

Evidence shows that there is a strong connection between learning about money management early and financial wellbeing later in life¹. Many young people leave education without the knowledge, attitudes and skills needed to manage their money effectively. Abacus addresses that through a tailored 5-session programme, bringing professional volunteers into schools to support and encourage pupil learning on the crucial topic of Financial Literacy.

Project Reach



204

Volunteers



10

Schools



408

Pupils



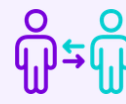
28

Companies



58

Workshops



669

Volunteering
hours

Student Learning

As a result of Abacus*, students...

*To assess Abacus' impact we tested pupil knowledge of the key learnings in the final session. Results shown as percentage.



Correct



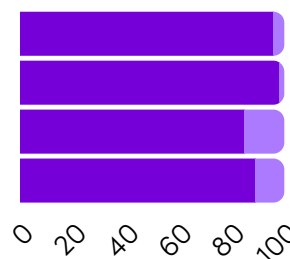
Incorrect

Could correctly identify a need and prioritise needs over wants

Understood the risks of using a credit card

Could recognise key terms on a bank statement

Understood how money has developed over history to the modern day



On average...

Students rated Abacus

4.6 out of 5.



1. Money and Pensions Service. UK children and young people's financial wellbeing survey: financial foundations [Internet]. London: Money and Pensions Service; 2023 [cited 2026 Jul 22]. Available from: <https://maps.org.uk/en/publications/research/2023/uk-children-and-young-peoples-financial-wellbeing-survey-financial-foundations>

School Feedback

Student Feedback



Student, Year 5

Bigland Green Primary

"I liked the teachers, the learning environment, and the activities because they were engaging and helped me learn."



Student, Year 5

St Mary and St Michael Primary School

"I liked how they made important lessons fun. For example learning about saving and investing."

Teacher Feedback

As a result of Abacus, teachers told us their pupils...



Had a chance to work well in a team with others.



Understand why and how to prioritise spending on needs before wants.



Understand why and how to budget to manage money.



Want to work hard for their career and education.



Teacher, Year 5

Hague Primary School

I really liked that Abacus allowed our students to meet with real people in the sector and engage with real life finance.



Teacher, Year 5

Christ Church C of E Primary School

I really liked the engaging well-delivered lessons that taught genuinely purposeful life skills.

Volunteer Feedback

On average...

**Volunteers rated Abacus
4.82 out of 5.**



After volunteering on Abacus, volunteers said....



Laura

A&O Shearman

"I thought the structure and the content of the session was brilliant. For the last session in the office, it was tailored more towards law and it worked so well. The students were engaged throughout and had some really great discussions about negotiating and what law is."



100%

of volunteers would
recommend Abacus to
a colleague



Volunteer

CFC

"My favourite thing about Abacus was the detail of knowledge simplified in a way the kids understand, and they did!."



Richard

Arbuthnot Latham

"A great program. I was going to volunteer for one session & have undertaken 3 & signed up for the final session too."

**Is this something your company should be involved in? Get in Touch with
rohan.ihlbrock@theswitch.org today and help make the next generation the most
financially literate yet!**

