

ABBOTSWOOD NEWSLETTER

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UPCOMING EVENTS 2026

- **GIRLS FOOTBALL AT MARLWOOD SECONDARY SCHOOL**
- WEDNESDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER 2026
- **INDIVIDUAL PHOTOS**
- FRIDAY 2ND OCTOBER 2026
- **HARVEST ASSEMBLY**
- MONDAY 5TH OCTOBER 2026
- **YEAR 3 PUPPET WORKSHOP – DETAILS TO FOLLOW**
- TUESDAY 6TH OCTOBER 2026
- **YEAR 5 EXPLORER DOME – DETAILS TO FOLLOW**
- FRIDAY 9TH OCTOBER 2026
- **GIRLS FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT**
- TUESDAY 13TH 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
- **MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM COFFEE MORNING**
- MONDAY 9TH NOVEMBER 2026
- **FLU IMMUNISATIONS**
- WEDNESDAY 11TH NOVEMBER 2026
- **PARENTS EVENING**
- WEDNESDAY 11TH NOVEMBER 2026
- **PARENTS EVENING**
- THURSDAY 12TH NOVEMBER 2026
- **OPAL BEACH PARTY**
- WEDNESDAY 18TH NOVEMBER 2026
- **ROCKSTEADY CONCERT FOR PARENTS OF BAND MEMBERS ONLY**
- MONDAY 7TH DECEMBER 2026 AT 10AM
- * **RECEPTION NATIVITY**
- * FRIDAY 11 DECEMBER 2026 AT 2P
- **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

PEDAL MORE

STRESS LESS

Take a step (or pedal) in the right direction and join Cycle to School Week, 05–09 October 2026! Cycling keeps you active—boosting your mood and reducing stress. Making you feel better in the classroom. cycletoschoolweek.co.uk

Supported by **NatWest Rooster Money**

CYCLE TO SCHOOL WEEK 2026

Cycle to School Week is here! (5–9th October)

We're encouraging all children to take part by walking, cycling or scootering to school where possible. It's a great way to stay active, build confidence and help the environment.

If you live too far away to cycle or scooter the whole journey, you can also Park and Ride by parking a little further from school and walking, scootering or cycling the rest of the way.

To make it even more exciting, we'll be running a class competition throughout the week to see which class can have the most children travelling actively to school. Every child who walks, cycles, scooters or Park and Rides will help earn points for their class!

Whether your child travels actively for the whole journey or just part of it, we'd love to see as many children getting involved as possible. Please remember to wear a helmet and stay safe on the journey to and from school.

Thank you for supporting Cycle to School Week!

UPCOMING EVENTS 2027

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 |
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AWARDS

LEARNER OF THE WEEK

Hedgehogs – Maggie
 Squirrels – Arlo
 Foxes – Jack
 Badgers – Marcia
 Rabbits – Brian
 Robins – Liam
 Deer – Max
 Bats – Millie
 Woodpeckers – Lily-Mae
 Otters – Chandler
 Kingfishers – Harrison
 Falcons – Charlotte

RESPECT AWARD

Hedgehogs – Lacie-Jo
 Squirrels – Roman
 Foxes – Xxavier
 Badgers – Leo M
 Rabbits – Leona
 Robins – Kylee
 Deer – Murphy
 Bats – Liam
 Woodpeckers – Eleanor
 Otters – Grace
 Kingfishers – Jasmine
 Falcons – Zachary

ORACY

Hedgehogs – Elise
 Squirrels – Isabella
 Foxes – Rory
 Badgers – Eli
 Rabbits –
 Robins – Paynton
 Deer – Ollie J
 Bats –
 Woodpeckers – Ella
 Otters – Corey
 Kingfishers –
 Falcons –

THE BEACH IS COMING TO ABBOTSWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL



Our School Beach is Taking Shape!

A huge thank you to Evelyn and Jackson's Grandad, who has been absolutely amazing in helping us complete the first phase of our school beach project!

