THE DEAN TRUST
Abraham Moss Community School

NEWSLETTER

Headteacher Message
Mrs. Josette Arnold

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Head of School

Dear Parent/Carer

I hope you are well in this busy festive season. As we approach the end of the Autumn term, I can now inform you that school will finish for pupils on Friday 19th December 2025 at 12:30pm. A take away lunch will be available for pupils eligible for Free School Meals on this date.

We have had a busy but enjoyable week in school. Pupils have continued to work hard in lessons and there have also been a number of excellent enrichment trips taking place including our Year 11 Geography field trip to Salford Quays , visit to the ChildFlight Santa Flight and a silent disco at Old Trafford.

I have spent a lot of time popping into lessons this week, asking pupils to share with me their learning and I was so impressed with the "infectious joy of learning" (one of core beliefs) so evident in many pupils.

With best wishes for the weekend,

Mrs J.Arnold

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PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

12th December 2025

Headteacher Message

Mrs. Faye Bond

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Head of Primary

We have enjoyed a truly festive and memorable week at Abraham Moss Primary. Our trip to the Stockport Plaza pantomime was a fantastic experience for the children, who were completely captivated by the performance. They represented the school brilliantly, showing exemplary behaviour and real excitement throughout the day.

Our EYFS Nativity was another highlight of the week. The Nursery and Reception children performed with such confidence, warmth and enthusiasm, especially for many who were taking to the stage for the very first time. Their singing and acting brought smiles to everyone in the audience, and it was wonderful to see families come together to celebrate the children's achievements.

KS2 also created a special moment with their Christmas carols, sharing a lovely range of festive songs. The hall was filled with brilliant singing and it was clear how much effort pupils and staff had put into preparing for the event.

Overall, it has been a joyful week filled with celebration, community and festive cheer. We look forward to our final week of the year with more festive cheer and celebrations.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Best wishes, Faye Bond

Attendance Week ending: 21.11.25	
N	87.1%
R	82%
Y1	93.9%
Y2	91.7%
Y3	81.1%
Y4	95.4%
Y5	95.3%
Y6	95.4%
Whole School (weekly)	92%
Whole School (Sept to date)	94.2%
Target: 97%	

September 2026- Reception- The application process is open to secure a place in our Reception class in 2026. If you wish to apply for a place you can apply for your child's school place via the Manchester City Council website the **deadline is 15 January 2026.**

This week the best class attendance award goes to:-

5 Blue
&
1 Yellow

Dates for your Diary

Tues 16th December- KS1 Christmas Carol Concert 9am-9.45am

Tues 16th December- KS1 attendance reward- movie treat (during school)

Wed 17th December- Christmas jumper day

Thurs 18th December- KS2 attendance reward- movie treat (during school)

Fri 19th December- Pupils finish at **pm

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British Values

DEAN TRUST

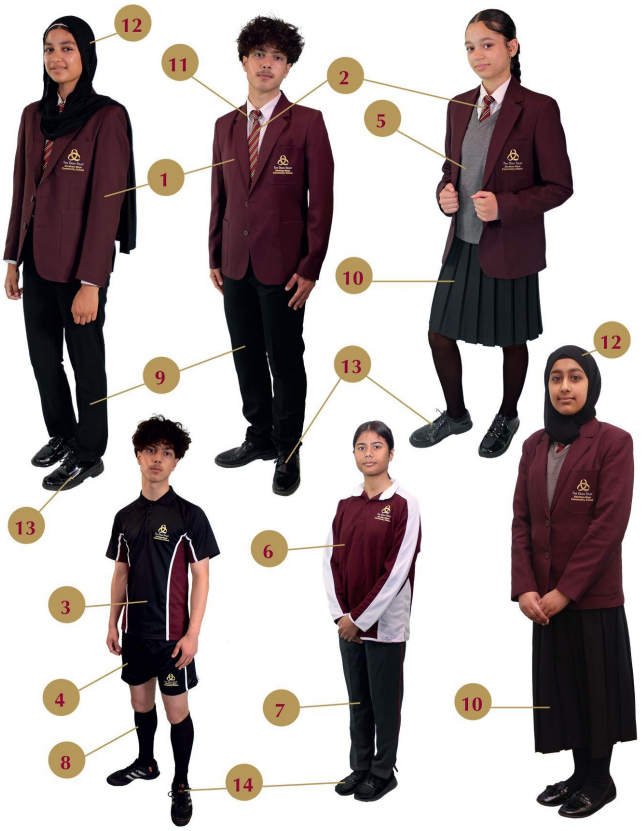
Respect and tolerance	Respect others. Embrace difference. Learn about and consider the cultures of other people. Accept the beliefs and faiths of others.
Rule of law	Commit to the school rules. Help others do the right thing. Be honest, truthful and loyal.
Individual liberty	Be responsible for your actions. Work hard to improve. Diligently pursue your goals. Challenge bullying, prejudice or bias with confidence.
Democracy	Respect all views. Debate in peace. Participate willingly. Express your views confidently.

Standards & Expectations

It has come to our attention that some of our pupils have started to wear long jersey skirts that are not part of our school uniform. Please can we remind you of our uniform expectations below and ask that you check your child has the appropriate uniform before leaving for school each day. If any items of uniform are missing, please inform the school should you require support.

Standards of Appearance

- Shirts should be tucked in;
- Skirts should be loose fitting and reach the knee or be the **longer box pleat version** available at Ziggy's;
- Jewellery is **not** permitted;
- Hair should be smart in appearance, of natural colour, with no extreme haircuts (head shave, tram lines, etc);
- No makeup, false tan, nail varnish, or **false nails/eyelashes**;
- A school tie should be worn at all times;
- Plain black shoes, no trainers;
- Blazers must be worn at all times apart from in extreme hot weather, this will be communicated at Headteacher's discretion.



