We break up for half-term on Friday 24th May. School re-opens on Monday 3rd June.



**SPORTS DAY 18th JULY** 

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Dear Abbeys' Families

The weather is set to warm up, so children should now have a sun hat to wear for school whilst they are outdoors. As previously reminded, sun cream should not to be brought into school, but applied at home in the mornings if parents wish, thanks. On warm, dry days, Children in Key Stage 2 (Years 3-6) can choose to have their packed lunches on the field after half-term, or stay inside to eat if they prefer.

**SATs:** Most children in Years 2 and 6 have been taking their end of key stage Standard Attainment Tests this month.

Although the Year 6 children have been made more aware of how the tests work and the necessary preparation, the approach has been far more low key in Key Stage 1. Due to their age, our Year 2 children ideally shouldn't even realise they are being tested, and the assessments have taken place in small groups. Well done to all those children who have worked hard to demonstrate their progress throughout their current key stage, and thank you to all parents and carers who support their children's achievements.





Santander

Last Friday we were lucky enough to welcome a team of

volunteers from Santander into school, to spend the day painting our Early Years area. The team worked hard all day to transform the area whilst the children enjoyed taking part in lots of different activities in and around the school. The Early Years space now looks light and bright - and a lot bigger! Thanks to Santander for their time and hard work on this project.

Best wishes

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Mrs Sophie Good Headteacher

Attendance: As the attendance officer for Abbeys, Shanie Jamieson supports the school in monitoring and improving attendance. Our overall attendance at Abbeys is currently 95.7%, just below the Government's target of 96%. We do understand that children fall ill or sometimes need to attend appointments in school time. However, it is important that children attend school regularly and on time, as being just five minutes late can result in lost learning time and a disruption to the class. Shanie can be contacted via school if advice is needed. Holidays during term time cannot be authorised and are subject to a Fixed Penalty Fine of £60 per parent, per child (payable within 21 days). This is In line with Government legislation and the LA's attendance policy.