



Abbey Lane Primary School

Summer 2 2025-26 Newsletter

Thank You

As we reach the end of another busy school year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our families for your continued support. It has been a year filled with achievement, progress and memorable experiences and I am incredibly proud of everything our children have accomplished. Whether through their learning in the classroom, sporting successes, musical performances, educational visits or the many wider opportunities on offer, our pupils have represented Abbey Lane wonderfully and continue to be a credit to our school community.

This term also marks the end of an important chapter for our Year 6 pupils as they prepare to move on to secondary school. We are immensely proud of the young people they have become during their time at Abbey Lane and know that they will take with them many happy memories, lasting friendships and the skills needed for the next stage of their education. We wish each and every one of them the very best for the future. To all of our families, I hope you have a happy, safe and relaxing summer break. To all of our amazing staff team – a huge thank you for all of your unwavering care and support for our children.

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Modeshift Accreditation

We are delighted to share that Abbey Lane has been submitted for a Modeshift STARS Good Accreditation in recognition of our work promoting active and sustainable travel. This is a fantastic achievement, particularly as schools would normally achieve the Approved level before progressing to Good.

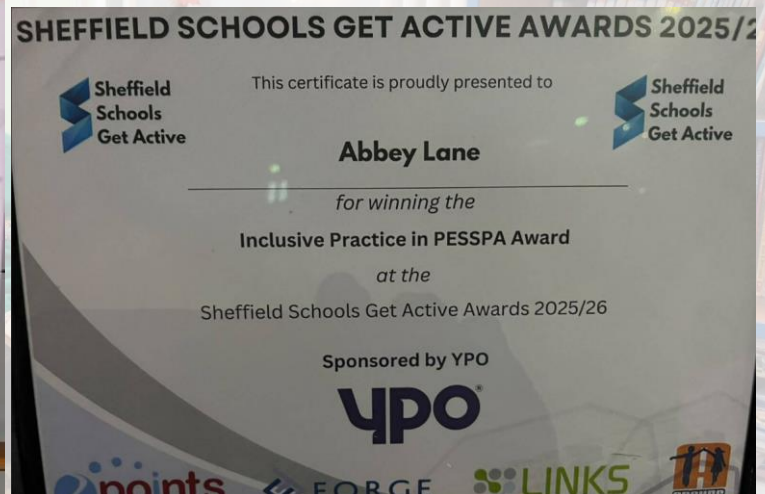
The accreditation reflects the efforts of our pupils, staff and families in supporting initiatives such as walking, cycling and scooting to school, helping to create healthier and more sustainable travel habits. We look forward to receiving the outcome of the submission in September.

A special thank you must go to Miss Moralee for her tremendous work in helping us achieve this milestone. She has worked tirelessly to organise events, gather and submit evidence for the accreditation and champion sustainable travel across the school. Her enthusiasm, passion and determination to help Abbey Lane become an even more environmentally conscious school have been instrumental in our success.

Miss Moralee's energy and commitment never cease to amaze me – it often feels as though we have three of her working at Abbey Lane rather than just one! We are incredibly grateful for everything she has done and for the positive impact she has made on both the school and the wider community.

Inclusive Sports Award

As recently mentioned on Reach More Parents, Abbey Lane won the Inclusive Practice award at the Sheffield Schools Get Active Awards ceremony. A huge well done to all the staff for ensuring that all our children get to access sports and represent Abbey Lane in a wide variety of events. A special thank you to Mr Robinson, Miss Moralee, Mrs Hibberd, Miss Bryan and Mrs Mitchell for helping to provide children with these opportunities.



Staffing Changes

As we come to the end of the school year, we will be saying goodbye to three valued members of staff who are moving on to new opportunities.

