



Abbey Lane Primary School

Autumn 1 2026-27 Newsletter

A Fantastic Start to the new School Year

It has been a brilliant and settled start to the new school year, and the summer holidays already feel like a distant memory! The children in every year group have returned to school with enthusiasm and have settled exceptionally well into their new classes. Our new Reception children, in particular, have adapted wonderfully to life at Abbey Lane and are already feeling very much part of our school family.

As we look ahead, there is plenty to be excited about over the coming term. Across the school, children will be enjoying a wide range of engaging learning opportunities, educational visits, special events. We are looking forward to seeing the children continue to grow in confidence, develop new skills and make the most of everything that this term has to offer.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank all of our families for the support you have shown during these first few weeks. Your patience, understanding and partnership with us are greatly appreciated and help to ensure that every school day gets off to a positive start.

Mr Calcutt

Thank You

A huge thank you to all of our children and families for helping us make such a positive start to the new school year at Abbey Lane. The children have been absolutely fantastic and there has been a wonderful sense of calm and purpose around the school. I have thoroughly enjoyed spending time in classrooms and seeing the engaging learning experiences taking place every day.

We have also been delighted with the excellent attendance since returning at the start of September, which is currently an impressive **98%**. Thank you for your ongoing support in ensuring children attend school regularly. Let's keep up this fantastic start!

New Gate System

I'd also like to thank everyone for your patience and support as we have introduced our new morning arrangements following the installation of the new gates.

I appreciate that it can feel a little crowded in the few minutes before the gates open. To help ease congestion and keep everyone safe, we would encourage families to make use of the pavements and the large area of concrete in front of the main entrance while waiting.

Thank you once again for your understanding and cooperation. Your support is greatly appreciated and helps ensure that the start of the school day is as safe and smooth as possible for everyone.

September 2027 Reception Parents School Visits

Applications are now open for parents to submit their school choices for children due to start Reception in September 2027. To support families with this important decision, we are offering some opportunities to visit Abbey Lane. The dates are listed below:

- Wednesday 30th September at 1.45pm
- Tuesday 6th October at 3.30pm
- Wednesday 14th October at 1.45pm
- Thursday 5th November at 1.45pm
- Tuesday 10th November at 9.30am

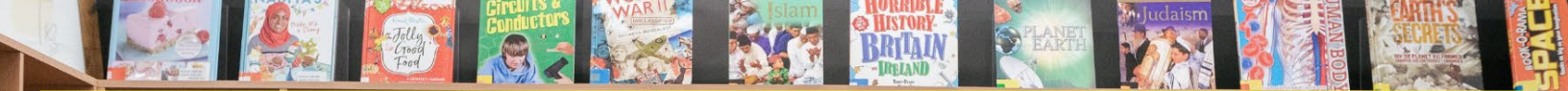
To book an appointment, please contact the school office on 0114 2745054.

Please do share these dates with friends, family, or neighbours who may have children due to start in Reception in September 2027.

New Reception Starters

We are so proud of how the new children have settled into Reception at Abbey Lane. They are arriving happily each morning and are making friends and working hard. A great big well done to everyone.





INSET Days for 2027/2028

We have finalised our INSET days for next academic year (2027/2028). These will be days that children will **not** be in school:

Wednesday 1st September 2027

Thursday 2nd September 2027

Friday 3rd September 2027

Friday 22nd October 2027

Monday 5th June 2028



Hello Yellow Day

On Friday 9th October, we will be marking World Mental Health Day by taking part in **Hello Yellow Day**. Children are invited to accessorise their school uniform with something yellow, such as a hair accessory, socks, a scarf or another small item, to help raise awareness of the importance of mental health and wellbeing. It will be a wonderful opportunity for us to come together as a school community, celebrate positivity and remind our children that looking after our mental health is just as important as looking after our physical health.



Bottle Top and Battery Collecting Stars

Look at the amazing efforts that Cora in Y3 and Annie in Y4 have gone to on their street to collect bottle tops and batteries for school.

Well done girls, an amazing effort that needs to be recognised!



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.

Thursday 24 th September 2026	European Day of Languages
Wednesday 30 th September 2026	September 2027 Reception Parents Visit
Wednesday 30 th September 2026	Art for Wellbeing Parent Workshop – spaces left
Tuesday 13 th October 2026	Parents Evening – more details will be sent closer to the time
Wednesday 14 th October 2026	September 2027 Reception Parents Visit
Thursday 15 th October 2026	Parents Evening – more details will be sent closer to the time
Friday 16 th October 2026	Y6 WW2 Day
Tuesday 20 th October 2026	PALS School Disco
Tuesday 20 th October 2026	School Photos
Wednesday 21 st October 2026	Y3 trip to Manor Lodge
Wednesday 21 st October 2026	Y6 heights and weights measurements
Friday 23 rd October 2026	INSET Day – children not in school
Monday 26th October 2026 – Friday 30th October 2026	Half Term
Thursday 5 th November 2026	September 2027 Reception Parents Visit
Tuesday 10 th November 2026	Baby and Toddler Group
Tuesday 10 th November 2026	September 2027 Reception Parents Visit
Wednesday 11 th November 2026 – Friday 13 th November 2026	Y6BF Thornbridge residential
Thursday 12 th November 2026	Reception vision screening
Friday 13 th November 2026	Children in Need Day
Monday 16 th November 2026 – Friday 20 th November 2026	Anti Bullying Week
Monday 16 th November 2026	Odd Socks Day
Monday 16 th November 2026 – Wednesday 18 th November 2026	Y6R Thornbridge residential
Wednesday 18 th November 2026	Y2 Gunpowder Plot Takeover Day
Wednesday 18 th November 2026 – Friday 20 th November 2026	Y6H Thornbridge residential
Friday 27 th November 2026	Y5 Kelham Island trip
Thursday 3 rd December 2026	Y3 at St Chad's Church – Christmas Workshop
Thursday 10 th December 2026	Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day
Monday 21st December 2026 – Friday 1st January 2027	Christmas Holidays