ABBOTSWOOD NEWSLETTER

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AWARDS

LEARNER OF THE WEEK

Hedgehogs - TJ
Squirrels - Roman
Foxes - Joey
Badgers - Ashleigh
Rabbits - Matilda
Robins - Alfred
Deer - Riley
Bats - Oliver B
Woodpeckers - Thomas
Otters - Freya
Kingfishers - Ryan
Falcons - Ashley

RESPECT

Hedgehogs - Ayla
Squirrels - JJ
Foxes - Cilek
Badgers - Alma
Rabbits - Ruby
Robins - Ronnie
Deer - Edie
Bats - Quinn
Woodpeckers - Millie
Otters - Isla
Kingfishers - Isla
Falcons - Alex

ORACY

Hedgehogs - Millie-Rae
Squirrels - Lexie
Foxes - Sam
Badgers - Damir
Rabbits - Olivia
Robins - Reggie
Deer - Shakira
Bats - Tim
Woodpeckers - Harvey W
Otters - Kingsley
Kingfishers - Garik
Falcons - Mason



FOXES HATS

Foxes Class were incredibly lucky to receive a very special gift this week – their very own hand-knitted hats! Each child designed their own unique hat, which Miss Jones' mum kindly brought to life using her stash of wool. The children were absolutely delighted with their finished creations and couldn't wait to try them on. A huge thank you to Miss Jones' mum for such a thoughtful and generous gift!









IMPORTANT

SCHOOL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM UPDATE

We are excited to let you know that the school is moving to a new Management Information System (MIS), Arbor, which will help us improve the way we manage information and communicate with families.
As we make this transition, you may notice some changes to our usual communications. There may be a few adjustments along the way while the new system is being set up and refined, so we would be grateful for your patience and understanding during this period. Further information will follow.

Email address for parent enquiries
Please note that all parent emails should now be sent to:
parents@abbotswoodprimary.org.uk
We will no longer have access to emails sent to:
8032008@sims-communications.co.uk
To ensure your message reaches us, please update your records and use the parents email address for all future correspondence.

School payments
We will also be moving our payment system to the new platform in due course. However, this change has not yet taken place. For the time being, payments for school dinners, Breakfast Club and After School Club should continue to be made through School Money as normal.
We will provide further information and clear guidance before any changes to payment arrangements are introduced.

Thank you for your support as we make this important change. We are confident that the new system will bring long-term benefits for both the school and our families. In the meantime, please bear with us as we get everything up and running smoothly.



Golden Lock Cycling and Scooting Challenge

We are delighted to be taking part in the Golden Lock Challenge this term, a fun and exciting initiative designed to encourage more children to cycle or scoot to school and experience the many benefits of active travel. Cycling and scooting to school help children stay active, develop healthy habits, improve their wellbeing, and reduce congestion around the school gates. To make active travel even more enjoyable, children who cycle or scoot to school will have the chance to win prizes through our Golden Lock competition.

How does the competition work?

Each day, a member of staff will randomly place:
A Golden Bike Lock on one bicycle, and
A Golden Scooter Lock on one scooter.
At the end of the school day, the children whose bike or scooter has been selected will receive a prize.
What can children win?
On four days each week, winners will receive a smaller prize.
On one day each week, winners will receive a larger prize.
To give all children an equal chance of winning, the day on which the larger prize is awarded will change each week.

Taking Part

Taking part is easy:
Cycle or scoot to school.
Park safely in the designated bike or scooter storage area.
Check at the end of the day to see whether your bike or scooter has been chosen for the Golden Lock prize.

Measuring Our Success

Before launching the challenge, we will carry out a count of the number of children currently cycling and scooting to school. Throughout the competition, pupils will help us monitor participation so we can celebrate the impact of the initiative and see how many more children choose to travel actively.

How You Can Help

We would love your support in encouraging your child to cycle or scoot to school whenever possible. Together, we can help create healthier lifestyles, reduce traffic around school, and promote a more sustainable way of travelling.

Please ensure that:

Bikes and scooters are in good working condition.
Children wear an appropriate helmet when cycling or scooting.
All children follow road safety rules and travel responsibly.

We look forward to seeing lots of children taking part and discovering just how enjoyable active travel can be.

Thank you for your continued support.

🚲 CAN YOU HELP MAKE OUR 'ON WHEELS' AREA ACCESSIBLE TO EVERYONE? 🛴

Our OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) provision is growing, and we want to make sure that every child can get involved, have fun and enjoy even more of our fantastic outdoor play opportunities! 💚

We're looking for donations of bike and scooter helmets suitable for children aged 8–11.

Our 'On Wheels' area is a popular place for children to develop their confidence, enjoy being active and have fun with their friends and we want our older children to enjoy it as much as our younger ones. 🥰

💚 Do you have any helmets at home that are no longer needed?

🚲 Bike helmets
🛴 Scooter helmets

We're looking for helmets that:

Are suitable for children aged 8–11

Are clean and in good condition

Have no cracks or damage

Have working straps and fastenings

If you have one tucked away in a cupboard or garage, we'd love to give it a new lease of life at school!

📍 Donations can be dropped into the office or given to your child's class teacher.

Every donation will help us make our 'On Wheels' area more inclusive, so that all our children have the opportunity to join in, get moving and enjoy playtime. 💚

Thank you, as always, for your amazing support!

Reminders

- Please be mindful when parking in Kelston Close as residents need access to their driveways.
- Bikes, scooters and balance bikes are not to be ridden anywhere on school grounds.
- Proof of medical appointments MUST show your child's name.







UPCOMING EVENTS 2026

- **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

- **ODD SOCKS DAY**
- MONDAY 16TH NOVEMBER 2026

- **GIRLS FOOTBALL V ST JOHNS MEAD (H)**
- TUESDAY 17TH NOVEMBER 2026

- **OPAL BEACH PARTY**
- WEDNESDAY 18TH NOVEMBER 2026

- **DISCO**
- FRIDAY 27TH NOVEMBER 2026
- KS1 4PM - 4.45PM
- KS2 5PM - 5.45PM

- **PARENT WORKSHOP**
- TUESDAY 1ST DECEMBER 2026 AT 9AM

- **CHOIR AT YATE SHOPPING CENTRE AT 2.15PM**
- TUESDAY 1ST DECEMBER 2026

- **ROCKSTEADY CONCERT FOR PARENTS OF BAND MEMBERS ONLY**
- MONDAY 7TH DECEMBER 2026 AT 10AM

- **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

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**
- THURDAY 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 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