Mr Lawledge, who has been a teacher at Abbey Lane for several years, will be leaving us at the end of term. During his time at the school, he has made a significant contribution to the learning and development of many children and we thank him for his dedication and commitment. Mr Lawledge would like to pass on the following message: *Thank you to all of the children and families at Abbey Lane for their support over the years. It has been a privilege to be part of the school community and I will miss everyone very much. I wish all the children and their families every success and happiness for the future.*

We will also be saying farewell to Mr Willmer, who has worked at Abbey Lane for the past two years as a Higher Level Teaching Assistant, providing support across a range of classes. In addition, Miss Melville will be leaving after four years as a Teaching Assistant. She has played an important role in supporting the children she has worked with and will be missed.

On behalf of the entire school community, I would like to thank Mr Lawledge, Mr Willmer and Miss Melville for everything they have contributed to Abbey Lane and wish them every success and happiness in the future.

At the same time, we are delighted to be welcoming new members of staff to the Abbey Lane team from September. Mrs Applegate will be joining Year 2, where she will be sharing a class with Miss Craig, and Miss Hulford will be joining us as new Year 5 class teacher.

We look forward to welcoming them to our school community and know that they will be a great addition to the team. We are excited for the year ahead and the opportunities it will bring for our children.

Children's University Gold Award Ceremony

We were delighted to attend the Sheffield Children's University Gold Award Ceremony at Sheffield Hallam University recently. Mr C and Miss B had the privilege of joining six of our pupils as they received their Gold Awards, recognising their achievement of completing over 100 hours of learning credits through a wide range of activities both in and out of school.

These awards celebrate children's commitment to developing new skills, pursuing their interests and embracing learning opportunities beyond the classroom. Achieving a Gold Award requires real dedication, enthusiasm and perseverance, and we are incredibly proud of what these pupils have accomplished.

A huge congratulations to **Allegra, Anna, Anushka, Emily, Lily and Ruby**.

You have represented Abbey Lane brilliantly, and we are so proud of your achievements. We hope you enjoyed celebrating this special milestone and wish you every success as you continue your Children's University journey. Well done!



School Governors

As we reach the end of another busy and successful school year, I would like to extend my sincere thanks to our governors for their continued support and commitment to our school. They play an important role in helping to shape the school's future, offering both support and challenge to ensure we provide the very best opportunities for all our children.

Our governors are volunteers who generously give their time, expertise and energy to support the school community. Many are also parents, bringing valuable insight and a shared commitment to helping our school thrive. Their dedication throughout the year is greatly appreciated by staff, pupils and families alike.

If you would like to get in touch with the Governing Body, you can do so via Claire Holland, our Chair of Governors by sending your message to the following email address:

chairofgovernors@abbeylane.sheffield.sch.uk

Thank you to all our governors for everything they do on behalf of our school community.

Everyone a Writer

We are incredibly proud of all the children who took part in the recent writing competition at Meadowhead. The quality of every entry was outstanding, showcasing the wonderful imagination, creativity and talent of our young writers. We are delighted that 38 of our pupils had their work selected for publication in a special anthology alongside students from Years 7 to 9. All successful authors were invited to the anthology launch event, where 15 of our children from Years 1 to 6 bravely and confidently took to the stage to read their work aloud. It was a truly special occasion and a fantastic opportunity to celebrate our children's achievements. Congratulations to everyone who took part – you should all be incredibly proud of your fantastic writing!

These children were selected from all the entries across school: **Cleo L, Darcy H, Ameerah S, Florrie W, Matilda T, Evie W, Emily B, Myles S, Olivia L, Maya N-R, Henson S, Hardie S, Mae H, Jon B, Freddie M, Dougie B, Nina K, Ruby B, Nell S, Roman K, Joseph F, Jasper B, Theo D, Billy AR, Ivy A, Penny L, Dexter R, Phoebe L, Peter G, Seth L, Alex P, Freya BT, Lily BT, Max B, Shuvai G, Thomas T, Elizabeth CD, Will M**

These children read out their work:

