



Newsletter 24th October 2025



Coming up.....

Monday 3rd November 2025 - Term 2 begins!

Tuesday 4th November 2025 - Abbotswood v St Mary's Boys - League Match

Monday 10th November 2025 - Abbotswood v Frampton Cotterell Boys - League Match

Tuesday 11th November 2025 - Parents Evening

Wednesday 12th November 2025 - Parents Evening

Thursday 13th November 2025 - PINS Parent Engagement

Monday 17th November 2025 - Year 6 Camp Meeting - 3.15pm - KS2 Hall



Hallow-Fest Winner

Congratulations to Caleb in Year 3 who is the winner of the Hallow-Fest tickets.

Have a spooky time!



Attendance

Target
96%

Last Week
96.4%

This Week
96%



Uniform

We still have lots of good quality pre-loved uniform for sale. Items just 50p or £1. Please drop into the office and take a look. We will also exchange any item for a different size if your child has outgrown their uniform as long as it is in good condition and has been washed.



Parent's Evening

Parent's evening appointments will be going live on 27th October so please keep an eye out and book an appointment to speak with your child's teacher. If you are a split family and would like an additional appointment but haven't received a text please contact the school office.

Holidays in Term Time

Holidays during term time cannot be authorised. The new guidance that was issued in August 2024 states that if a child has more than 9 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10 school week period (this does NOT include the holidays), a penalty notice will be issued.

Unauthorised absences include holidays, lates after the register closes or absences where reasons are not given or are not suitable reasons. It is in your best interest to provide information of your holiday dates and booking information.

Please see the information below as a reminder of the updated attendance procedures. If you have any questions regarding this, please contact the school via email parents@abbotswoodprimary.org.uk or phone and speak to Miss Griffiths or Mrs Pritchard.

National Changes to the Attendance Process from August 24

From 19th August 2024 the attendance rules nationally are changing.

A Penalty Notice can be issued for **unauthorised** absences once there are a minimum of 10 sessions (5 days) within a 10 school week period (previously within a 7 week period).
The Penalty Notice will be issued per parent, per child.

The Penalty Notice amount is £160 if paid within 28 days. However, this will be reduced to £80 if paid within 21 days.

For a second Penalty Notice issued within a 3-year rolling period to the same parent in respect of the same child, the Penalty Notice is £160 if paid within 28 days. There is no option for this second offence to be reduced to the lower rate of £80.

If the Penalty Notice remains unpaid after 28 days, then you may be prosecuted for failing to secure regular school attendance.

A third Penalty Notice cannot be issued to the same parent for the same child within a 3-year rolling period. Should you continue to incur further unauthorised absences then alternative action will be considered, which could include a prosecution for failing to secure regular school attendance.

More information about taking time off in term time and these changes can be found on the South Glos website (southglos.gov.uk) under 'Holidays during school term time'.

Learner of the Week

Hedgehogs - Aurora
Squirrels - Alfie-Jay
Foxes - Louie
Badgers - Ellis
Rabbits - Noah
Robins - Hannah
Deer - Freya
Bats - Alaya
Woodpeckers - Amelia D
Otters - Max
Kingfishers - Marleigh
Falcons - Evie



Abbotswood Champion

Term 1

Ladybirds - Rosie
Bumblebees - Elise
Hedgehogs - Theo
Squirrels - Marcia
Foxes - Emelia
Badgers - Arabella
Rabbits - Lacey
Robins - Kai
Deer - Pixie
Bats - Hollie
Woodpeckers - Ava F
Otters - Zach
Kingfishers - Kane
Falcons - Fola

Respect Award

Hedgehogs - Tyler
Squirrels - Damir
Foxes - Nathan
Badgers - Harley
Rabbits - Elsie
Robins - Elijah
Deer - Harper
Bats - Chandler
Woodpeckers - Lily
Otters - Lillie
Kingfishers - Maisey
Falcons - Poppy

Tesco Tokens

Don't forget to drop your tokens
in the Abbotswood slot when you
do your Tesco shop this weekend.

