

Abacus Primary School



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Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn term. I hope you all enjoyed a great half term break . Our new parent tours for September 2025 began this week with Silver, Purple and Teal classes leading these tours around the schools. The prospective parents were so complimentary about the confidence of the children and commented on how proud the children are of their school ... well done to everyone who helped with the tours. If you would like to book a tour, we have limited spaces left, these can be booked via the school office.

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With immediate effect Due to the increase in use of our disabled space in the car park, only parents/family members who hold a blue badge will now be able to have access to this provision. Please bring your badge to the school office so that they can make a note of your registration plate. **The car park cannot be used by any other family members either before, during or after school (including school clubs).** This car park is for staff use only and only those who have registered their blue badge with the school office.



Next week we will be on WEEK 3 of our school menu, which you can view on our website.



Individual school photos on Thursday 14th November 2024.



Children in Need raffle 2024

To support the Children in Need charity we will be running a raffle on Monday to Thursday next week. Tickets are £1 and can be purchased from classrooms and the office at the end of the school day next week. Young leaders will visit classes each morning. We have some great prizes as you can see below and all money raised will go to the charity. The raffle will be drawn in our whole school assembly on Friday 15th November 2024. Children are also invited to come to school in non school uniform for a donation to the charity. This can be done through ParentPay and a link will be sent to you next week.



FAPS will be holding Christmas
discos on

Thursday 12th December 2024

Foundation 2pm– 3.15pm

Years 1 and 2 3.30-5pm

KS2 (Years 3,4,5 and 6) 5.15pm
to 6.45pm



Please see below the link to book for the Abacus Christmas
photo shoot with Lou Sutton on 30th November 2024.

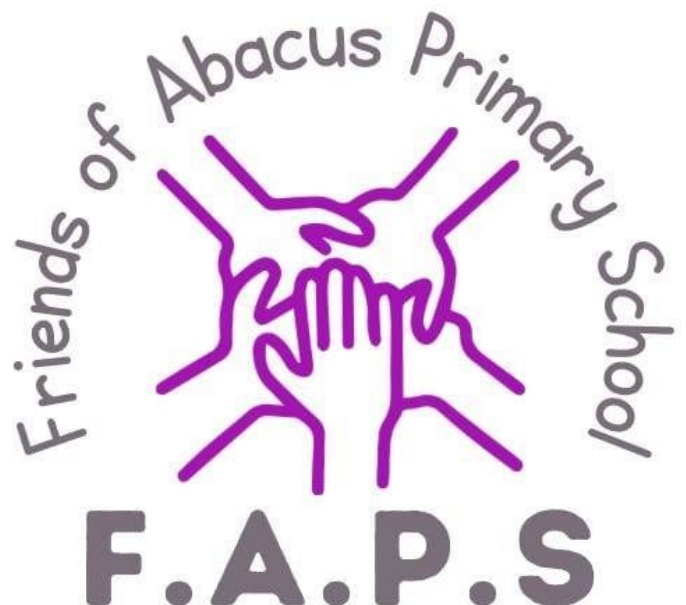


<https://tinyurl.com/3hrb383x>

Lou Sutton Photography

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55 MILES IN OCTOBER



ALZHEIMER'S RESEARCH UK FOR A CURE



WELL DONE!



On Friday 25/10/24 we were invited to join Silvana court for their last mile of their 55 mile challenge. Eloise, Louie and Olivia, three of our Wellbeing Ambassadors came along with me.



What a pleasure it was to accompany Year three on their trip to Barleylands on Wednesday this week. Throughout the day the children had the opportunity to take part in a range of activities including cooking Stone Age stew and flatbread, feeding the animals and they even got to enjoy a tractor ride. The staff at Barleylands were so impressed

with how the children answered questions about the similarities and differences between now and then. It was so wonderful to see the children so excited and enthusiastic towards all the activities.





Thank you to the parent helpers who came along and supported this trip.

