



# Abbey Lane Primary School

## Summer 1 2025-26 Newsletter

### Ready to start Summer!

As we head into the Summer term, it's been really lovely to welcome everyone back and to feel that familiar buzz of energy around school again. The brighter mornings and lighter evenings always seem to bring a fresh sense of enthusiasm, and it's been great to see pupils settling back into routines and enjoying their learning as the term gets underway.

This first half of the Summer term is always a busy one, with lots happening across school. Classrooms are full of purposeful learning and there are plenty of opportunities for children to get involved, challenge themselves and celebrate their progress. For our Year 6 pupils, this half term also includes KS2 SATs. We are very proud of the effort they have put in over time and our priority is to support them in feeling calm, confident and positive, while continuing to enjoy all the wider aspects of school life.

Thank you, as ever, for your continued support and encouragement. We value our strong partnership with families and look forward to sharing updates with you as we move through the weeks ahead towards the May half term.

Mr Calcutt

### PALS Events - Upcoming Dates

SCHOOL  
DISCO

THURS  
14<sup>TH</sup> MAY

BREAK THE  
RULES

day

Friday  
22nd May

50P PER  
RULE  
BROKEN

Krispy Kreme  
DOUGHNUTS

SALE  
£1 per doughnut  
on sale at pick up

PALS COMEDY  
NIGHT

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June 7:30pm  
The Abbey Pub

SUMMER FAIR

SATURDAY 4TH JULY 2026 12 - 2PM



## Playground Update

We wanted to share a brief update on our playground project. We are currently exploring additional funding opportunities and gathering quotes to help move the project forward. As this is a large-scale development, the work will be planned and delivered in phases to ensure it is both manageable and sustainable.

The proposed plans have been shared with staff and governors and have been met with very positive feedback. Once all preparations are in place and we are ready to begin the first phase, we will share further details with you which will include some visuals of what the vision is.

Thank you for your continued support and interest in the project as it develops. I would also like to say a huge thank you to Miss Moralee for spearheading and coordinating this and also to Nate Edwards (a parent governor) who has done a tremendous amount of work towards the designs, surveys and plans.

## New Reception Parents Visits

We currently have a limited number of Reception places available for children due to start school in September 2026. If you would like further information or to arrange a visit with Mr Calcutt, please contact the school on 0114 2745054 or email us at

[enquiries@abbeylane.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@abbeylane.sheffield.sch.uk)

Visit dates are as follows:

- **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April** at 3.30pm
- **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April** at 9.30am
- **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May** at 1.30pm

If you have friends or family whose child hasn't yet been placed at a school or who may be reconsidering their current allocation, please do pass this message on. We'd be delighted to welcome them for a visit and to share what makes Abbey Lane such a special place to learn. If none of the dates above are suitable, just get in touch and we'll be happy to arrange an alternative.

## Vacancies

We currently have a small number of staff vacancies at Abbey Lane. If you or someone you know, may be interested in supporting our After School Club or joining us as a teacher, please follow the links below for more information.

Abbey Lane is a happy and welcoming place to work, with a strong sense of community and wonderful children who make the work both rewarding and enjoyable. We would be delighted to hear from anyone interested in becoming part of our team.

**After School Club Playworker** – <https://teaching-vacancies.service.gov.uk/jobs/playworker-afterschool-club-abbey-lane-primary-school>

**Full Time Teacher** – <https://teaching-vacancies.service.gov.uk/jobs/teacher-abbey-lane-primary-school>

**Part Time Teacher (2.5 days)** – <https://teaching-vacancies.service.gov.uk/jobs/teacher-0-5-abbey-lane-primary-school>

**Part Time Teacher (3 days)** - <https://teaching-vacancies.service.gov.uk/jobs/teacher-0-6-abbey-lane-primary-school>

**Part Time Teacher (2.5 days, Maternity Cover)** – <https://teaching-vacancies.service.gov.uk/jobs/teacher-0-5-maternity-cover>

## Preparing for the Summer Weather

As the weather warms up, please ensure your child comes to school wearing sun cream on particularly sunny days. Ideally, it should be applied at home before school to minimise the amount being brought in. However, children may bring some with them if needed, but they will need to apply it themselves as staff are not permitted to do so. Because this can get quite messy, **we ask that you only send in sun cream sticks or roll-ons** – these are much easier for children to use independently. Please also check that any products sent into school are still in date, as expired sun cream may not offer effective protection.

We have found that sun cream applicators, such as Solar Buddies, can also be easy for children to use independently:

<https://solarbuddies.co.uk/>

That said, given the unpredictable British weather, we can never quite rule out a sudden shower or drop in temperature — even on sunny days! With that in mind, please ensure your child has a coat or waterproof in their bag, just in case.

Again, if all sun cream and clothing has your child's name clearly labelled, that would be very helpful.

## Diary Dates

Here are some **provisional** dates for Summer 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.

Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> April 2026	New Reception parents school tour
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> April 2026	Y2 trip to Ecclesall Woods
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> April 2026	New Reception parents school tour
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May 2026	Bank Holiday – school closed
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> May 2026	Class photos being taken
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> May 2026	New Reception parents school tour
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> May 2026 – Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> May 2026	KS2 SATS Week (Y6 assessments)
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> May 2026	PALS Summer Disco
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2026	PALS Break the Rules Day
<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2026 – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2026</b>	<b>May Half Term</b>
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	MCLT Choir concert at Meadowhead School
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	New Reception children Stay and Play Session 1
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	New Reception children Stay and Play Session 2
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	KS2 Sports Day at Meadowhead School (more details to follow)
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	New Reception children Stay and Play Session 3
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	Y4 trip to Thornbridge (1.5 classes)
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	Y4 trip to Thornbridge (1.5 classes)
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	Y2 trip to Henleigh Hall Nursing Home
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July 2026	New Reception parents meeting
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July 2026	Usborne Book Fair – Small Hall
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July 2026	Usborne Book Fair – Small Hall
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> July 2026	PALS Summer Fair – School playground
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> July 2026	Reports go out to parents
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> July 2026	Woodseats Festival
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> July 2026 and Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> July 2026	Provisional dates for Y6 Leavers Performance
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July 2026	Open evening (3.30 - 4.30)
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July 2026	Y6 Leavers Assembly to parents
<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2026</b>	<b>Final day of term</b>