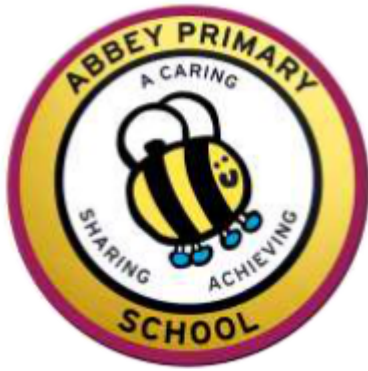




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Newsletter

Friday 4th September 2026

Welcome back

Welcome back to you all and what a wonderful start to the new year we have had. The children have come back looking very smart and full of eagerness and enthusiasm in their new classes. It's been a joy to see them settle into their classrooms and routines so smoothly, and lots of staff have been full of praise for them. We are all excited about the year ahead.

Although we're not doing the usual newsletter this week, there are just a few reminders to share with you to ensure that the year continues to go smoothly.

Thank you as always for your support and co-operation with all we try to achieve at Abbey. I truly believe it is a very special community to be part of and I look forward to the year ahead.

Parking

Please remember to be considerate in where you park when dropping off or collecting your children.

Please don't block anyone's drives, park on the bend of Stuart Avenue (this prevents buses getting round), and don't stop at the entrance to the driveway to school for your children to jump out. This is dangerous for the children and can hold up the traffic from moving.

Please also only drive into the car park if you have a valid parking pass from the office. It is a tight space and we need to ensure that it remains a safe space for children, we also need to ensure there are spaces for children who need to be picked up from the car park.

Summer Holiday Club

What a fantastic five weeks we had at our Summer Holiday Club!

The children enjoyed a huge variety of fun, creative and exciting activities throughout the holidays. We started the summer with face painting, den building, Duplo and Lego challenges, as well as plenty of fun on the bikes and scooters. We also enjoyed lots of outdoor activities, including games on the field and some very competitive games of dodgeball!

Throughout the five weeks, the children took part in craft activities, scavenger hunts, baking, parachute games and lots more. Our themed days were also a big hit, including A Day at Sea, Party Day, Messy Splat Day, Water Day, Matilda Day, Inflatable Castle Day, Pet Rock Village Day, Taskmaster Challenges, Dinosaur Day and Fun at the Fair, with plenty of games and prizes.

We also asked the children for their feedback on the activities they enjoyed most and least, helping us to plan future holiday clubs around their interests and ideas.

It has been lovely to welcome back our regular children, as well as lots of new faces from Abbey and other schools.

We are now looking ahead to October and are already busy planning another exciting holiday club. We can't wait to welcome everyone back for more fun!



Attendance

You may have heard in the news that attendance is an ongoing priority for the government and they are ensuring schools are following their procedures to monitor and improve it. Please ensure that your child is in school on time every day. Children need to be sat in their classroom by 8:45am otherwise they will receive a late mark. If your child is unable to come into school, please ensure that you have called school to leave a message to explain why they are unable to be in. If we don't receive a call, we will send a message, make a phone call, or even carry out a home visit. This is to fulfill our statutory duties. Your co-operation with calling school helps to save a lot of time for ourselves and for you. Please remember that Mrs. Warren, our family support worker, is available to speak to you or meet with you should you have any questions or require and help with your child's attendance. We always want to work together with you to support your child in the best way we can.

Uniform

As mentioned above, children have come back to school looking incredibly smart this week and I hope that we can continue this and the children continue to take pride in it. Just a reminder about a couple of specific areas. No make up or nail varnish is to be worn at all.

Earrings are one small stud earring in each ear. On non-PE days, shoes should be worn and not trainers. Children are still asked to come in to school in their PE Kit on their PE days (football kits / sports team kits are not to be worn as PE Kit) The link to the full list of school uniform is

<https://www.abbeyprimaryschool.co.uk/uniform>

Friends of Abbey continue to provide good quality used uniform for a small donation. Should you wish to access this, please contact the school office.

Nut allergies

We have an increasing number of children in school with a variety of allergies including nut allergies. Please ensure that you do not send any nut products into school with your child. If any are sent in, we will keep them and hand them back to you at the end of the day.

You may be aware of a new law called Benedict's Law relating to allergies in public places such as schools. Please can I ask you to take the time to ensure that if your child does have an allergy which has been diagnosed by a doctor, then the information on Arbor is correct and copies of the action plans have been sent into school. If you have any questions at all, please speak to your class teacher in the first instance.



"Meet the Teacher" Parent Meetings

We would like to invite parents of Y1 to Y6 children to a "Meet the Teacher" session the week beginning 14th September. Here you will be introduced to your child's new class teacher (if they have one) and find out about expectations of the year and key events and dates for them. These are really useful sessions to continue the Home-School collaboration and to support your child in having a good year.

<u>Year Group</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
1	Mon 14 th September	3:25pm to 4:00pm
2	Tues 15 th September	3:25pm to 4:00pm
3	Wed 16 th September	3:25pm to 4:00pm
4	Thurs 16 th September	3:25pm to 4:00pm
5	Mon 21 st September	3:25pm to 4:00pm
6	Tues 22 nd September	3:25pm to 4:00pm

Calendar of Dates

A calendar of known key dates for the year ahead will be shared with you on Monday. Please note that this is to the best of our knowledge as it stands. We will update the calendar and inform you with any additions and changes as soon as we are aware. Hopefully, this will help you plan your year ahead.