

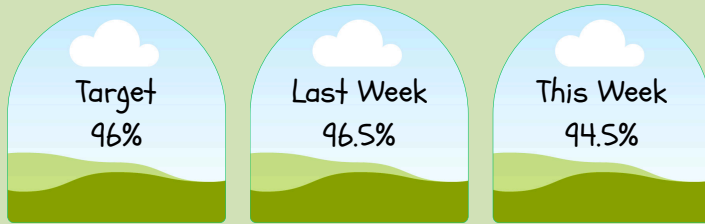
# Newsletter 16th January 2026

Aim High, Believe and Achieve



- Responsibility
- Empathy
- Sense of Pride
- Perseverance
- Enthusiasm
- Curiosity
- Teamwork

## Attendance



**ATTENDANCE MATTERS** ★

We know the importance of regular attendance in developing happy, engaged students that are achieving at school. It is a team effort to give our kids the best shot at life. Here's how you can help:

- Attempt to make non-urgent appointments outside of school time
- Refrain from booking holidays in term time
- Ensure students arrive on time
- Positive messaging around school - VALUE EDUCATION
- Talk with your child about the importance of being at school
- Ask for help if you need it
- ATTEND TODAY, ACHIEVE TOMORROW

## AWARDS

### Learner Of The Week

- Hedgehogs - Dominick
- Squirrels - Theo C
- Foxes - Alfred
- Badgers - Cody
- Rabbits - Sophie
- Robins - Taylor
- Deer - Corey
- Bats - Imogen
- Woodpeckers - Amelia M
- Otters - Mason
- Kingfishers - Ricardo
- Falcons - Marcus

### Respect Award

- Hedgehogs - Aurora
- Squirrels - Ayyub
- Foxes - Nathan
- Badgers - Elijah
- Rabbits - Tobenna
- Robins - Hannah
- Deer - Freddie
- Bats - Ezzy
- Woodpeckers - Noah
- Otters - Jasmine
- Kingfishers - Marleigh
- Falcons - Bailey

### Oracy

- Hedgehogs - Clara
- Squirrels - Alfie-Jay
- Foxes - Emelia D
- Badgers - Ethan
- Rabbits - Ollie
- Robins - Phoebe
- Deer - Foyin
- Bats - Grace
- Woodpeckers - Lola
- Otters - Lillie
- Kingfishers - Adam R
- Falcons - Eloise

## Forms

If you need to inform us of an absence you can find the relevant forms on our website under parents/attendance procedures/then either absence request or appointment request. These forms need to be completed prior to the absence.

# Abbotswood Primary Needs You!

## Join Our School Governing Board!

Are you passionate about education and making a difference in the community? Abbotswood is looking for committed individuals to join our Governing Board as School Governors.

### About the Role:

As a governor, you will play a key role in shaping the strategic direction of our school, ensuring we continue to offer high-quality education for all our students. Governors work closely with the headteacher and senior leadership team to set policies, manage school finances, and monitor performance.

### Key Responsibilities:

- Strategic Leadership: Help set the vision and strategic goals of the school.
- Accountability: Hold the senior leadership team to account for the educational performance of the school.
  - Financial Oversight: Ensure school resources are managed efficiently and effectively.
- Community Engagement: Act as a bridge between the school and the community, ensuring the voices of parents, staff, and the wider public are heard.

### What We're Looking For:

- No specific experience in education is required, but a passion for improving children's learning is essential.
  - Commitment to attending meetings and working collaboratively with fellow governors.
  - A willingness to engage with training and development opportunities.
- A variety of skills from different backgrounds (finance, HR, education, legal, marketing, etc.) would be beneficial but not required.

### Why Become a Governor?

- Make a Difference: Help improve outcomes for children in your community.
  - Develop New Skills: Gain valuable leadership experience.
- Meet New People: Join a team of like-minded individuals committed to positive change.

### Time Commitment:

Typically, governors attend termly meetings, with additional committees or working groups that may require extra time. Training and support will be provided to all new governors.

### How to Apply:

If you're ready to contribute to the success of our school and make a real difference, we'd love to hear from you! Please email [admin@abbotswoodprimary.org.uk](mailto:admin@abbotswoodprimary.org.uk) with a brief outline of why you're interested and any relevant experience.



## Dates for your Diary

*\*Added since last newsletter*  
2026

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2026 - Year 6 Sportshall Athletics - Yate Academy - 3pm

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2026 - Coffee Morning Drop In - Mental Health Week 9am - 10am

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2026 - Lego Competition

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2026 - Coffee Morning 9am

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2026 - Year 3 visit to the Quarry - details to follow

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2026 - Parents Evening

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2026 - Parents Evening

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2026 - Year 1 trip to Noah's Ark Zoo Farm

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2025 - Class photos

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2026 - Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2026 - Year 6 SATs

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2026 - Sports Day - KS1 9.30am and KS2 1pm

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2026 Picnic on the school field 12pm - 1pm - Everyone welcome

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2026 - Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2026 - Year 6 camp to Morfa Bay

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2026 - Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2026 - Year 5 swimming

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2026 - Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2026 - Year 5 swimming

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2026 - Year 6 Transition to Brimsham Green

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2026 - Year 6 Transition to Brimsham Green

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2025 - INSET

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2026 - Year 6 Play (time to be confirmed)

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2026 - Year 6 Play (time to be confirmed)

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2026 - Year 6 Party (details to follow)

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2026 - Year 6 Leavers Assembly (details to follow)

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2026 - INSET

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2026 - INSET



## Spare clothing

Thank you for the recent donations of spare clothes, socks, and pants. We now have sufficient supplies and won't be taking any more donations at this time. We appreciate your continued support.

## Sports Day

Please note Sports Day will now be on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2026 - this is a change to the date on previous newsletters. KS1 - 9.30am til 12pm Picnic lunch on the school field - Everyone welcome KS2 - 1pm til 3pm

## Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for a lunch break supervisor. If you would like to apply for this role please visit our website where you will find all the details and the application form.

future talent

MUSIC & ARTS

**BRISTOL CREATE DAY**

With Siobhan Clough

Sunday 8th February 2026  
10:30am - 3:30pm  
Future Talent & West of England Music and Arts

**SIGN UP HERE**

This Create Day will focus on Open Scores - a flexible, creative way of making music that welcomes all instruments and experience levels. Young musicians from Future Talent and WEMA will join together to explore ideas, experiment, meet new friends, and create new music as a group.

Trinity Academy,  
Romney Avenue  
Lockleaze  
Bristol  
BS7

# 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

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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