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## Principal's Message

It's been great to welcome back our students and staff to Abbeyfield after the half term break. As always, it has been a busy week, with plenty of opportunities for students to get involved in a range of activities including the Medical Mavericks on Thursday. We also really appreciate the parents who have given up their time to come and join our 'Police and Principal Coffee and Catch up' and the launch of our Friends of Abbeyfield School (FABS) group.

Students have settled back into school, although I have spent a lot of time reminding some of them that they need to be on site at 8.40 and in line ups by 8.45. The main gate is closed at 8.45 and students have been reminded that they are late after this point.

Next week promises to be another busy week with Odd Socks Day and Remembrance Day both being celebrated here at Abbeyfield. These events link closely to our school values of Respect and Kindness, and this will be a theme throughout the week in pastoral time. We are also extremely excited to be opening our community to potential Sixth Form applicants on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November – this promises to be another fantastic event here at Abbeyfield. I look forward to being able to update you further on these events next week and highlighting the next tranche of opportunities that are available to engage with our community. I wish you all a restful weekend and the chance to recharge your batteries for a busy next week.

## Thank you

✦ Thank you to everyone who joined us yesterday ✦

☉ Police & Principal Coffee & Catch-Up – Huge thanks to Becky & Lucy, our amazing local PCSOs, and all the parents who came along.

♡ Friends of Abbeyfield School – Our first meeting was a success! Thank you to all the parents and staff who attended. We're excited to work together on fantastic events for our students and the wider community.

We appreciate your time and support—stay tuned for more updates! ♡

## Careers

### Green Careers Week

Green Careers Week is an exciting event that raises aspiration, supports diversity, challenges stereotypes, and promotes real opportunities for young people to have a career that will genuinely make a difference. Discover careers, jobs, roles, and career pathways that are green careers and develop green skills.

A green career can be any job, role or occupation that contributes to preserving or restoring the environment and our planet. It can be any industry, not just those seen as 'green.' Green skills are abilities, attributes, values,

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attitudes, knowledge, and technical skills needed to adapt services, processes and procedures to support climate change.

Please see the below links to useful guides for both students and parent:

[TPGt-GCW-2025.pdf](#)

[GCW\\_Download\\_Magazine\\_2025\\_Digital.pdf](#)



## Year 10 Work Experience Launch

A reminder that the year 10's will be having a launch assembly style lesson on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2025. In this session we will be talking about the benefits of work experience and how to start the process of looking for and recording the placements. ALL year 10 students have access to their Unifrog accounts. If they search their school email, they would have received a welcome email from Unifrog. They can also type in their school email and select 'forgotten password' to re-set. We will be sending out lots of information following the launch assembly so you can discuss with your child. Any questions please email [Carla.dufty@abbeyfieldschool.org.uk](mailto:Carla.dufty@abbeyfieldschool.org.uk).

## Medical Mavericks



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Yesterday, we were delighted to welcome Medical Mavericks to Abbeyfield School for a careers event. They delivered an inspiring session all about the wide range of careers available in the NHS, before giving our students the chance to step into the shoes of real medical professionals.

Students had hands-on experience using genuine medical equipment, including stethoscopes, blood pressure monitors, ultrasounds, pulse dopplers, keyhole surgery kits, infrared vein scanners, hearing and reflex tests, ECGs, and eye exploration goggles! It was a fantastic, interactive experience that opened our students' eyes to the exciting opportunities within the world of healthcare. ✨

Thank you to Aspire Higher for supporting us with such brilliant experiences.

## Student Ambassadors

### Interested in Becoming a Student Ambassador?

We're excited to offer students the opportunity to join one of our ambassador programmes:

#### ✦ Wellbeing Ambassador Programme

Support your peers, promote mental health awareness, and help create a positive school environment.

#### ✦ LGBTQ+ Ambassador Programme

Champion inclusivity, celebrate diversity, and help make Abbeyfield a safe and welcoming space for everyone. If you're interested in either role, please email us at [counsellors@abbeyfieldschool.org.uk](mailto:counsellors@abbeyfieldschool.org.uk) with:

- Your name
- Your form
- Which programme you're interested in?
- The best way to contact you.
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We look forward to hearing from you and building a stronger, more supportive school community together!



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## Green Projects 2025

**Festive Free For All**

**Come and get some FREE STUFF!**  
*It's that simple!*

We would like donations of  
**Christmas Jumpers & Festive Hats**  
in good clean condition!  
**Christmas decorations, tinsel, baubles, hanging decorations etc, Boxed Christmas Trees, Christmas wrap and cards - unused**  
(Sorry, no electricals)

**Drop off between 27th October - 7th November**  
at **East Hunsbury Parish Council Office**  
**Hunsbury Library, Overslade Close, NN4 0RZ**

**FREE items available to re-home between 10th November - 20th November**  
in **EHPC Activity Room**  
Open to all during Library Opening Hours

East Hunsbury Parish Council  
[www.easthunsburyparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.easthunsburyparishcouncil.gov.uk)  
Follow East Hunsbury Parish Council on Facebook and keep up-to-date locally

**RECYCLE YOUR SMALLER HOUSEHOLD ELECTRICAL ITEMS**

**AT HUNSBURY LIBRARY**  
Weds 12th November, 10am - 1pm

Do you have household electricals up to the size of a microwave you don't know how to dispose of?