He has generously given his time to collect an incredible 14 tonnes of sand, kindly donated by Yate Shopping Centre. Last Friday, he went even further by digging our giant beach area, laying the liner and then filling it with all 14 tonnes of sand. What an incredible effort!

Our new beach is going to be another fantastic addition to our OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) project, giving the children even more exciting opportunities to play, explore, be creative and enjoy their lunchtimes. The children are already so excited to see the beach taking shape!

The final phase will now involve grass seeding the surrounding area, before adding beach toys, equipment and seating to really bring our school beach to life.

We are incredibly grateful to Evelyn and Jackson's Grandad for all his hard work and to Yate Shopping Centre for their very generous donation of sand.

We cannot wait to see the finished beach and, most importantly, to see our children enjoying it!



Watch this space... our very own Abbotswood beach is coming soon!



GIRLS TAG RUGBY FESTIVAL

Year 5 & 6 Girls' Tag Rugby Festival
On Wednesday

Our Year 5 and 6 girls had a fantastic opportunity to attend a Girls' Tag Rugby Festival at Yate Academy.

The girls played three games against other local schools and had a brilliant time developing their rugby skills. As the festival progressed, they grew in confidence and started to remember and apply the rules of tag rugby during their matches. It was wonderful to see the excitement on their faces when they scored tries, successfully tagged the opposition and worked together as a team. Every player showed fantastic effort, teamwork and respect throughout the event, representing our school brilliantly.

We are incredibly proud of all the girls who took part. A huge well done to everyone!

A big thank you also goes to Mr Cockle and Mr Jelf for accompanying and supporting the girls at the festival.



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:

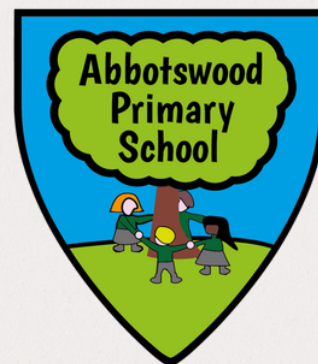
- Thursday 15th October 2026
- Wednesday 21st October 2026
- Tuesday 10th November 2026
- Tuesday 17th November 2026
- Thursday 26th November 2026
- Tuesday 1st December 2026

(Tours will run at 9.30 & 11.30 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 14th November @ 9.30

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



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THERE ARE 3 WAYS YOUR CHILD CAN GET FREE SCHOOL MEALS

- 1 Targeted Free School Meals (NSRF from September 2025)**
Who gets it? Children whose families receive Universal Credit with annual household earnings of £7,400 or less and certain benefits. If eligible, your child will receive free school meals throughout their school and further education up to age 19, extra funding to support your child's education and access to our Holiday Activities and Food programme. You need to apply and eligibility will be checked regularly.
- 2 Expanded Free School Meals (NSRF from September 2025)**
Who gets it? From September 2026, children in households receiving Universal Credit, with annual household earnings exceeding £7,400 and some other qualifying benefits will be entitled to free school meals throughout their school and further education up to age 19. You need to apply, and annual eligibility checks will be made.
- 3 Universal Infant Free School Meals (UFSM)**
Who gets it? All children in Reception, Year 1 and 2. Every child gets a free meal automatically. Families who receive Universal Credit with children in reception, year 1 and year 2 should still apply for benefits-based free school meals because, if eligible, your child's school could qualify for extra funding to support their education (Pupil Premium) and funded places on our Holiday Activities and Food programme.

www.southglos.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

ENTITLEMENTS	Targeted free school meals	Expanded free school meals	Universal infant free school meals
A meal in school through Key Stage 1	✓	✓	✓
A meal in school through Key Stage 2	✓	✓	✓
A meal in school through Key Stage 3 (up to the age of 16)	✓	✓	✗
Access to Holiday Activities and Food programme	✓	✗	✗
Pupil Premium to support your child's education	✓	✗	✗

Full details of eligibility for Universal Credit and benefits-related free school meals are available on our website.

WHY APPLY?
Even if your child gets meals in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2:

- You could unlock extra support for your child
- Schools receive extra funding
- You may get help during school holidays

APPLY TODAY

www.southglos.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals