

Abacus Primary School



11/7/25



What can I say...Year 6 you were all amazing in your performances of Mary Poppins. I hope you are all proud of yourselves, we certainly are. It wasn't practically perfect...you were all absolutely perfect! Jean and Leah (from Silvana Court) came to watch on Wednesday afternoon and I received a lovely message from Jean saying she had the best afternoon and that she would like to pass on her thanks and congratulations to all the children.

Thank you to all the family members who came along to watch.

If, like me, you want to watch it again...you can purchase a DVD or a memory stick. (The show was professionally filmed on the afternoon of Tuesday 8/7/25)

Orders will need to be placed via ParentPay by Sunday evening (13/07/25).

Photos will be added to Facebook and our website very soon.



Next week. we will be on:

WEEK 1





ON SALE NOW!

USB & DVD

Mary Poppins jr



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FROM THE OFFICE

BVP FILM PRODUCTIONS 01245 223331

Orders need to be in by Sunday evening.

Waddle ~ON-SEA~



We are so excited to be able to introduce you to Mr Waddles who will be part of the Waddle on Sea trail from next week. Our sculpture will be placed in The Royals shopping centre...we can't wait to see your selfies with Mr Waddle.



Schools In Bloom 2025



2ND PLACE

This Certificate Is Awarded To

Abacus Primary School

July 2025



We are delighted that we were awarded 2nd Place for the Schools in Bloom competition receiving the following feedback: "Thank you for taking the time to show Myself and Simon round your garden last week. We loved the idea of a 'wellbeing garden' and how enthusiastic the children were. The plants were excellent quality and well looked after."

It was an incredibly close competition, but I am pleased to announce that Abacus Primary has won 2nd place this year, just pipped at the post."

Well done to our gardening team and Mrs Hunter.



End of Year Picnics

Our end of year picnics are taking place next week. I have everything crossed that these will go ahead, however in the event of rain, we have no space big enough in the school to host these so therefore we would unfortunately have to cancel. Fingers crossed this doesn't happen.

Due to outdoor space, during the midday break, we can only allow one parent per family. Any younger siblings will need to be kept in their pushchair or on your blanket for health and safety.









Class	Date	Time
Green	Monday 14/7/25	11.45am
Lilac	Monday 14/7/25	12.30pm
White	Tuesday 15/7/25	11.45am
Black	Tuesday 15/7/25	12.30pm
Teal	Wednesday 16/7/25	11.45am
Purple	Wednesday 16/7/25	12.30pm
Turquoise	Thursday 17/7/25	11.45am
Yellow	Thursday 17/7/25	12.30pm
Orange	Friday 18/7/25	11.45am
Red	Friday 18/7/25	12.30pm

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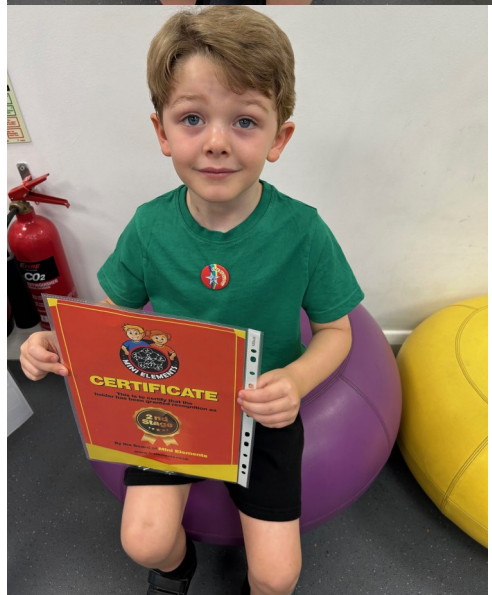


We are delighted that we have been awarded the Platinum School Games Award again. This celebrates our commitment to developing Sports across the Curriculum and beyond. A huge well done to Miss Dooley and our Sports Ambassadors for all their continued efforts and to our extra curricular club providers.



			
			
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and Martial Arts this
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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about AI-ENABLED SCAMS

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Artificial intelligence (AI) is quickly becoming a widely used tool, with lots of positive applications being discussed and developed. Sadly, however, as with most technology tools, there are those who will seek to use it for malicious and dishonest practices, with children and other vulnerable groups particularly at risk.