Hunsbury Library, Overslade Close, NN4 0RZ

East Hunsbury Parish Council  
VEOLIA  
West Northamptonshire Council

## Odd Socks Day

**ANTI-BULLYING ALLIANCE**  
With the support of **Andy and the Odd Socks**

This **ANTI-BULLYING WEEK** we are holding

**ODD SOCKS DAY** on  
**MONDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2025**

**Odd Socks Day**  
Come to school wearing your odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique!

If you're worried about bullying you can speak to ...  
Your form tutor, HOY or AHOY or any member of staff you feel confident speaking to.

#OddSocksDay  
#AntiBullyingWeek  
#PowerForGood

**Odd Socks Day – Monday 10th November**

As part of Anti-Bullying Week, we're celebrating what makes us unique! On Monday 10th November, we invite all students to come to school wearing odd socks. It's a fun way to show that being different is something to be proud of.

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## Anti – Bullying Week

Next week, Abbeyfield School will be taking part in Anti-Bullying Week 2025, a national campaign promoting kindness, respect, and inclusion. The theme this year is "Power for Good." This week provides an important opportunity to reinforce our shared message that bullying of any kind is never acceptable and that everyone has the right to feel safe, supported, and valued.

We will begin the week with Odd Socks Day on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November. All students and staff are invited to wear odd socks to celebrate individuality and raise awareness of what makes each of us unique. This simple activity is a fun reminder that differences should be celebrated. No donations are required—just creativity and enthusiasm!

Throughout the week, students will take part in assemblies, tutor time, and classroom discussions focusing on friendship, respect, and standing up for others. We will also highlight the ways students can seek help and report concerns, ensuring that everyone knows where and how to access support.

We greatly appreciate your encouragement at home in reinforcing the importance of kindness, inclusion, and empathy. Together, we can continue to build a positive and respectful school community.

Thank you for your ongoing support, and we look forward to a vibrant and inspiring Anti-Bullying Week at Abbeyfield School.

## Remembrance Day & Anti – Bullying week

As we approach the 11<sup>th</sup> of November, we come together as a school community to mark **Remembrance Day** — a time to honour and reflect on the sacrifices made by those who served and continue to serve in conflicts around the world.

On **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November**, during Lesson 2, all students will attend a virtual assembly dedicated to Remembrance. This will be a moment for us to pause and consider the bravery, resilience, and selflessness of those who gave their lives for the freedoms we enjoy today. As a school we will then come together on the Quad, where poignant war poetry will be read, a two-minute silence, and musical tributes to commemorate the fallen, particularly those who served during the Second World War.

Poppies will be sold Break A and B in Pod 1 on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November, if anybody would like to purchase a poppy their donations will go to the Royal British Legion charity, that currently supports **7,000 members** of the Armed Forces community.

Students who belong to Cadets, Scouts, Girl Guides or any other affiliated groups with Remembrance are warmly encouraged to wear their uniforms to school Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November and support in the Remembrance Day event as student leaders. Please see me to find out more about this in tutor time on Monday, we will be meeting in the refectory 08:45.

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This important event aligns closely with our school values of **Ambition, Respect, and Kindness**. We honour the ambition of those who fought for a better future, the respect we owe to their memory, and the kindness we show one another in building a community rooted in understanding and compassion.

In the same spirit, we will also be marking **Anti-Bullying Week**. This is a vital opportunity to reinforce our commitment to ensuring that every student feels safe, valued, and included. We will be exploring what bullying is, why it is never acceptable, and how we can all play a part in creating a culture of respect and kindness. Students will be reminded again how to report bullying and how to support one another, helping to build a school where everyone feels they belong and can thrive.

As part of Anti-Bullying Week, we will also be celebrating **Odd Socks Day Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November, encouraging everybody to wear odd socks**. This fun and meaningful event encourages students and staff to wear odd socks to school as a way of celebrating what makes us all unique. It's a simple but powerful reminder that we are all different, and that's something to be proud of. We hope everyone will join in and show their support for kindness, acceptance, and inclusion. <https://abbeyfield.thestudentvoice.co.uk/>

We encourage you to speak with your child about these important themes and reflect together on the values that unite us. By working in partnership, we can continue to foster a school environment where ambition is nurtured, respect is mutual, and kindness is at the heart of all we do.

