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Dear Parents/Carers,

YEAR 6 GALA DINNER
THURSDAY 11TH JUNE 2026

As you will know from our dates for diaries, our Year 6 pupils are very excited to be hosting a three-course Gala Dinner for their parents/carers which will be prepared, cooked and served by themselves, with a little guidance from Roots to Food Chef, Darren Tinker.

Darren is the founder of Roots to Food, he is a fully qualified and experienced Chef, who has decades of experience in education, hospitality and nutritional management, delivering effective and well-respected services to schools, academies, further/high education and corporate sectors.

This very special event will take place in the school hall on **Thursday 11th June** from 5.30 to 8.00 p.m**.** Guests are invited to arrive for pre-dinner drinks at 5.30 p.m. followed by dinner service at 6.00 p.m. We aim to be finished by 8.00 p.m. In order to give the children the best possible experience in managing the cooking and logistics of the evening, we kindly ask that each child invites **no more than two guests each.**

Entrance to the event will be by ticket only at a cost of **£6.50** per guest. Tickets will be available via ParentMail +Pay until **Tuesday 2nd June** and will be sent home with your child the week of the event. The dress code for guests is formal, no jeans or trainers please.

On the day of the event, the children will finish their school day as normal at 3.15 p.m. and should return to school promptly at 4.30 p.m. to begin their food preparations. During dinner service, children should wear their school uniform, and the school will provide any additional items needed. Please note that the children will need to be collected at 8.00 p.m. at the end of the event, they will not be permitted to walk home.

The children will not be eating at the Gala Dinner so will need to eat before returning to school at 4.30 p.m. If your child will be attending Kids' Club on this day, they may wish to bring a packed tea with them to school to have in addition to the snack that Kids' Club supply.

We have attached a copy of the menu that will be served at the Gala Dinner. To allow us to cater for guests accordingly, please could we ask that you contact the school office to notify us of any allergies or dietary requirements by **Tuesday 2nd June** (telephone 01778 426968 or email BEP.enquiries@abbeyacademies.co.uk).

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact myself or speak to the school office.

We are very much looking forward to what promises to be a fantastic and memorable evening!

Yours sincerely

Miss A Worrall
Year 6 Class Teacher & Assistant Head