PHISHING EMAILS: BETTER & QUICKER

Phishing scams – emails designed to trick people into handing over login details or money – are not new, and do not rely on AI; however, AI has made them far more dangerous. Criminals can now generate highly convincing emails at speed, mimicking an organisation's tone, branding and language with ease. This makes phishing attempts harder to spot, especially for young people who may not yet know what to look out for.

ONLINE MARKETPLACE FRAUD

Online marketplaces are now a common way to buy and sell everything, from second-hand clothes to cars. Criminals are exploiting this by using AI to enhance or completely fake product photos and videos, and pressure buyers into paying deposits or full amounts upfront. These tactics are becoming more advanced, making it vital to pause, check, and verify the sale before parting with any money.

VOICE IMPERSONATION

AI can now realistically impersonate a person's voice when given a small sample of someone's speech patterns. This is especially concerning where voice has been enabled as an alternative to password-based logins. One such example was the use of AI deepfake audio as part of a fake kidnapping scam: the criminals used an AI voice clone of a 15-year-old to convince her parents she had been kidnapped and elicit a ransom.

EMPLOYMENT SCAMS

Using AI, criminals can create fake online profiles that seem completely real. These synthetic identities can chat with young people about fake job offers, asking for money to secure a visa or paperwork. In 2025, The Guardian reported a scam targeting young people with promises of quick cash, posing as TikTok staff.

INFLUENCER & INVESTMENT SCAMS

AI tools now make it easy to manipulate video and audio, with technology available that can generate entirely fake content using the likeness of celebrities or influencers. Criminals are using this to create convincing videos of well-known figures promoting fake products or services, which young people can be particularly susceptible to. Cryptocurrency scams are a common tactic, luring people into investing in schemes that do not exist. Once payment is made, the criminal simply disappears with the money.

ROMANCE SCAMS & SEXTORTION

AI chat bots can now mimic real conversations, often accompanied with realistic fake photos and videos, which makes it easier for criminals to build trust with young people – among other things, this can lead to fraud or sextortion. In 2024, the NCA's CEOP Safety Centre received 380 reports of sextortion. Alarmingly, in the first five months alone, police received an average of 117 monthly reports involving under-18s, showing how serious and targeted this threat has become.

Advice for Parents & Educators

THINK CRITICALLY

The key to addressing the increasing growth of AI-enabled scams is to think critically and show caution. Inform children that if something is too good to be true, then it probably is. Encourage them to stop and carefully consider what they are seeing and reading before taking any action. For example, if a social media post expresses urgency, proceed with caution; if content seems unusual, even from a known person, it may be that their account has been hacked.

SEEK TO VERIFY

Criminals may breach an influencer's account or spread misinformation and fake content; however, their approach will generally be limited to a single account, site or service. Where possible, show children how to verify information to check its legitimacy before proceeding. Small actions, such as phoning the person who is the subject of a suspicious email, or checking content via an individual or company website or social media sites can make the difference. The greater the risk, the more effort we should expend to confirm whether the information presented is true or false.

USE TRUSTWORTHY SITES AND SERVICES

Online marketplaces are useful when buying and selling items; however, where possible, encourage children to use reputable companies and their online shopping sites. These companies are likely to have more sophisticated cyber-security safeguards in place, underpinned by consumer legislation, enabling them to control how products and services are displayed and traded on their sites.

REPORT IT

As the sophistication of scams increases, the likelihood of being tricked by them also increases, especially when not paying attention or acting quickly. It is important that young people know how to report incidents as they happen. Show children how to report their concerns to the social media site, Action Fraud, banks, and other individuals or organisations linked or involved. If you are unsure of the most effective reporting channel, contact Action Fraud.

Meet Our Expert

Gary Henderson is the Director of IT at Millfield, a large independent boarding school in Somerset, as well as a member of the Digital Futures Group, Vice Chair of the ISC Digital Advisory Group and an Association of Network Managers in Education (ANME) Ambassador.



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