## Personal Development Update – Term 2 Focus

This term in Personal Development, our students are focusing on Fundamental British Values and exploring important themes around relationships, diversity, and respect in society. PSHE lessons and tutor time, we aim to help students develop critical thinking, empathy, and resilience in a rapidly changing world.

Topics this term include:

- Fundamental British Values – Democracy, Rule of Law, Individual Liberty, and Mutual Respect & Tolerance.
- Understanding Relationships and Equality – challenging stereotypes and discrimination, and discussing issues such as radicalisation, misogyny, incel culture, and harmful online influences.
- Knife Crime Awareness – we began the term addressing local concerns and equipping students with strategies to stay safe and make positive choices.

These discussions directly support our school's core values of Ambition, Respect, and Kindness:

- Ambition – empowering students to make informed decisions and aspire to be positive role models.
- Respect – promoting equality, tolerance, and understanding of others.
- Kindness – encouraging empathy and care in all interactions, both online and offline.

### Year 11 Focus

While all year groups are exploring Fundamental British Values and themes around relationships and diversity, Year 11 will also cover key Health and Wellbeing topics. These include:

- Cancer Awareness – Testicular, Prostate, Breast, and Cervical Cancer, plus screening awareness.
- Online Safety & Exploitation Risks – Virtual reality, live streaming, and managing digital footprints.

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- Body Image & Aesthetic Procedures – Understanding pressures and risks.
- Digital Footprint – How online actions can impact future opportunities and personal reputation.

This additional content is designed to support students as they prepare for life beyond school, promoting informed choices and resilience.

## Curriculum Overview

For a breakdown of what students will be covering in PSHE and tutor time this term, please see the attached curriculum overview. This includes lesson themes such as knife crime, stereotyping, radicalisation, discrimination, and health and wellbeing topics.

Thank you for partnering with us to help students grow into confident, responsible, and compassionate individuals.



| Term 2             | Relationships: Fundamental British Values Diversity                          | Relationships: Fundamental British Values Diversity            | Relationships: Fundamental British Values Diversity  | Relationships: Fundamental British Values Diversity               | Relationships: Fundamental British Values + Health and Wellbeing |
|--------------------|--|--|--|---|--|
| Lesson 1<br>Week A | <u>Knife Crime</u>   | <u>Knife Crime</u>   | <u>Knife Crime</u>                                   | <u>Knife Crime</u>  | <u>Knife Crime</u>   |
| Lesson 2<br>Week B | <u>Understanding Different Types of Families and Personal Identity</u>       | <u>Understanding the Equality Act 2010</u>                     | <u>Radicalisation Process</u>                        | <u>Understanding Hate Crime in the UK</u>                         | <u>Antisemitism</u>  |
| Lesson 3<br>Week A | <u>Breaking Down Stereotypes</u>   | <u>Gender Identity and Sexual Orientation</u>                  | <u>Forms of Extremism</u>                            | <u>Recognising and Responding to Extremism and Radicalisation</u> | <u>Testicular and Prostate Cancer Awareness</u>                  |
| Lesson 4<br>Week B | <u>Celebrating Multicultural Britain and Respecting Difference</u>           | <u>Challenging Stereotypes in Relationships and Society</u>    | <u>FGM and the Law</u>                               | <u>Forced Marriages, Honour based violence</u>                    | <u>Breast, Cervical Cancer and Screening Awareness</u>           |
| Lesson 5<br>Week A | <u>Foundations of Respect and Diversity in Relationships (LGBTQ respect)</u> | <u>LGBTQ+ What is it?</u>                                      | <u>Respectful Relationships and LGBTQ+ Inclusion</u> | <u>HIV and AIDS: Tackling Prejudice and Discrimination</u>        | <u>Virtual Reality and Live Streaming: Risks of Exploitation</u> |
| Lesson 6<br>Week B | <u>Challenging Prejudice and Discrimination</u>                              | <u>Challenging Racism and Discrimination in Society</u>        | <u>Conflict and Coercion in Relationships</u>        | <u>Incels</u>   | <u>Aesthetic Procedures and Body Image Awareness</u>             |
| Lesson 7<br>Week A | <u>Kindness Empathy and Respect Building Positive Relationships</u>          | <u>Coping with Change: Bereavement, Divorce and Separation</u> | <u>Domestic Abuse and Coercive Control</u>           | <u>Online Misogyny</u>  | <u>Online Reputation and Managing Digital Footprints</u>         |

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## How You Can Support at Home

- Start Conversations – Ask your child what they've learned in PSHE or tutor time. Encourage open discussion about topics like respect, equality, and online safety.
- Model Core Values – Demonstrate ambition, respect, and kindness in everyday interactions. Small actions make a big impact.
- Stay Informed – Be aware of online trends and communities that may influence young people. If you're unsure, ask your child what they know and share your perspective.
- Reinforce Safety – Talk about making safe choices in the community and online, and remind them that they can always speak to you or a trusted adult if they feel concerned.

