

ABBOTSWOOD NEWSLETTER

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UPCOMING EVENTS

2026

- **THE WIZARD OF OZ - M&M PRODUCTIONS**
- FRIDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER 2026
- **OPAL BEACH PARTY**
- FRIDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER 2026
- **INDIVIDUAL PHOTOS**
- FRIDAY 2ND OCTOBER 2026
- **HARVEST ASSEMBLY**
- MONDAY 5TH OCTOBER
- **YEAR 5 EXPLORER DOME**
- FRIDAY 9TH OCTOBER 2026
- **EYFS CLASS MUSEUM**
- WEDNESDAY 21ST OCTOBER 2026 AT 2PM
- **EYFS - HOW TO SUPPORT MY CHILD WITH EARLY READING**
- WEDNESDAY 21ST OCTOBER 2026 AT 2.30PM
- **FLU IMMUNISATIONS**
- WEDNESDAY 11TH NOVEMBER 2026
- **PARENTS EVENING**
- WEDNESDAY 11TH NOVEMBER 2026
- **PARENTS EVENING**
- THURSDAY 12TH NOVEMBER 2026
- * **RECEPTION NATIVITY**
- * FRIDAY 11 DECEMBER 2026 AT 2PM
- **KS1 NATIVITY**
- MONDAY 14TH DECEMBER 2026 AT 9.30AM
- **KS1 NATIVITY**
- TUESDAY 15TH DECEMBER 2026 AT 2PM
- **CHRISTMAS DINNER**
- WEDNESDAY 16TH DECEMBER 2026
- **CHRISTMAS FAIR**
- WEDNESDAY 16TH DECEMBER 2026 3.30PM TIL 5.30PM

SHARED EXPECTATIONS

You should have received an email with a leaflet attached at the beginning of term regarding our shared expectations. If you haven't had this email please contact the school office who will provide you with a paper copy.

FLU VACCINATION PROGRAMME

We are offering your child (Reception to Year 6) a free flu vaccine at school on Wednesday 11th November. Please complete the consent form as soon as possible:

<https://imms.sirona-cic.org.uk/flu/2026/consent?v=3>

HARVEST

Our harvest service will be on Oct 5th and we are asking for the following donations to be sent in by parents on this day.

- Tinned fruit or tinned tomatoes
- Microwave rice or tinned meat
- UHT Milk/ a box of cereal
- Juice cartons/ squash
- Tinned desserts
- Tinned vegetables
- Washing up liquid
- Laundry detergent (small box)

The collection is for North Bristol and South Gloucestershire Food Bank.



Is your child starting school in September 2027?
Come and see Abbotswood Primary School. Meet the team. See the school in action and get a feel for our 'exciting place to learn' (Ofsted)

We have planned tours on:

- Thursday 15th October 2026
- Wednesday 21st October 2026
- Tuesday 10th November 2026
- Tuesday 17th November 2026
- Thursday 26th November 2026
- Tuesday 1st December 2026

(Tours will run at 9.30 & 10.30 on each of the mornings)

Although we'd love you to see the school in action, we do understand that it may not work for some so we also have:

Saturday 18th November @ 9.30

Call 01454 867777 or email admin@abbotswoodprimary.org.uk to book your place. Booking is essential.




Thornbury Area Youth Music
Musical activities for children aged 4-18

Come to TAYM open mornings to find out about Music Tuition and Ensembles



Try out instruments, meet tutors, discover your sound - everyone's welcome!

Saturday, 5th September 9:30-11:30am and Saturday, 12th September 9:30-11:00am
At Manorbrook Primary School, Thornbury, BS35 1JW

Saturday morning classes include:
Foundation Class (Reception-Year 1/2)
Musical activities through singing and recorder
Let's Play Scheme (Year 2+)
Flute, clarinet, jazz, concert, piano, violin, cello
Orchestra (Grades 1-8)
Choir, theory, chamber ensembles

For more information: www.thornburyareayouthmusic.org



AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Our after school clubs are designed with an emphasis on fun. With a variety of sports clubs delivered throughout the evening, we have the perfect opportunity for your children to be active and to fall in love with sport.