Secondary	
1	Burgundy blazer with logo
2	Tie school colours clip-on
3	PE polo top with logo
4	PE shorts with logo
5	Grey jumper with logo
6	PE Rugby long sleeve top
7	PE Black/burgundy track pants
8	PE Black socks with logo
9	Tailored plain black trousers worn with black socks
10	Black box pleat knee/ankle length skirt worn with black tights
11	White button collar shirt
12	Plain black headscarf/hijab
13	Plain black shoes
14	PE - Trainers & football boots
School bag	
Required in school every day Pencil case with blue, black, green pens, pencils, eraser, ruler, sharpener and a selection of coloured pencils. Also a compass, protractor, scientific calculator and highlighter pens. A small dictionary. Not permitted are felt tip pens and Tippex	

Standards & Expectations

Standards & Expectations- Primary

It has come to our attention that some of our pupils have started to wear leggings and trainers that are not part of our school uniform. Please can we remind you of our uniform expectations below and ask that you check your child has the appropriate uniform before leaving for school each day. If any items of uniform are missing, please inform the school should you require support.

Standards of Appearance

- Burgundy sweat top or cardigan;
- Polo shirts should be tucked in;
- Skirts should be black **pleat knee length version** **worn with black tights**;
- Plain black trousers worn with black socks;
- Plain black headscarf/hijab;
- Jewellery is **not** permitted;
- Hair should be smart in appearance, of natural colour, with no extreme haircuts (head shave, tram lines, etc);
- No fancy hair clips or headbands;
- Plain black shoes, no trainers;
- Red/white check summer dress (summer only with white socks);
- Tailored plain black shorts (summer only with black socks)

With your support, we will continue to improve the standards at AMCS. Together, we will continue to make progress, giving all our pupils the best life opportunities by developing hard-working and dedicated young children with high standards and aspirations.

Standards & Expectations

Equipment

All pupils must bring the following items to school.

Item	School Standard	Not allowed
Appropriate black school bag sturdy and large enough to carry all belongings	Appropriate black school bag sturdy and large enough to carry all belongings	Fashion bags 'man' bags/ cross body bags plastic bags carrying belongings in blazer pockets
Pencil case	**Basics:** Two BLACK ink pens One RED pen One PURPLE pen Two pencils Eraser Rigid ruler Glue Stick	Blue pen for written work Correction fluid Felt tip pens
Optional other equipment	Coloured pencils Scientific calculator Dictionary	

On the first day back tutors will check all pupils have the correct equipment for the Summer term.

Sanctions will be applied for failing to meet equipment standards.

Standards & Expectations- Primary

All pupils must bring the following items to school.

Item	School Standard	Not allowed
Book bag	Burgundy bookbag with logo, which is large enough to carry reading books and planner.	Fashion bags 'man' bags/ cross body bags, plastic bags or backpacks
PE Bag	Burgundy PE Bag with logo	Backpacks or plastic bags
Lunch-Bag (if on packed lunches)	Lunch bag, can be any colour	No backpacks

Digital Safety Information

Managing Screen Time

Are you worried your child has too much screentime or would like more advice on how to support your child in managing their screen time?

Internet Matters have a wealth of information on their website to help support you. This first link discusses how to get the most out of screen time and how to talk to your child about screen time:

https://www.internetmatters.org/issues/screen-time/protect-your-child/

The next link provides advice on how to tackle too much screen time and what the signs of having too much are:

https://www.internetmatters.org/issues/screen-time/deal-with-it/

This final link provides a guide on how to create a balanced digital diet:

https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/creating-a-balanced-digital-diet-with-screen-time-tips/

Digital Safety Information

Do you need help managing your child's device?

You can use Google Family Link or Apple Family Sharing to help you depending on your child's device.

Google Family Link:

This is a parental control app from Google that lets you:

- See activity reports showing how long they spend on each app.
- Approve or block new app downloads.
- Set screen time limits.
- Find their location (using their device).

You will need to download an app and then decide appropriate settings.

https://families.google.com/familylink

Apple Family Sharing:

You can set up Family Sharing in the settings of your device. Family Sharing allows you to:

- Share Apple subscriptions.
- Share purchases from the App Store.
- Approve what children purchase/download.
- Limit screen time.
- Share locations and find devices.

https://www.apple.com/uk/family sharing/

Digital Safety Information

Monitoring Apps (paid for):

In addition, there are apps that you can pay for that you may find provides a better solution for you. Whilst we cannot recommend a specific product, these are some examples that you could review and test using a free trial:

- Norton Family: https://uk.norton.com/products/norton-family
- Qustodio: https://www.qustodio.com/en/
- Family Time: https://familytime.io/

Smoothwall Parent Online Safety Workshops

As part of Kat Howard from Smoothwall work with Manchester LA they are putting on a series of workshops for families across Manchester LA.

These workshops are to be held online, by Kat, and provide parents with up-to-date information, advice and guidance regarding online safety at home.

Please find the links below for your families to sign up for both this term and next term.

Monday 17th June - Primary parents' workshop 6-7pm -
https://smoothwall.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_uOkpglA1QmSJj7RrNAbxow

Thursday 20th June - Secondary parents' workshop 6-7pm -
https://smoothwall.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_FC8rhDTQTru7Kfg2R1SmjA

If you need any further information, please contact Kat Howard;
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Digital Safety Information - Useful Websites for Parents

https://www.internetmatters.org/

https://saferinternet.org.uk/

https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/

https://www.childline.org.uk/

https://www.educateagainsthate.com/

https://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/