

Newsletter 13th February 2026

Aim High, Believe and Achieve



Responsibility
Empathy
Sense of Pride
Perseverance
Enthusiasm
Curiosity
Teamwork

Abbotswood Champion

Bumblebees - Marley
Ladybirds - Ayla
Hedgehogs - Davion
Squirrels - Toyyibat
Foxes - Paynton
Badgers - Leona
Rabbits - Max
Robins - Olivia W
Deer - Oliver S
Bats - Etta
Woodpeckers - Pippa
Otters - Lillie
Kingfishers - Heidi
Falcons - Ari

Red Nose Day

Friday 20th March 2026

This Red Nose Day, we're inviting all children to come to school dressed in something red in exchange for a £1 donation.

Mother's Day Lunch for Reception Classes

Unfortunately there was a typo in last weeks newsletter regarding the time of the Mother's Day Lunch. The correct time is 12.45pm.

Attendance

Target
96%

Last Week
94.4%





This Week
94.3%






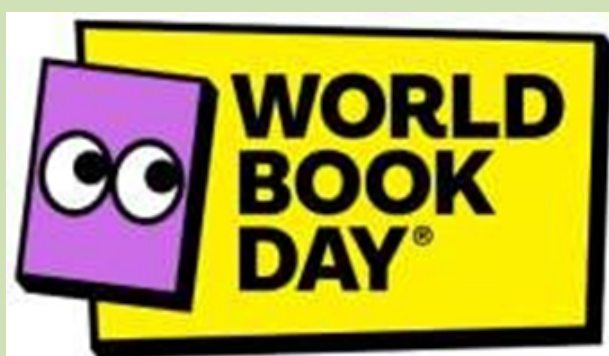
Summer Menu

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 and I have also added it below for your convenience. Please ensure that your child is aware of the menu choices available.

WC	February 23rd	March 9th, 23rd	April 20th	May 4th, 18th	June 8th, 22nd	July 6th, 20th
Week 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
Main course	Homemade thick crust Margherita pizza (v) Oodles of noodles topped with crispy nuggets (v)	Wild West brunch  Veggie power brunch	Roast turkey, Yorkshire pudding and gravy. Quorn roast. 	Bolognese Veggie bolognese	Fish fingers 	
Side 	Seasonal vegetables Salad	Oven baked hash browns Baked beans	Roast potatoes Seasonal vegetables	Spaghetti Seasonal vegetables	Chips Sweetcorn Beans Salad	
Jacket potato option	Jacket potato with cheese, tuna mayo, or cheese and coleslaw.	Jacket potato with cheese, tuna mayo, or cheese and coleslaw.	Jacket potato with cheese, tuna mayo, or cheese and coleslaw.	Jacket potato with cheese, tuna mayo, or cheese and coleslaw.	Jacket potato with cheese, tuna mayo, or cheese and coleslaw.	
Dessert	Cherry shortbread	Ice Cream	Jelly with fruit	Flapjack	Apple cupcake	

WC	March 2nd, 16th, 30th	April 27th	May 11th,	June 1st, 15th, 29th	July 13th
Week 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main course	Pizza pasta (veg) Taco (v)	Beef Burger in a bun Southern fried Veggie burger	Roast gammon, gravy and stuffing.  Quorn roast (v/veg)	Tasty chicken korma Vegetable korma	Fish fingers  Quiche
Side 	Garlic bread Seasonal vegetables Salad	Seasonal vegetables	Roast potatoes Seasonal vegetables	Rice Seasonal vegetables	Chips Beans Seasonal vegetables
Jacket potato option	Jacket potato with cheese, tuna mayo, or cheese and coleslaw.	Jacket potato with cheese, tuna mayo, or cheese and coleslaw.	Jacket potato with cheese, tuna mayo, or cheese and coleslaw.	Jacket potato with cheese, tuna mayo, or cheese and coleslaw.	Jacket potato with cheese, tuna mayo, or cheese and coleslaw.
Dessert	Cocoa and pear cake	Strawberry swirl cheesecake	Ice cream and peaches	Chocolate beetroot brownie	Ice lolly



'Wear A Word' for World Book Day 2026

This year, World Book Day takes place on Thursday 5th March.

As books are bursting with brilliant words, we are turning the day into a celebration of vocabulary by inviting all staff and children to come to school dressed as a word of their choice!

This could be a favourite word, a new word discovered through reading, a technical word, or maybe an unusual descriptive word. We are hoping to see many rich words that will help grow our vocabulary – perhaps even words our teachers don't know yet!

The only rules are:

- Be creative, but use what you've got
- The chosen written word must be clearly shown on the outfit (for example on a label, card, or badge).
- Children should be able to explain what their word means.

Throughout the day, children will complete some exciting word-inspired activities using their chosen words. They will also take part in a Vocabulary Parade, where they can proudly show off their word and outfit! If you search online for "Vocabulary Parade" you'll find lots of inspiration to get you thinking.

In the next few weeks, your child will also receive a £1 World Book Day Book Token, which can be used in most supermarkets to buy one of the yearly World Book Day books.

So, grab your dictionaries (or go online!), unleash your imagination, and let's make this year's Vocabulary Parade an extraordinary one!

Kind regards,

Mrs Winstone (Reading Lead) and the Abbotswood Team



As part of our OPAL project, launching after Easter:

All children will need to have wellies to use for outdoor play in wet weather if they want to go on the field.

What are LOOSE PARTS?

Loose parts are items that can be used to facilitate different kinds of play, or any material that a child can manipulate for playful purposes.

Natural Loose Parts



Upcycled Loose Parts



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.

Appointments and Absences

If you need to request an absence, please click on the Parent tab and then select Attendance Procedures to access the relevant forms.

For a medical appointment, complete the Appointment Request Form and attach the letter or text message confirming the appointment.

To request a holiday, please complete the Absence Request Form. If you experience any difficulties completing either form, you may still email

parents@abbotswoodprimary.org.uk

Lost Property

We currently have a significant amount of lost property at the office with no names on it. Please label all of your child's belongings to help us return items to their rightful owner.

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.



Tesco have an offer on this weekend only

Offer: Save 20% on all orders*

Date: 13 Feb - 15 Feb

Code: LOVE20

Link: myclothing.com/discount/LOVE20



Dates for your Diary

*Added since last newsletter

2026

Monday 23rd February 2026 – Year 6 Visit to Wapley Woods

Thursday 26th February 2026 – Lego Competition

Thursday 26th February 2026 – Coffee Morning 9am

Friday 27th February 2026 – Year 2 Cake Sale

Monday 2nd March 2026 – Morfa Bay Meeting – KS2 Hall – 3.30pm

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

Tuesday 3rd March 2026 – Abbotswood v St Michaels Boys Football Match

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

Thursday 5th March 2026 – World Book Day

Friday 6th March 2026 – Mother's Day Lunch for Bumblebees Class – 12.45pm

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

Tuesday 10th March 2026 – Abbotswood v Manorbrook Boys Football Match

Friday 13th March 2026 – Mother's Day Lunch for Ladybirds Class – 12.45pm

Tuesday 17th March 2026 – Parents Evening

Wednesday 18th March 2026 – Parents Evening

Friday 20th March 2026 – Red Nose Day – (please wear red for a minimum donation of £1)

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

Monday 30th March 2026 – Abbotswood v Bailey's Court Boys Football Match

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 19th 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 29th 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

Thursday 4th July 2026 – Year 6 Party – 5pm til 7.30pm – PLEASE NOTE THIS IS A CHANGE TO THE DATE PREVIOUSLY ADVERTISED

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)

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



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.

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.