Abbotswood Term 5 - 3:15 - 4:15

- Monday (14/09/26) - 16/10/26
Y1 & Y2 - Tag Rugby 18 spaces
Y3 to Y6 - Tag Rugby 18 spaces
- Tuesday (15/09/26) - 20/10/26
Y1 & Y2 - Operatives 18 spaces
Y3 to Y6 - Football 18 spaces
- Thursday (17/09/26) - 22/10/26
Y1 & Y2 - Dodgeball 18 spaces
Y3 to Y6 - Dodgeball 18 spaces

£22.50 in total 6 weeks (£3.75 per person, per session)
Children who attend Pupil Premium funding are eligible for a 50% discount. Please contact the office to receive the discount code.

For more information please email after-school@bristol.gov.uk or visit www.bristol.gov.uk/after-school

TO BOOK: 

<https://bristol.gov.uk/after-school> 0117 963 9663

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UPCOMING EVENTS 2027

- **INSET**
- MONDAY 4TH JANUARY 2027
- **PARENTS EVENING**
- TUESDAY 23RD MARCH 2027
- **PARENTS EVENING**
- WEDNESDAY 24TH MARCH 2027
- **INSET**
- MONDAY 12TH APRIL 2027
- **YEAR 1 TRIP TO NOAHS ARK – details to follow**
- THURSDAY 15TH APRIL 2027
- **YEAR 6 SATS**
- MONDAY 10TH MAY 2027 – THURSDAY 13TH MAY 2027
- **YEAR 6 CAMP**
- MONDAY 14TH JUNE 2027 – FRIDAY 18TH JUNE 2027
- **SPORTS WEEK**
- MONDAY 21ST JUNE 2027 – FRIDAY 25TH JUNE 2027
- **YEAR 5 SWIMMING CLASS TO BE DECIDED**
- MONDAY 21ST JUNE 2027 – FRIDAY 25TH JUNE 2027
- **SPORTS WEEK**
- MONDAY 21ST JUNE 2027 – FRIDAY 25TH JUNE 2027
- **SPORTS DAY**
- KS2 AT 9AM
- PICNIC LUNCH 12PM TIL 1PM
- KS1 AT 1PM
- FRIDAY 25TH JUNE 2027
- **YEAR 5 SWIMMING CLASS TO BE DECIDED**
- MONDAY 28TH JUNE 2027 – FRIDAY 2ND JULY 2027
- **SUMMER FAIR**
- WEDNESDAY 7TH JULY 2027 3.30PM TIL 5.30PM
- **YEAR 6 PLAY**
- TUESDAY 13TH JULY 2027 AT 2PM
- **YEAR 6 LEAVERS PARTY**
- THURSDAY 15TH JULY 2027 AT 5.30PM TIL 7.30PM
- **YEAR 6 LEAVERS ASSEMBLY**
- FRIDAY 16TH JULY 2027 AT 11AM
- **INSET**
- MONDAY 19TH JULY 2027
- **INSET**
- TUESDAY 20TH JULY 2027
- **INSET**
- WEDNESDAY 21ST JULY 2027

OPAL

As part of our OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) Project, we are excited to be expanding opportunities for children to play and learn across all areas of our school grounds.

To support this, all children will need a pair of wellington boots (wellies) in school from Monday 14th September. Having wellies available will allow children to continue enjoying the field and other natural play areas during wet weather, rather than being restricted to the concrete playground areas.

Outdoor play is an important part of children's development and wellbeing, and access to our wider school grounds provides opportunities for exploration, creativity, physical activity and social interaction throughout the year. Wellies will not only enable children to access all areas of the school grounds during wet weather, but will also help us protect our classroom carpets and keep indoor areas cleaner and safer.

We would be grateful for your support in ensuring that your child has a pair of named wellies in school by Monday 14th September. Please note that when the field and mud areas are wet, children who do not have wellies in school will not be permitted to use these areas for health and safety reasons and to help us maintain the condition of the school environment.

CAN YOU HELP US BUILD OUR OPAL PLAY AREAS?