Thank you

Communication

You will have all received a letter advising you that we are changing how we communicate with you. Thank you to those of you who have already registered and downloaded the App. If you have any problems, please let us know by email and we will try to sort these out for you. If we need to reset anything, please bear with it as it may need 24hrs to take effect. We will continue to use Eduspot for all payments. We will be using the new system to send messages from after half term so you won't receive any text messages but may get a few more phone calls while we get everything sorted. Thank you for your continued support and understanding.



Dates for your Diary

2025

- Tuesday 4th November 2025 - Abbotswood v St Mary's Boys League Match
- Monday 10th November 2025 - Abbotswood v Frampton Cotterell Boys League Match
- Tuesday 11th November 2025 - Parents Evening
- Wednesday 12th November 2025 - Parents Evening
- Thursday 13th November 2025 - PINS Parent Engagement (details to follow)
- Monday 17th November 2025 - Year 6 Camp meeting 3.15pm
- Monday 8th December 2025 - Rocksteady Concert for Parents of band members only - 10am
- Tuesday 4th December 2025 - Reception Nativity 2.30pm til 3pm
- Tuesday 4th December 2025 - School Choir performing at Yate Shopping Centre
- Wednesday 10th December 2025 - Reception Nativity 9.15am - 9.45am
- Wednesday 10th December 2025 - Christmas Fair 3.30pm - 5pm
- Monday 15th December 2025 - KSI Nativity (time to be confirmed)
- Tuesday 16th December 2025 - KSI Nativity (time to be confirmed)
- Wednesday 17th December 2025 - Christmas Dinner

2026

- Monday 5th January 2026 - INSET
- Wednesday 21st January 2026 - PINS - Masking Workshop (details to follow)
- Thursday 12th February 2026 - PINS Anxiety Workshop (details to follow)
- Thursday 26th February 2026 - Lego Competition
- Thursday 5th March 2026 - PINS Sensory Workshop (details to follow)
- Tuesday 17th March 2026 - Parents Evening
- Wednesday 18th March 2026 - Parents Evening
- Tuesday 24th March 2026 - Year 1 trip to Noah's Ark Zoo Farm (details to follow)
- Wednesday 10th June 2026 - Sports Day (times to be confirmed)
- Monday 15th June 2026 - Friday 14th June 2026 - Year 6 camp to Morfa Bay
- Monday 22nd June 2026 - Friday 26th June 2026 - Year 5 swimming
- Monday 24th June 2026 - Friday 3rd July 2026 - Year 5 swimming
- Wednesday 1st July 2026 - Year 6 Transition to Brimsham Green
- Thursday 2nd July 2026 - Year 6 Transition to Brimsham Green
- Friday 10th July 2026 - INSET
- Tuesday 14th July 2026 - Year 6 Play (time to be confirmed)
- Wednesday 15th July 2026 - Year 6 Play (time to be confirmed)
- Thursday 16th July 2026 - Year 6 Party (details to follow)
- Friday 17th July 2026 - Year 6 Leavers Assembly (details to follow)
- Monday 20th July 2026 - INSET
- Tuesday 21st July 2026 - INSET



- Workshops being held here at Abbotswood Primary School
- Thursday 13th November 2025 - Parent Engagement - 9am
 - Wednesday 21st January 2026 - Masking Workshop - 9am
 - Thursday 12th February 2026 - Anxiety Workshop - 9am
 - Thursday 5th March 2026 - Sensory Workshop - 9am



ABBOTSWOOD SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAIR

- RAFFLE
- REFRESHMENTS
- FACE PAINTS
- GAMES
- SWEET TREATS
- TOMBOLA

WEDNESDAY 10TH DEC 3.30PM - 5PM

A FREE EVENT FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY TO ENJOY