Y1: Henson S, Maya N-R, Mae H

Y2: Matilda T, Freddie M

Y3: Nina K

Y4: Evie W, Joseph F

Y5: Dexter R, Theo D

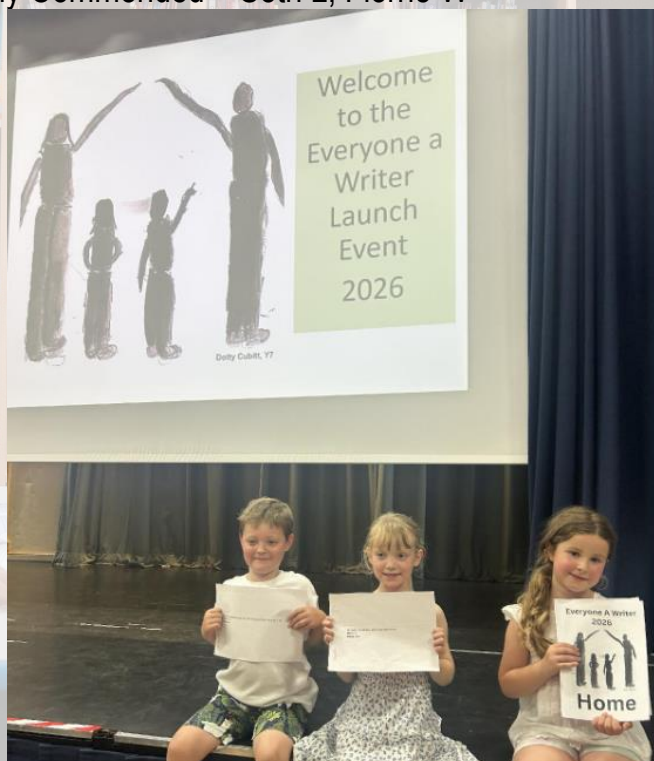
Y6: Lily BT, Freya BT, Elizabeth CD, Seth L, Alex P, Will M

And these were the competition winners:

Y1/Y2: Winner – Matilda T. Highly Commended – Jon B, Ameerah S

Y3/Y4: Winner – Nina K. Highly Commended – Dougie B, Roman K

Y5/Y6: Winner – Alex P. Highly Commended – Seth L, Florrie W



Playground Update

We are delighted to share that exciting plans are underway to transform Abbey Lane's playground into a greener, cooler and more inspiring space for our children. Working with a volunteer landscape architect, a new masterplan has been developed that will reduce the amount of tarmac, introduce much more planting and trees, and create exciting natural play spaces where children can explore, learn and play. The proposals also include new seating areas, sensory planting, an outdoor amphitheatre and improved access to the woodland, making much better use of the wonderful outdoor space we already have.

Following the recent summer heatwaves, one of the key priorities is to provide more shade across the playground. New trees will not only create cooler places for children to play but will also help reduce overheating in the south-facing Year 5 classrooms by shading the building during the hottest months. The scheme has been designed to improve biodiversity, wellbeing and opportunities for outdoor learning, while creating a playground that will benefit pupils for many years to come.

The plans are currently being costed so that we can establish our fundraising target. Subject to funding, we hope to begin delivering improvements in phases from the next school year onwards. We look forward to sharing more details over the coming months and hope that our school community will join us in helping make this exciting vision a reality.



INSET Days for 2026/27

Please find below a reminder 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 the remainder of Summer term and the beginning of 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 yet as they haven't been finalised.

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
Tuesday 1 st September 2026	INSET Day – school closed for children
Wednesday 2 nd September 2026	First day of school for children
Thursday 10 th September 2026	New to Y3 parents meeting
Monday 14 th September 2026	New to Y4 parents meeting
Tuesday 15 th September 2026	New to Y2 parents meeting
Wednesday 23 rd September 2026	New to Y6 parents meeting
Wednesday 21 st October 2026	Y3 trip to Manor Lodge
Friday 23 rd October 2026	INSET Day – school closed for children
Friday 23rd October 2026 – Friday 30th October 2026	Half Term