

**THESE BRIEF NOTES CONTAIN THE INFORMATION NEEDED TO COMPLETE THE CHILDREN'S POST VISIT WORK SHEET PROVIDED BY ABBOT'S HOSPITAL TO VISITING SCHOOL GROUPS. MORE DETAILED INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE.**

- 1 George Abbot was born in **GUILDFORD** in 1562.  
He became **ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY** in 1611, making him one of the most important men in the Kingdom of James I.
- 2 The Hospital was built to **HOUSE ELDERLY GUILDFORD RESIDENTS**, to provide hospitality rather than to treat the sick.
- 3 The animals on the Royal arms are a **LION** and a **UNICORN**.
- 4 The four items you can see in the Upper Courtyard are a **BELL, CHIMNEYS, a CLOCK** and a **SUNDIAL**. The bell is called a pity bell, as it could be rung from the entrance gate by people in distress who needed help or shelter.
- 5 The windows are full of detail, showing the story of Jacob and Esau. The children might notice people, tents, a staircase or several types of animal for example.
- 6 These strange looking animals could be **CAMELS, HORSES** or **LLAMAS!**  
Other animals shown include **DOGS, CATTLE, SHEEP** and a **DONKEY**.
- 7 There are three **PEARS** on George Abbot's coat of arms.  
This can be seen above the doors in the Gatehouse, and also in the chapel.



- 8 **WAX** was recycled using these candle holders. The molten wax collected in the circular base and was then drained out to make more candles.
- 9 The dots join to form the shape of the **SUMMERHOUSE**.  
The roof shape is similar to those on the towers at either side of the gatehouse.
- 10 The holes in the wall were used for skeps or hives made of **STRAW** for **BEES** to nest in.  
**HONEY** could then be collected.



- 11 The date on the alms boxes is **1619**

