

## Abbotts Ann Nursery School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful start to the Summer Term we have had at ANNS, the children have spent the term exploring our new resource, learning about new festivals from around the world and learning to be independent and confident by learning through play.

Just before Easter we welcomed Mums and Grandmothers into setting to celebrate Mothers Day and explored a Fire Engine thanks to Amy. More recently we have been exploring the world around us and taking part in the Sponsored Walk.

We recently welcomed Jane, our new Chair and Claire, our new Treasurer to the Committee. However, we welcome new members to the committee at any time of year and if this is something that would interest you, please contact Jane by email: [aanschair@gmail.com](mailto:aanschair@gmail.com)

Best regards,

The AANS Staff and Committee

### The Curiosity Approach

We have some very exciting news. ANNS is working towards becoming a Curiosity Approach Accredited setting. This is a fantastic approach to child led learning where children are encouraged to explore the world around them without toys and props that direct their learning and play in a certain way.

At the moment much of the change is taking place behind the scenes as our staff complete their training, but we look forward to sharing more information over the coming weeks.



### Upcoming Events

**27<sup>th</sup> May**

Inset Day

**30<sup>th</sup> May – 3<sup>rd</sup> June**

Half Term

**18<sup>th</sup> June**

Open Day For Prospective Parents

**20<sup>th</sup> June**

Cake Sale

**29<sup>th</sup> June**

Sports Day and Jubilee Picnic

**21<sup>st</sup> July**

Inset Day/ Last Day of Term

### Phonics

As you maybe aware the children have been enjoying Phonics classes on Tuesday mornings. The children have been focusing on the following sounds

Week commencing:

13<sup>th</sup> Jan – This is Spring

20<sup>th</sup> Jan – This is Summer

27<sup>th</sup> Jan – This is Autumn

3<sup>rd</sup> Feb – Numerals, 1-10

10<sup>th</sup> Feb – I love

17<sup>th</sup> Feb \*\* half term week \*\*

## More news...

### Fundraising

A huge well done and thank you to all the children who took part in the Sponsored Walk. Not only did the children enjoy exploring the village they also raised nearly £400.

The week commencing June 20<sup>th</sup> the AANS Committee will be hosting a Cake Sale at Pick Up/ Drop Off so bring along some loose change and pick up some delicious cakes and biscuits.

### Reminders

- Warm Weather – Please send your child in with protective clothing (long sleeves and sun hats) and all day long sun lotion.
- Spare Clothes – Please ensure that there are plenty of weather appropriate spare clothes in your child's bag.
- Healthy Eating – Please make your child's lunch box as healthy as possible – only one small 'treat' please. Ensuring that fruit and veg are cut into long batons or quarters.
- Toilet Training – We are here to support you and your child through toilet/ potty training but equally we ask for training to continue at home, putting children back into nappies can cause children to become confused or upset.

### How can you help?

Did you know that there are a few ways that you can help ANNS fundraise with minimal effort and no additional expense?

**AmazonSmile** [smile.amazon.co.uk](https://www.smile.amazon.co.uk) – simply set 'Abbotts Ann Nursery School' as your chosen charity (Charity number '1169193') and every eligible purchase you make will result in a donation to AANS by Amazon – just remember to go to [smile.amazon.co.uk](https://www.smile.amazon.co.uk) (instead of [www.amazon.co.uk](https://www.amazon.co.uk))

**[www.easyfundraising.org.uk](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk)** – Simply Log In, select the retailer and shop as normal and like AmazonSmile qualifying purchases will raise funds for ANNS.



## In the Community

### Jubilee Craft Activities at National Trust Mottisfont

Learn about Mottisfont's historic Royal connections, add to their bunting display and you're your own flag to take home.

[www.nationaltrust.org.uk/mottisfont/features/may-half-term-fun-at-mottisfont](https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/mottisfont/features/may-half-term-fun-at-mottisfont)

### Pond Dipping at Sir Harold Hillier Garden

Use nets to explore the Education Garden Ponds at Hilliers Garden.

[www.hants.gov.uk/thingstodo/hilliergardens/whatson/Pond-dipping-May22](https://www.hants.gov.uk/thingstodo/hilliergardens/whatson/Pond-dipping-May22)

### Brickosaurs at Marwell Zoo

Dinosaurs at back at Marwell Zoo with a new collection of 55 Dinosaurs.

[www.marwell.org.uk/brickosaurs-evolution/](https://www.marwell.org.uk/brickosaurs-evolution/)