



# Newsletter 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025

Aim High, Believe and Achieve



Responsibility  
Empathy  
Sense of Pride  
Perseverance  
Enthusiasm  
Curiosity  
Teamwork

Dear Parents & Carers,

Merry Christmas! We have thoroughly enjoyed getting into the festive spirit here at school, and we hope that those of you who were able to join us for our Christmas performances felt that same sense of joy and celebration, despite the rather gloomy weather outside.

It is quite unbelievable that we are already approaching 2026, and this feels like a perfect moment to reflect on the successes of the past year — most notably, another very positive Ofsted visit. While Ofsted reports are not the most important measure of a school, they do provide valuable recognition of the wonderful work that happens here every day, much of which goes unseen. We are incredibly fortunate to have such a caring, dedicated and hardworking team at Abbotswood, who consistently strive to provide the very best for your children.

As the term comes to an end, we do need to say a couple of goodbyes. Our lovely Mrs Olsen in the office is moving on to pastures new. She has been a valued and much-loved member of the team and will be greatly missed — we wish her every success for the future. We also say a temporary farewell to our wonderful Miss James, our very own 'sunshine personified'. We are all so excited as she prepares to welcome her baby boy, and we will be sure to share any news with you when we can. We wish her lots of love and know she is going to make the very best mummy.

On a happier note, we are delighted to welcome Mrs Welsh back after Christmas. She will be sharing Otters class with Miss Griffiths for the remainder of the school year, and it will be lovely to have her back as part of the team.

Everyone here at Abbotswood would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas. We hope you have a restful and enjoyable break, and we look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.



Warm regards,  
Mrs Willoughby & Mr Cackle

## Safeguarding

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility so if you have any URGENT concerns during the holiday please contact the Access and Response Team (ART) on 01454 866000. Alternatively for non urgent concerns please email [parents@abbotswoodprimary.org.uk](mailto:parents@abbotswoodprimary.org.uk) This inbox will be checked regularly.

## Attendance

Target  
46%

Last Week  
42.7%

This Week  
41.6%

Monday 5<sup>th</sup>  
January 2026 is  
an INSET day



🎉 We've Won the Food & Nutrition Award! 🎉

We're excited to share that our school has achieved the Food and Nutrition Award — a fantastic recognition of our commitment to healthy eating and positive food culture!

The Health Promotion in Education Quality Assurance Panel was full of praise for our work, especially:

🥕 Great food education and our strong school food action group

🌱 Our thriving school garden with community involvement

🍏 Healthier breaktime snacks and a welcoming dining experience

👨👩👧 Parents joining us for lunch with pupils

🥜 Clear actions on allergies to keep everyone safe

They also celebrated our Food for Life and School Gardening Awards, showing how food and wellbeing are truly at the heart of our school.

A huge thank you to our pupils, staff, families and community — this award belongs to you all! ❤️

## *New contact details?*

Don't forget to update your details if you have moved house or changed your phone number recently. This can now be done via the new SIMs app. If you are having difficulties please contact the school office and we will try to help you.



# *AWARDS*

## *Learner of the Week*

Hedgehogs - Tyler  
Squirrels - Riley  
Foxes - Ethan  
Badgers - Leona  
Rabbits - Kashton  
Robins - Ben  
Deer - Arthur  
Bats - Kooper  
Woodpeckers - Isla F  
Otters - Rose  
Kingfishers - Adam R  
Falcons - Holly

## *Respect*

Hedgehogs - Penny  
Squirrels - Oakley  
Foxes - Reggie  
Badgers - Macey  
Rabbits - Kaila  
Robins - Kady  
Deer - Oliver  
Bats - Alaya  
Woodpeckers - Pippa  
Otters - Lily  
Kingfishers - Aurora  
Falcons - Ruby

## *Oracy*

Hedgehogs - Elizabeth  
Squirrels - Pearl  
Foxes - Carter  
Badgers - Archie  
Rabbits - Cruz  
Robins - Hannah  
Deer - Toby  
Bats - Renee  
Woodpeckers - Noah  
Otters - Trinitas  
Kingfishers - Kane  
Falcons - Tommy

## *Abbotswood Champion*

Bumblebees - TJ  
Ladybirds - Alfie  
Hedgehogs - Roxie  
Squirrels - Orla  
Foxes - Finley  
Badgers - Arlo  
Rabbits - Murphy  
Robins - Chester  
Deer - Freya E  
Bats - Oliver J  
Woodpeckers - Archie  
Otters - Simona  
Kingfishers - Hayden  
Falcons - Ivy





# Dates for your Diary

*\*Added since last newsletter*

2026

Monday 5th January 2026 - INSET

Friday 9th January 2026 - New Year Coffee Morning  
9am

Wednesday 14th January 2026 - Year 6 Sportshall  
Athletics - Yate Academy - 3pm

Wednesday 21st January 2026 - PINS - Masking  
Workshop

Thursday 12th February 2026 - PINS Anxiety  
Workshop

Thursday 26th February 2026 - Lego Competition

Thursday 26th February 2026 - Coffee Morning 9am

Thursday 5th March 2026 - PINS Sensory Workshop

Friday 6th March 2026 - Year 3 visit to the Quarry -  
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

Wednesday 6th May 2025 - Class photos

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 2025 - 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

## Tesco - MyClothing

Tesco are offering 10%  
discount on uniform  
until the end of the year

Code: 10MYC2025

Valid until: 31.12.2025

**ABBOTSWOOD**  
Primary school

## FOODBANK DONATIONS

Together, We Can Make a Difference

With the current cost of living crisis, the need for Foodbanks has escalated. Here at Abbotswood, we would like to help. This year instead of individual cards, if you are able, please donate an item for the Foodbank along with a card to The Abbotswood Family (optional) which will be displayed at school.

**What is needed urgently**

- Washing powder (small boxes)
- Washing up liquid
- Longlife UHT milk
- Fruit Juice
- Cooking sauces
- Savoury crackers
- Toilet rolls
- Male deodorant

**QEII, Yate proudly presents**

## junior parkrun

With thanks to

- Take part in a fun, free 2K event (kids 4-14)**  
All abilities welcome - run, walk, jog, hop, or skip!
- Give us your loudest cheer**  
Come along and clap and cheer everyone to the finish!
- Volunteer - be a high-viz hero**  
Help make the event happen - there's a role for everyone!

QEII Playing Fields, Yate BS37 8SY Sundays at 9AM (Coming Soon)

Want to volunteer at QEII junior parkrun?  
Scan the QR code or visit [tinyurl.com/jprqe2](http://tinyurl.com/jprqe2)



# Term Dates

<b>Term</b>	<b>Ends</b>	<b>Ends</b>
Term 1	Monday 1 September 2025	Friday 24 October 2025
Term 2	Monday 3 November 2025	Friday 19 December 2025
Term 3	Monday 5 January 2026	Friday 13 February 2026
Term 4	Monday 23 February 2026	Thursday 02 April 2026
Term 5	Monday 20 April 2026	Friday 22 May 2026
Term 6	Monday 1 June 2026	Tuesday 21 July 2026

<b>Term</b>	<b>Starts</b>	<b>Ends</b>
Term 1	Tuesday 1 September 2026	Friday 23 October 2026
Term 2	Monday 2 November 2026	Friday 18 December 2026
Term 3	Monday 4 January 2027	Friday 12 February 2027
Term 4	Monday 22 February 2027	Thursday 25 March 2027
Term 5	Monday 12 April 2027	Friday 28 May 2027
Term 6	Monday 7 June 2027	Wednesday 21 July 2027