More photos from the day will be added to class Padlets very soon.

Netball League









On the 5th November 2024, our 5/6 Netball team took part in the first round of the Wickford School's Netball League Tournament which is part of the School Games with 2 other Wickford Schools.

The team played well as a team and there were lots of goal scoring opportunities. They lost their first game but then went on to win their second and are now looking forward to the next round which will take place at the end of the month.

Thank you to the family members who transported the children and cheered them on and to Jo from Flames Netball Club for coaching the team.



House Points

 	 	 	 
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LET'S CELEBRATE!



SEND

Special Educational Needs and Disabilities
all different – all together



FREE Parent Training Event

Understanding Emotionally Based School Avoidance

Thursday 14th November - 7.30pm to 9pm

Wickford Town FC, Bartlett Park, Southend Road, Wickford

Is your child struggling with school attendance due to anxiety, stress, or other emotional challenges?

Join us for an informative session aimed at helping parents understand and support children experiencing Emotionally Based School Avoidance (EBSA) run by Thurrock and Brentwood Mind.

What You'll Learn:

- Understanding the emotional and psychological factors contributing to school avoidance.
- Common Causes - Explore triggers such as anxiety disorders, depression, bullying, learning difficulties, and family stress.
- Signs and Symptoms - Learn to recognise emotional, physical, and behavioural signs that your child may be avoiding school.
- Strategies to Support Your Child
- Breaking the Cycle
- Step-by-step guidance to intervene early and develop personalised action plans in collaboration with schools.



MyOTAS is an Essex based charity providing activities for neurodivergent children/teens and support for parents, via day time and evening groups and 1:1 appointments by phone, on-line or in person.

Contact us at: info@myotas.org - WhatsApp: 07840 799718

For details and to book all activities and support groups visit - www.ticketsource.co.uk/myotas



Are you a parent/carer of a child/young person (0-25yrs) who have a Learning Disability and/or Autism with complex mental health needs?

Would you like to find out more about transforming care?

Then join us for the:

'TRANSFORMING CARE PARTNERSHIP INFORMATION EVENT – 12/11/24

The Learning Disability and Autism Health Equalities Team, who work on behalf of the NHS and Local Authorities across Southend, Essex and Thurrock (SET Essex) and The Essex Alliance (made up of the three SEND Parent Carer Forums across SET Essex) would like to invite you to an Information Event on 'Transforming Care' which is taking place in Chelmsford on 12th November 2024.

You might find this event useful if your child/young person is;

- struggling with their mental health
 - struggling to engage with school or with friends.
- unable to access their wider community

The event is aimed at parents and carers with children and young people 0-25 who have a Learning Disability and/or Autism with complex mental health needs.

For further details about the event including what is going to be covered and to book a place please [click here](#) or via the eventbrite link below.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1048359209617?aff=oddtcreator>

Winter Gift from FACE

join via facefamilyadvice.co.uk



Understanding the Teenage Brain

Watch the recording of Jane Keyworth delivering this online session (one hour 45 minutes) to parents in the UK

"We need every parent and teacher to attend this outstanding presentation. It provides a brilliant exposé of the challenges young people face as they develop from child to young adult. The presentation is very informative but also very accessible and entertaining. I cannot recommend this talk highly enough"

Mr Andrew Mead, Headteacher at Lytchett Minster, UK High school



AUTISM REALITY EXPERIENCE

HELPING TO UNDERSTAND THE MANY SIDES OF THE AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER

BY

training2care

Date the training will take place:

3rd December 2024

.....10am to 1pm.....

The Autism Reality **Experience** is an innovative and inspirational training session...

...designed to give participants a virtual experience of living with autism. This is a very practical, hands-on experience that give participants a greater insight into autism and helps us see the world from an autistic person's perspective. Suitable for all professionals, from people working across all sectors, including family members, or informal carers who want to have a better understanding of autism.

