

Newsletter 30th January 2026

Aim High, Believe and Achieve



Responsibility
Empathy
Sense of Pride
Perseverance
Enthusiasm
Curiosity
Teamwork

Messages

When leaving a message on the absence line or sending an email regarding your child, please remember to include:

* Your child's first name AND surname

This is especially important if your surname is different from your child's.

* Their class

* If it's an email then please say who you would like it to be forwarded to.
Having all the necessary information helps us deal with messages more quickly.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Summer Menu

We would like to inform you that we will be moving to our summer menu from after the February half-term break.

The updated menu is available to view on our website. Please ensure that your child is aware of the menu choices available.

Lunchbreak Supervisor Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for a lunchbreak 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.

Breakfast Club and After School Club

Please can we remind all parents and carers that booking for breakfast club and after school club is essential. This applies to everyone including children in receipt of free school meals and those who pay by child care vouchers.

Term 4 Toast

If your child would like toast for Term 4 and you haven't already ordered please do so by Wednesday 11th February. We are unable to accept any orders after this date.

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 with a brief outline of why you're interested and any relevant experience.



Dates for your Diary

*Added since last newsletter

2026

Tuesday 10th February 2026 - Coffee Morning Drop In - Mental Health Week 9am - 10am

Wednesday 11th February 2026 - Year 5 Enquiry Exhibition - 2.45pm - KS2 Hall

Friday 13th February 2026 - EYFS Travel Museum 2pm

Thursday 26th February 2026 - Lego Competition

Thursday 26th February 2026 - Coffee Morning 9am

Monday 2nd March 2026 - Abbotswood v Wick Girls Football Match

Wednesday 4th March 2026 and Friday 6th March 2026 - Year 3 visit to the Quarry

Friday 6th March 2026 - Mother's Day Lunch for Bumblebees Class - 12pm

Monday 9th March 2026 and Tuesday 10th March 2026 Reception Screening

Friday 13th March 2026 - Mother's Day Lunch for Ladybirds Class - 12pm

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 25th March 2026 - Year 5 trip to Caerleon - details to follow

Friday 27th March 2026 - Year 5 Easter Wonder Space at St Nicks

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

Wednesday 6th May 2025 - Class photos

Monday 11th May 2026 - Thursday 14th May 2026 - Year 6 SATs

Wednesday 20th May 2026 - Sports Day - KS1 9.30am and KS2 1pm

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

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

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

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 - 11am - 12pm

Friday 17th July 2026 - Last day of term - school will finish at 12.15pm

Monday 20th July 2026 - INSET

Tuesday 21st July 2026 - INSET



AWARDS

Learner Of The Week

Hedgehogs - Xxavier
 Squirrels - Ollie
 Foxes - Arya
 Badgers - Jessie
 Rabbits - Imogen
 Robins - Kady
 Deer - Theo
 Bats - Hollie M
 Woodpeckers - Amelia D
 Otters - Zach
 Kingfishers - Sashah
 Falcons - Ruby

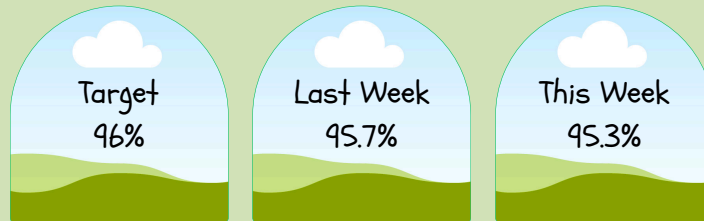
Respect Award

Hedgehogs - Kolby
 Squirrels - Harvey
 Foxes - Louie
 Badgers - Ellie
 Rabbits - Shakira
 Robins - Logan
 Deer - Freya
 Bats - Oliver
 Woodpeckers - Lola
 Otters - Piper
 Kingfishers - Albert
 Falcons - Amelia

Oracy

Hedgehogs - Isla
 Squirrels - Koda
 Foxes - Breyah
 Badgers - Matilda
 Rabbits - Charlie
 Robins - Ben
 Deer - Methula
 Bats - Lizah
 Woodpeckers - Pippa
 Otters - Oscar
 Kingfishers - Kane
 Falcons - Ivy

Attendance



ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

ATTENDANCE DURING ONE SCHOOL YEAR	EQUALS APPROXIMATE DAYS ABSENCE	WHICH IS APPROXIMATELY WEEKS ABSENCE	WHICH IS APPROXIMATELY LESSONS MISSED
95%	9 days	2 weeks	40 lessons
90%	19 days	4 weeks	80 lessons
85%	29 days	6 weeks	120 lessons
80%	38 days	8 weeks	160 lessons
75%	48 days	10 weeks	200 lessons
70%	57 days	11 ½ weeks	230 lessons
65%	67 days	13 ½ weeks	270 lessons