We're expanding our OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) opportunities at Abbotswood Primary School, creating more exciting spaces for our children to explore, imagine, build, create and, most importantly, play! ❤️

We're currently developing our new sand and mud play areas, as well as our 'On Wheels' area, and we'd love to give them a little boost with some pre-loved items from our wonderful school and local community. 🗑️🚧

Do you have any of the following sitting unused at home?

-  Bike helmets
-  Scooter helmets
-  Scooters for our 'On Wheels' area
-  Buckets and spades
-  Sand toys and moulds
-  Toy diggers and construction vehicles
-  Other suitable sand, mud or outdoor play equipment

If they're clean, safe and still have plenty of play left in them, we'd love to give them a new home at school! 🤗

So, if you're having a clear-out, please think of us before heading to the tip or charity shop. Your old toys and equipment could become part of hours of imaginative, active outdoor play for our children!

📍 Donations can be brought into Abbotswood Primary School.

Thank you to our amazing families and local community for helping us make our OPAL provision bigger, better and even more exciting! ❤️

#AbbotswoodPrimary #OPAL #OutdoorPlayAndLearning #SchoolCommunity #PlayMatters

AWARDS

LEARNER OF THE WEEK

Hedgehogs – Marley
Squirrels – Louisa
Foxes – Noah
Badgers – Lucy P
Rabbits – Arlo
Robins – Frank
Deer – Olivia W
Bats – Sophie
Woodpeckers – Arthur
Otters – Freya
Kingfishers – Simona
Falcons – Harper

RESPECT AWARD

Hedgehogs – Ethan
Squirrels – Maya
Foxes – Connor
Badgers – Elsie
Rabbits – Hope
Robins – Amelia P
Deer – Azeena
Bats – Esme
Woodpeckers – Esme
Otters – Oliver
Kingfishers – Garik
Falcons – Evie

LEARNER OF THE WEEK

Hedgehogs – Lily
Squirrels – Lexi
Foxes – Penny
Badgers – Arthur
Rabbits – Ruby
Robins – Nathan
Deer – Tobenna
Bats – Timothy
Woodpeckers – Charlie
Otters – Methula
Kingfishers – Lily
Falcons – Noah

EYFS WISH LIST

If you have any of the following items that you no longer need, the Reception Team are happy to take them off your hands. We are looking for.....

CONSTRUCTION & SMALL WORLD

Wooden blocks / building blocks
LEGO / DUPLO
Magnetic tiles
Wooden train sets and tracks
Construction vehicles
Animals (farm, jungle, dinosaurs, sea animals)
People/figures for small-world play
Cars, buses and emergency vehicles
Road mats / play carpets
Wooden building sets

ROLE PLAY

Dolls and babies
Dolls' clothes, blankets and accessories
Toy kitchen equipment – pots, pans, utensils, plates, cups
Toy food
Shopping baskets and reusable shopping bags
Doctors/nurses role-play equipment
Hairdresser/barber accessories
Tool sets
Handbags, purses and wallets
Telephones
Dressing-up clothes, hats, shoes and accessories
Old clean keyboards, calculators, phones etc. for pretend office/shop play

CREATIVE

Playdough tools
Stamps and stampers
Washable ink pads
Craft materials – ribbon, wool, fabric scraps, buttons, cardboard tubes, paper/card

PUZZLES & GAMES

Wooden inset puzzles
Jigsaw puzzles (roughly 12–36 pieces)
Matching games
Memory games
Simple board games
Threading/lacing sets

Please drop them into the school office or give them to the Reception teachers.

ECO-SCHOOLS

We Did It! Eco-Schools Green Flag Award Achieved

We are absolutely delighted to announce that our school has been awarded the prestigious Eco-Schools Green Flag!

This internationally recognised award is a testament to the hard work, passion and commitment of our entire school community – from our fantastic Eco-Committee and Mrs Welsh, to our pupils who have supported our green initiatives.

Over the past year, we have been working hard on our three focus areas to make our school more sustainable, and this award recognises that effort. Thank you to everyone who helped us on our journey to becoming a greener school.

We are so proud!



SCHOOL GAMES

"The School Games mark is a government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into their community."

A big thank you to our parents and carers for your continued support with sports events.

