



Abbey Lane Primary School

Autumn 1 2025-26 Newsletter

A Warm Welcome Back!

I have been really impressed with how well the children have settled back into school life after the summer break. A very warm welcome to all our new children and families who have joined us this week – we hope you will quickly feel part of our Abbey Lane community. With autumn now upon us, please ensure your child brings a named waterproof coat each day as the weather can be unpredictable.

We are looking forward to another fantastic year working in partnership with you to achieve the very best for all our children – whether this is your first year with us or your seventh. As always, myself, Miss Bryan and other members of the leadership team will be on the gate each morning and afternoon if you need to ask anything. I'm excited about the year ahead and can't wait to see the wonderful experiences and learning that lie in store for our children.

Mr Calcutt

Keeping Safe in our Community

We have been made aware of an incident in the local area last week involving two children who do not attend Abbey Lane. While walking in the local area they were approached by an unknown adult. The police have been informed. No Abbey Lane pupils were involved.

We always encourage our children to keep themselves safe when out and about including remembering the importance of not talking to strangers and staying with trusted friends or adults. We will gently remind the children of this in school but we also wanted to share this with you so you can be aware and if you wish, reinforce these messages at home.

Parking Outside School

A polite reminder to all families to park considerately at drop-off and pick-up times. Please ensure you are using appropriate spaces and not blocking driveways, bus stops or access points. Thank you for helping us to keep our school community safe and respectful for everyone.

Thank You

I want to say a big thank you to all our children and families for such a great first week back at Abbey Lane. The children have been fantastic – the school has felt incredibly calm and I've really enjoyed visiting classrooms and seeing the brilliant learning taking place. Our attendance has also been excellent since returning from the summer, with an impressive 96.1% across the first three days. Let's keep it up!

September 2026 Reception Starters

Applications are now open for parents to submit their school choices for children due to start Reception in September 2026. To support families with this important decision we are offering six opportunities to visit Abbey Lane. The dates are listed below:

- Thursday 11th September at 3.30pm
- Friday 12th September at 1.45pm
- Tuesday 16th September at 9.30am
- Tuesday 23rd September at 9.30am
- Monday 29th September at 1.45pm
- Wednesday 1st October at 3.30pm

To book an appointment please contact the school office on 0114 2745054.

Please do share these dates with friends, family or neighbours who may have children starting Reception in September 2026 who are not yet connected to Abbey Lane.

New Reception Starters

The new children in FS2 have made a super start to life at Abbey Lane. After their teachers visited them at home, they have settled into school quickly and easily. They are already busy working hard, making friends and having fun. Well done FS2, keep up the great work. We are really proud of you.



Diary Dates

Here are some provisional dates for Autumn term. There may be more details for some of these events sent out closer to the time. There will also be some dates that don't appear on this list as they haven't been finalised yet.

Wednesday 10 th September 2025	Y6 Parents Thornbridge meeting in the Main Hall
Thursday 11 th September 2025	September 2026 Reception Parents Visit
Friday 12 th September 2025	September 2026 Reception Parents Visit
Tuesday 16 th September 2025	September 2026 Reception Parents Visit
Thursday 18 th September 2025	Reception parents Speech Therapy Workshop
Tuesday 23 rd September 2025	September 2026 Reception Parents Visit
Friday 26 th September 2025	European Day of Languages 2025
Friday 26 th September 2025	Y2 walk to Beauchief Abbey
Monday 29 th September 2025	September 2026 Reception Parents Visit
Wednesday 1 st October 2025	September 2026 Reception Parents Visit
Wednesday 8 th October – Friday 10 th October 2025	Y6S Thornbridge residential
Monday 13 th October – Wednesday 15 th October 2025	Y6H Thornbridge residential
Wednesday 15 th October – Friday 17 th October 2025	Y6BF Thornbridge residential
Tuesday 21 st October 2025	Individual School Photographs
Friday 24 th October 2025	INSET Day – children not in school
Monday 27th October 2025 – Friday 31st October 2025	Half Term
Monday 3 rd November 2025	First day of Autumn 2 – children back in school
Tuesday 4 th November 2025	Y6 heights and weights measurements
Monday 10 th November 2025	Parents Evening – more details will be sent closer to the time
Wednesday 12 th November 2025	Parents Evening – more details will be sent closer to the time
Thursday 27 th November 2025	Flu vaccinations in school
Tuesday 16 th December 2025	Y2 visit to Henleigh Hall Nursing Home
Monday 22nd December 2025 – Friday 2nd January 2026	Christmas Holidays