcome all parents to our parents forum on Thursday 6th February 2.30pm. Please confirm attendance by completing the form that will be sent in a separate ParentMail. The focus of the meeting will be to share an update on our mission to sustain a Unicef Gold Award as well as an update on belonging.

### Census reminder

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January is census day. We strongly encourage all pupils to enjoy the menu change to Burgers, chips and 'Old School Chocolate Crunch'. For all pupils in Key Stage One we will ensure that a school lunch is provided on this day to give all pupils the chance to have a free trial of some of our menu choices

### Coming Soon

Watch this space for the Spring Term Fridge Flyer coming soon!