



# Abbey Lane Primary School

## Spring 2 2025-26 Newsletter

### Welcome Back!

It is always a pleasure to return to school after a break and see the children so eager to reconnect with their friends and dive straight back into their learning. This first week has already brought plenty of excitement, including some of our Y3 and Y4 pupils representing the school in the Panathlon multi-sports challenge. They embodied our Core Value of teamwork superbly.

Our Y2s also enjoyed an inspiring Great Fire of London takeover day, which launched their new topic with real energy and enthusiasm. They gained a huge amount from the experience and I have to say, I learnt quite a bit myself while visiting different parts of the day.

Spring 2 is always a lovely time of year, not only because it tends to be one of the shorter half terms, but because you can feel the shift in the weather. Children are firmly settled into their year groups and the progress they have made since the start of Autumn is clear to see.

I am very much looking forward to watching our fantastic children continue to impress us over the coming weeks.

**Mr Calcutt**

### Main Entrance

You may have noticed some recent changes to the main entrance of our building. These improvements have been made to strengthen the security of our school. The entrance is now operated using a fob system and the outer doors will no longer open automatically as you approach. Instead, office staff will let you in, and a doorbell will be installed shortly for times when they may not see you arrive. Please also be aware that as the doors are no longer automatic you will need to pull them open once they have been unlocked. When leaving, the large silver exit button has now been replaced with a smaller green one, and the doors will need to be pushed to open.

Later this year, we will also be replacing the outer railings and fencing to further enhance the security of this part of the school. As part of this work, the outer gates will be upgraded too. I will share more information about these developments as we get closer to the time.

## Staff Changes

Last term, we said goodbye to Mr Williams, one of our teaching assistants, and we wish him every success in the future. We are pleased to share that Mrs Corker will be stepping into this role. Having volunteered at Abbey Lane for the past year, she already knows our school and children extremely well. We are delighted to welcome her formally to Abbey Lane. We know she will be a fantastic addition to the team.

## Y2 Great Fire of London Takeover Day

Year 2 had a fantastic time celebrating our Great Fire of London Day, bringing history to life in the most exciting way! The children loved dressing up in 17th-century clothing and taking part in dramatic re-enactments of the events of 1666. Throughout the day, they created beautiful fire-themed plaques and wrote diary entries inspired by Samuel Pepys. The classes also worked together to build their own version of The Monument, exploring how London was rebuilt after the fire. It was a wonderfully immersive experience that helped the children deepen their understanding of life in 1666 while having great fun along the way.

"I loved going on the boat because I got to ride on it and it was fun!" Marjorie (Y2F)

"I found it really interesting that only the really rich people could buy cheese in 1666" Harry W (Y2F)



## Diary Dates

Here are some provisional dates for the rest of Spring 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 yet as they haven't been finalised.

Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March 2026	Consone String Quartet performance for KS2
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	World Book Day
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Y1 Parents invited in for World Book Day – 2.45pm
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Y6 WW2 History Van in school
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Parents Evening
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Reception trip to White Post Farm
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Young Carers Action Day
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Parents Evening
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> March 2026 – Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Big Walk and Wheel
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Y1 trip to The Tropical Butterfly House
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	School Council table top sale for the Sheffield Children's Hospital (linked to the lion cub)
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Y5 Netball Tournament – Sheffield Girls' High School
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March 2026	Y4F local walk to Millhouses Park
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Y4HL local walk to Millhouses Park
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Y6 Lindyhop Dance showcase
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Y2 trip to Ecclesall Woods
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Y3 trip to Magna
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Y3 Parental Engagement for Badminton at Abbeydale Sports Hall
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Y4B local walk to Millhouses Park
<b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2026 – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2026</b>	<b>Easter Holidays</b>