

HAD NEWS

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Its easy enough to misplace personal items within a school environment.

Improve the chances of object and owner being re-united:

LABEL YOUR STUFF WITH YOUR NAME



Logan Bryant and Austin Round played for Gloucester under 15's in a 62-5 win over Bristol Bears. A great achievement for club, school and themselves.

MADELEY TOWN COUNCIL PRESENTS

PROM POP-UP

30 MARCH - 29 JUNE 2026

Calling all Yr 11 & Yr 13 Students, come along and find the perfect dress or suit for your Prom this year

MONDAY 9AM - 6:30PM
TUESDAY TO FRIDAY 9AM-4PM
SATURDAY 6th JUNE 9AM-4PM

FREE

JUBILEE HOUSE
74 HIGH ST, MADELEY, TF7 5AH

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PROM POP-UP

DONATIONS NEEDED

Do you have a prom dress, suit, party bag or shoes you no longer need? Then why not donate them to Prom Pop-up! We will then offer them for free to those who come along to the Prom Pop-up sessions.

Thank you

DONATIONS CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT: JUBILEE HOUSE
74 HIGH ST, MADELEY, TF7 5AH
WEEKDAYS 9AM-4PM

THE NATIONAL CONCERT BAND FESTIVAL



Members of the Junior Jazz Band, Senior Jazz Band & Showband travelled to the Royal Northern College of Music in Manchester (after a 5am start!) to perform in the finals of the National Concert Band Festival of Great Britain.

They were required to play a variety of repertoire in front of music adjudicators & professional musicians. Junior Jazz Band were on stage at 9.15am! and the other bands followed soon after. We were hit with a few absences through illness and holidays but were still pleased to report that all three bands were presented with gold awards for their performances.

We were the only school in the whole festival to have three bands perform in the finals and for many of the youngsters it was their first time participating in such an event. The fact that there were only four school wind bands and only two junior jazz bands performing in the whole festival is indicative of the post-covid era we are currently experiencing as many schools do not have the players/ensembles to even participate.

Miguel Iglesias in year 12 was given a special award for his solo playing in Showband. Many other pupils including: Maeve Lewis -Dowell; Maia Deutschman, Ollie Deutschman, James Millington, Harry Robbins, Ebonie Dhande, Joe Costello, Oscar Briggs, Euan Davies and many of the percussionists all featured heavily in the performances.



Y9 students have started their Summer Art project exploring the work of artist Alberto Giacometti. They have been recreating images of his work, using experimental drawing techniques with stick and ink.





YEAR 8 CRUMBLES!



Students working with the Jon Egging Trust, Blue Skies programme.



SEND US YOUR NEWS

We'd love to hear about our students newsworthy activities outside of the school day and celebrate their success.

Email geraint.roberts@taw.org.uk with:

- Student's full name, year and mentor group
- A paragraph or two about their achievement
- A good quality photo with permissions gained in writing if other persons are featured in the photo
- Confirmation that you've signed our media agreement and consent to sharing in our school newsletter and social media



It's important for pupils to make a good start every day

- Arrive on time
- Be ready to learn
- Commit yourself



POP ART

Y8 students have been continuing to develop their understanding of the Pop Art movement, creating colourful bold paintings of popular objects inspired by the work of Burton Morris.



Led by Lexi, year 11 had a Bake Sale to raise funds for cystic fibrosis charities. Cystic fibrosis is a rare inherited genetic condition that causes breathing and digestive problems. There is currently no cure, but there are medicines and supportive treatments that can help.



The Hope House £50 challenge is an opportunity to raise money for Hope House and Tŷ Gobaith children's hospices whilst developing entrepreneurial skills, and building team spirit. Each team are given £50 to grow as much as they possibly can in 50 days.