## Support & Resources for Parents and Students

If you or your child need advice or support on any of the topics covered this term, here are some helpful local and national services:

Speak to a trusted adult or a trusted member of staff at Abbeyfield School

### Knife Crime & Youth Violence

- Northamptonshire Police – Knife Crime Advice  
<https://www.northants.police.uk/.../knife-crime>  
**Call 101 for advice or 999 in an emergency.**
- Early Intervention & Youth Support Service  
<https://northantspfcc.org.uk/.../early-intervention-family-support-service>

### Radicalisation & Extremism

- Prevent – Northamptonshire Police  
<https://www.northants.police.uk/advice/.../prevent>  
**Call 101 or 0800 011 3764 (Prevent advice line).**
- ACT Early  
<https://actearly.uk>

### Discrimination & Hate Crime

- Stop Hate UK – Northamptonshire  
<https://www.stophateuk.org/report-hate-crime/northamptonshire>
- Northamptonshire Rights & Equality Council (NREC)  
<http://northantsrec.org> | Tel: 01604 400808

### Misogyny, Online Harm & Incel Concerns

- Safeguarding Network – Responding to Incel Ideology  
<https://safeguarding.network/content/responding-to-the-incele-ideology>
- YoungMinds  
<https://www.youngminds.org.uk>

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## Mental Health & Wellbeing

- The Lowdown (Northampton)  
<http://www.thelowdown.info> | Tel: 01604 634385
- NHFT – Children & Young People’s Mental Health Services  
<https://www.nhft.nhs.uk/cypmentalhealth>
- Reach Collaborative  
<https://reachcollaborative.org.uk>

Thank you once again for your support as always, the Personal Development Team.

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## Sixth Form Open Evening

Join us for the Abbeyfield Sixth Form Open Evening

 **Thursday, 13th November 2025**

 **5:00 PM – 7:00 PM**

 **Abbeyfield School**

Come and explore our exciting brand new Sixth Form area and meet the team that makes it all happen!

- ✓ Chat with current students and alumni
- ✓ Meet your future A Level teachers
- ✓ Connect with careers advisors, counsellors, and student leaders

Whether you're planning your next steps or just curious, we'd love to welcome you!

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## Rewards Survey

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Please can all students bring their Chromebooks into school on Monday.

We would like students to complete a Rewards Survey so that we can look to further improve the offer students have for Rewards. Student voice is incredibly important to us.

This will take place during tutor time for all year groups except Year 11 who will complete after their Science Exam.

School Photo's – Years 7 - 11

We're excited to announce that Fizz Photography will be capturing our school's photographs on 27/11/2025.

To streamline the process and ensure secure access to your child's photos, there is an easy online registration system.

You must register **BEFORE** school photo day, please register **NOW** by following these three simple steps:

1. Visit <https://order.fizz-photography.co.uk> on your phone, tablet or computer.
2. Enter code JRX63YRY28
3. Enter your child's name, as it appears on the school register, and your contact details

Please note if you have already pre-registered and created an account for a previous shoot, this will not link to this shoot, pre-registration is required for every shoot.

Once registered, you'll be notified when photos are available for viewing and ordering, directly receiving your child's photo(s) via email/SMS. You can view and order photos with ease, from anywhere.

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Your details are used solely for sharing your child's personal gallery securely with you, and you can learn more about Fizz Photography's data protection practices here: <https://order.fizz-photography.co.uk/privacy-policy/>

You will **not** be able to register on the day of the photo shoot or beyond. Parents / Guardians who do not register will receive a manual proof slip in due course.

Please don't miss this opportunity for a seamless photo day experience. Pre-register today!

## Parking and Roadworks

### 📌 Reminder to All Parents & Carers

For the safety of all our children, please ensure that when dropping off or collecting your child from school, you:

- **Adhere to the speed limit.**
- **Stay alert and mindful of your surroundings.**
- **Watch for children crossing and follow all school zone signs.**

### ⚠️ Important Notice Regarding Roadworks

Due to ongoing roadworks, we kindly ask that:

- Parents **do not park on the slip road** to collect students.
- Students **are not dropped off on the main road**, even if traffic appears stationary.

These actions pose a serious safety risk to our children and school community.

### ♿ Disabled Parking

Please remember that **disabled parking bays are for Blue Badge holders only.**

## Upcoming School Events

### November:

- **10<sup>th</sup> November – 14<sup>th</sup> November** – Anti-Bullying Week
- **10<sup>th</sup> November** - Odd Sock Day
- **11<sup>th</sup> November** – Remembrance Day
- **13<sup>th</sup> November** – Sixth Form Open Evening
- **27<sup>th</sup> November** – School Photo's – Year 7 - 11