

Newsletter 27th February 2026

Aim High, Believe and Achieve



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

Changes to Breakfast Club and After School Club

Dear Parents/Carers

We are writing to inform you of a few important updates regarding our Breakfast Club, After School Club and Sports Clubs.

Pupil Premium Charges

Please note that following the Half Term break, Breakfast Club, After School Club and Bristol Sports Clubs now have different charges for pupils entitled to Pupil Premium.

For families who are entitled to Pupil Premium (Free School Meals), all of these sessions will now be charged at 50% of the usual fee (£2 for Breakfast Club & £5.50 for After School Club).

We kindly ask that, where possible, all clubs are booked online in advance. This helps us to accurately predict numbers and ensure appropriate staffing and resources.

Breakfast Club Updates

Breakfast Club will provide the following each morning:

- Toast
- Cereal
- Juice
- Milk
- Water

Breakfast will be served between 7:45am and 8:15am only, so please ensure your child arrives by 8:15am at the latest.

From 8:20am, KS1 children will move to the KS1 hall to take part in fun activities, while KS2 children will remain in the KS2 hall as usual.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation. If you have any questions about these changes or bookings, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Mrs Willoughby and Mr Cockle



Attendance

Target
96%

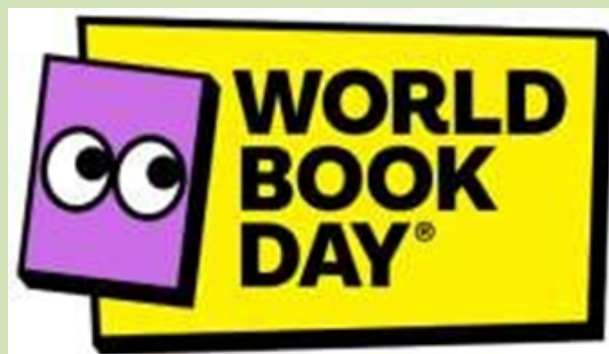
Last Week
94.3%

This Week
95.9%

ATTENDANCE MATTERS		WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO ATTEND EVERY DAY?
100%	Perfection!	Communication is key! To ensure that students are receiving the best care and support, whilst setting high expectations for all students, we believe that clear communication between home and school is important. We work with home to ensure that students attend school.
95%	Good. This equates to 9 missed school days during the academic year.	
94%	Nearly there. This equates to 11 missed school days during the academic year.	
91%	Need for improvement. This equates to 17 missed school days during the academic year.	

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 swit 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

Acorns	Grass	Leaves	Logs	Pine Cones	Rain & Water	Sand
Snow	Shells	Soil	Sticks	Stones	Wild Flowers	Wood Cookies

Upcycled Loose Parts

Baking Pans	Cake Moulds	Ice Cube Trays	Kitchen Tools	Measuring Spoons	Pots & Pans	Strainers
Baskets	Cable Spools	Cardboard Items	Cones	Containers	Corrugated Pipes	Dress-Up Items
Fabric	Funnels	Milk Crates	Nets	Old Electronics	Pool Noodles	PVC Pipes
Rolling Carriers	Ropes	Shovels & Spades	Sinks & Tubs	Tarps	Tires & Wheels	Wooden Planks

Loose Parts

If you have any of the things in the poster opposite and would like to donate them to school we would be very happy to accept them. Please hand them in to your child's class teacher or the office.

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.



Dates for your Diary

*Added since last newsletter
2026

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

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)

Monday 23rd March 2026 - Abbotswood v Wick Girls Football Match - This is a change to the previous date

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 1st April 2026 - Choir Performance 2pm

Thursday 23rd April 2026 - Year 2 trip to SS Great Britain

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

Thursday 21st May 2026 - Year 4 trip to We The Curious - details to follow

Induction Evening for Parents of children starting school in September 2026 - 5.30pm - Letters will be sent out by the end of Term 4

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

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



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.