Two teams are involved in this years challenge. They'll be organising several fundraising events over the next 50 days



PODCAST

Pupils have recently started producing a wellbeing podcast, Sophina writes:

If you're looking to support your mental and emotional wellbeing in a practical, accessible way, Wellbeing Whispers is a podcast worth adding to your routine. Designed for busy lives, it offers clear, thoughtful guidance on topics that matter- helping you build healthier habits without overwhelming your schedule. Each episode focuses on key areas of wellbeing, including stress management, mindfulness, resilience, sleep and maintaining a balanced lifestyle. The content is delivered in a calm, straightforward style, making it easy to engage with whether you're on the go, or relaxing. Wellbeing Whispers combines researched insight with simple techniques you can apply from anywhere. From short breathing exercise to mindset shifts and everyday self-care strategies, the podcast provides tools that are realistic and sustainable. Regular listening can help you to: develop a more mindful approach to daily life; improve focus and reduce stress levels; build consistent self-care habits and Gain new perspectives on maintaining emotional balance. Whether you're just starting your well-being journey or looking to reinforce positive routines, Wellbeing Whispers offers reliable support in a format that fits easily into you day. New episodes are released once monthly, giving you access to fresh ideas and gentle guidance when you need it.

Haberdashers' ABRAHAM DARBY

Year 6 SEND Transition Event

Haberdashers' Abraham Darby is pleased to invite Year 6 students and their parents/carers to our SEND Transition Event, supporting a confident and successful transition to secondary school!

Wednesday 17th June at 9.45am

Parents/carers and students will have the opportunity to:

- Meet our SENCo and SLT for Inclusion
- Meet members of the SEND and Year 7 teams
- Learn about our SEND provision and transition support
- Speak with SENDIASS and Family Hubs for advice and guidance

This event is suitable for students on the SEND register, those with an EHCP or students accessing additional support. If you're unable to attend the SEND team will also be available at the transition evening Tuesday 7th July.

Please scan this code to register

**Yr 7 Parents evening
Thursday 7th May**



Enjoying the sunshine



SHOOTING DOWN THE LINE

In December 2025 Shropshire ACF cadets attended Parsons Barracks Donnington, where one of the activities was a clay shoot introduction. None of our cadets had ever done such a thing before but all were enthusiastic and from that introduction a few were asked to attend a selection day to try out for Shropshire ACF clay shoot team.

One of our cadets, Cadet Kaiden Higgins, with Cadet Harborne in reserve, made the team and went on to compete on the weekend of 11th-12th April 2026 in the National Inter-Service Clay Shoot Competition at Waterbeach in Cambridgeshire, competing with many army, air and sea cadet teams from all over the country. Despite only first shooting a shotgun at the end of last year, he and his team gained a bronze medal.

Major Miller, who organises the shotgun training, has stated that Cadet Higgins has a big future for the next few years in the team. The Abraham Darby ACF instructors are extremely proud of Cadet Higgins and felt that his achievement should be shared.



Haberdashers' Abraham Darby Healthy Lifestyles

HEALTH & WELLBEING EVENT

Join us for a day focused on YOU

Promoting mental health, healthy lifestyles & positive wellbeing

Date - 4th July 2026 - Location - Haberdashers' Abraham Darby - Times 12-4pm

50p entry fee

What's Happening?

- Smoothie Making
- Fun Fitness Activities
- Wellbeing Workshops
- Animal Visit
- Disco Dome
- Healthy Food & Snacks
- Prizes & Giveaways!

Plus more to be announced!

Why Attend?

- Learn how to look after your mental health
- Discover healthy eating habits
- Take part in fun, relaxing activities
- Spend time with friends

Supported by:

HAD Community, Slimming World, MOVE HEALTH & FITNESS, AJS BOUNCY CASTLE HIRE, Emberry

RAFFLE Tickets will be sold for 50p per ticket or £2.50 for a book of tickets

"Looking after your mind is just as important as your body."

Contact us please email HADAmbassadors@haw.org.uk or email emmanuella.jeff@haw.org.uk or david.warner@haw.org.uk



JUDO MEDAL HAUL

David's enthusiasm and success in Judo is truly remarkable, shown by his continually growing collection of medals.

David has been competing in school competitions representing Haberdashers' Abraham Darby and the results speak for themselves, 1st place at the Welsh Regional Schools Championships, 1st place at the North West Area Regional Schools Championships and 2nd place at the National British Schools Championships 2026 where he fought Schools Regional medalists from all over the UK in a group of 17 players; it's one of the toughest competitions in the UK Judo calendar.

Haberdashers' ABRAHAM DARBY

Emerging Sports Talent Programme

Topflight sporting performance in a state school

- Elite coaching
- Strength and conditioning training
- Nutrition and sport psychology
- Equipment and sports kit provided
- Regional and national success
- Short and long haul sports tours

Places available based on sporting aptitude U12-U18

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