



Abbey Lane Primary School

Summer 2 2025-26 Newsletter

One more half term!

As we begin our final half term of the academic year, we look forward to making the most of the warmer weather while ensuring everyone stays safe and comfortable. Please remember to send children to school with appropriate clothing for sunny days, including hats and water bottles and to ensure that sun cream is applied before school where needed. We will continue to remind children about staying hydrated and looking after themselves in the heat so that they can fully enjoy their learning and playtimes.

Summer 2 is always a busy and exciting half term and this year is no exception. We have a number of wonderful events planned, including our various Sports Days and our much-anticipated Summer Fair, which we hope will bring our school community together. For our Year 6 pupils, this term is particularly special. While it is bittersweet as they prepare to leave us for secondary school, it is also filled with memorable experiences such as their leavers' performance and leavers' assembly – special moments that we know they will cherish for years to come and which are always a highlight of the year for me. Following the effort and resilience they showed during SATs last half term, these celebrations are a well-deserved opportunity for them to enjoy their final weeks with us.

Finally, we would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our families for their continued support throughout the year. Your encouragement and partnership make a real difference to the life of the school. We would also like to thank our wonderful children, who continue to impress us every day with their enthusiasm, kindness, and resilience. They truly make Abbey Lane the special place that it is, and we are incredibly proud of them all.

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Parking Reminder

We would like to remind all parents and carers to ensure they park safely and considerately when dropping off and collecting children.

We have recently received a number of complaints from local residents and businesses, including G & M Lunt Funeral Directors on Camping Lane. They have reported that inappropriate parking has, at times, prevented funeral services from starting on time. There have also been reports of negative interactions when drivers have been asked to move their vehicles.

We kindly ask that you are mindful of where you park and the impact this may have on others in our local community.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Water Safety

We have been asked to share this important message from South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue:

With several schools in our area located near bodies of water, we're reaching out to partner with you in protecting children's safety. Whether during winter when ice forms or in warmer months when swimming seems inviting, bodies of open water can pose serious risks to young people.

We kindly ask all parents/carers to have a crucial conversation with their children about water safety. Please discuss the following safety information with your family to help prevent accidents and ensure everyone stays safe around water throughout the year.

- Attempting to walk on frozen lakes, canals and reservoirs is dangerous and can be fatal.
- Whilst it may be tempting to walk on frozen water, the ice could be unstable and can easily break.
- The temperature of the water is so cold that it can take your breath away which can lead to panic and result in drowning.
- Even during the summer months, water is still cold beneath the surface so entering the water can result in cold water shock.
- The RNLI's "Float to Live" advice is to resist the instinct to swim hard to safety if you find yourself unexpectedly in the water. Instead, lean back, extend your arms and legs, and float. Tilt your head back with ears submerged, relax, and control your breathing. Use your hands to help you stay afloat and call for help or swim to safety if possible.

Please also see below link to our water safety video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R4oMsu1zI7o>

Yours faithfully

Jessica Grayson

Station Manager

Community Safety, Prevention and Education

PALS Events - Upcoming Dates

**PALS COMEDY
NIGHT**

Friday 19th June 7:30pm

The Abbey Pub

SUMMER FAIR

SATURDAY 4TH JULY 2026 12 - 2PM



The Mayor's Walk and Wheel

Between 18th - 22nd May, we took part in the Mayor's Walk and Wheel. On the Monday, our Junior Road Safety officers led their first assembly, introducing the active travel week and also showed the children the safe crossing places outside our school. During the week, we recorded 82% of the children actively travelling to school, which is an increase of 6% from the Big Walk and Wheel back in March. This is really exciting so thank you to everyone who walked, scootered, cycled or parked 5 minutes away and then walked to school.

Pride of Yorkshire

Our Lion Cub, Abbey, will be residing at the Woodseats Library from Monday 8th June - Sunday 6th September. The School Council, who came up with the design and painted her will be visiting the library on Monday when she is unveiled. She is one of 300 lions, lionesses and lion cubs that are part of the trail in Sheffield, Barnsley, Rotherham and Doncaster this summer. We hope you get a chance to see Abbey and the others over the summer. Abbey will then return to school in October, where she will join Elvis, our elephant, and Trish, our bear.

We still have around £300 to raise towards our donation for the lion cub, so the School Council will be holding a non-uniform day on **Friday 3rd July**. Further details coming soon.

Recycling at Abbey Lane

Please could you continue to collect your plastic bottle tops and used batteries over the summer and return them to school for counting.

The bottle tops are being converted in to Earth vouchers, which will be used to purchase benches and planters as part of the new playground design.

We need thousands of plastic bottle tops, so please ask family, friends and colleagues to help us reach our target.

The used batteries will become part of the Big Battery Hunt where schools collecting the most batteries are awarded prizes to enhance their outdoor provision.

With plans for playground being put in place, both these campaigns, will help raise funds towards improving the outdoor environment for your children.

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:

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.

INSET Days for 2026/27

Please find below a list of our INSET days for next academic year. As a reminder, these are days that school will be closed to pupils. The dates are as follows:

1.9.26
23.10.26
19.7.27
20.7.27
21.7.27

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 9 th June 2026	MCLT Choir concert at Meadowhead School
Wednesday 10 th June 2026	New Reception children Stay and Play Session 1
Wednesday 17 th June 2026	New Reception children Stay and Play Session 2
Friday 19 th June 2026	Y2 Skipping Festival (selected children)
Wednesday 24 th June 2026	KS2 Sports Day at Meadowhead School (more details to follow)
Wednesday 24 th June 2026	New Reception children Stay and Play Session 3
Friday 26 th June 2026	Y1 (AM) and Y2 (PM) Sports Day
Monday 29 th June 2026	Y4 trip to Thornbridge (1.5 classes)
Tuesday 30 th June 2026	Y4 trip to Thornbridge (1.5 classes)
Tuesday 30 th June 2026	Y2 trip to Henleigh Hall Nursing Home
Wednesday 1 st July 2026	New Reception parents meeting (4pm)
Thursday 2 nd July 2026	Usborne Book Fair – Small Hall
Thursday 2 nd July 2026	Y3 trip to Graves Park
Friday 3 rd July 2026	Usborne Book Fair – Small Hall
Friday 3 rd July 2026	Non-Uniform Day – Pride of Yorkshire
Friday 3 rd July 2026	Reception Sports Day
Saturday 4 th July 2026	PALS Summer Fair – School playground (12 – 2)
Thursday 9 th July 2026	Current Reception parents – New to Y1 Meeting (4pm)
Friday 10 th July 2026	Reports go out to parents
Friday 10 th July 2026	Y2 trip to Kelham Island Museum
Sunday 12 th July 2026	Woodseats Festival
Monday 13 th July 2026 and Tuesday 14 th July 2026	Provisional dates for Y6 Leavers Performance
Wednesday 15 th July 2026	Y6 trip to Tenpin Bowling
Wednesday 15 th July 2026	Open evening (3.30 - 4.30)
Thursday 16 th July 2026	Y6 Leavers' Party Day
Friday 17 th July 2026	Y6 Leavers Assembly to parents
Friday 17th July 2026	Final day of term