

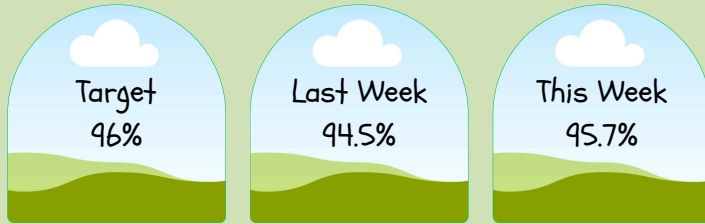
# Newsletter 23rd January 2026

Aim High, Believe and Achieve



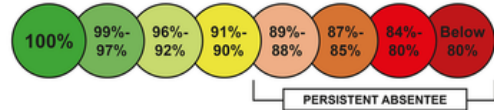
- Responsibility
- Empathy
- Sense of Pride
- Perseverance
- Enthusiasm
- Curiosity
- Teamwork

## Attendance



### ATTENDANCE MATTERS

On Time: First Time, Every Time



PERSISTENT ABSENTEE

Which CIRCLE are you in?

## AWARDS

### Learner Of The Week

- Hedgehogs - Dominick
- Squirrels - Leo B
- Foxes - Ronnie
- Badgers - Arlo
- Rabbits - Jaxton
- Robins - Mia
- Deer - Millie
- Bats - Rio
- Woodpeckers - Harrison
- Otters - Kai
- Kingfishers - Robyn
- Falcons - Jamie

### Respect Award

- Hedgehogs - Leon
- Squirrels - Paisley
- Foxes - Maggie
- Badgers - Arabella
- Rabbits - Reuben
- Robins - Oliver B
- Deer - Isla
- Bats - Kayla
- Woodpeckers - Ava S
- Otters - Minsa
- Kingfishers - Liana
- Falcons - Ari

### Oracy

- Hedgehogs - Rory
- Squirrels - Leo M
- Foxes - Alillya
- Badgers - Olivia
- Rabbits - Victor
- Robins - Chester
- Deer - Chinmay
- Bats - Edward
- Woodpeckers - Oscar
- Otters - Simona
- Kingfishers - Aurora
- Falcons - Fola

## 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.

## Lunchbreak Supervisor 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 support staff application form.



## 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

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026 - EYFS Travel Museum 2pm

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

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

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2026 - Abbotswood v Wick Girls Football Match

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2026 and Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2026 - Year 3 visit to the Quarry

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2026 and Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2026 Reception Screening

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 25<sup>th</sup> March 2026 - Year 5 trip to Caerleon - details to follow

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026 - Year 5 Easter Wonder Space at St Nicks

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2026 - Rocksteady Concert for parents of band members only 10am

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

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2026 - Year 6 It's Your Move at St. Nicks

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

### 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 followed by a picnic lunch on the school field - Everyone welcome KS2 - 1pm til 3pm



# 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