

Abbey Lane Primary School

Autumn 2 2026-27 Newsletter

A Fantastic Start to the new School Year

It has been great to welcome everyone back after the October half-term break and hope that you all enjoyed a restful week with family and friends. The school has quickly returned to its usual busy atmosphere and it has been lovely to see pupils back in classrooms and eager to learn.

Our school community continues to be strengthened by the support and engagement of our families, whether through events, parent meetings or simply the everyday encouragement you give your children.

Thank you for your ongoing support. We are already looking forward to another busy half term at Abbey Lane!

Mr Calcutt

PALS Dates

PALS would like me to share with you some upcoming dates:

- Rags to Riches Clothing Collection which will be on **16th November**
- Christmas-themed Bake Sale on **4th December**

Happy Diwali to all our families celebrating

This week marks **Diwali**, the Festival of Lights, which is celebrated by millions of people around the world. Diwali symbolises the triumph of light over darkness, good over evil and hope over despair.

We would like to wish all members of our school community who are celebrating a very happy and peaceful Diwali. May this special festival bring joy, happiness and prosperity to you and your loved ones.

At our school, we value and celebrate the rich diversity of our community. This week, pupils took part in a special assembly to learn about the meaning and traditions of Diwali, helping them to develop an understanding and appreciation of the different cultures and beliefs represented in our world. We hope all those celebrating enjoy a wonderful Diwali with family and friends.

Happy Diwali!

Abbey Lane Primary School

Everyone Included. Everyone Achieving.

Independence • Teamwork • Creativity • Respect • Wellbeing

SEE ABBEY LANE IN ACTION

Community Open Afternoon

Tuesday 24th November 2026 | **4:15pm – 5:30pm**

Reception September 2027 Families Welcome

Come and experience Abbey Lane first-hand!

We warmly invite current families and members of our local community to visit our school, explore our learning environments and discover what makes Abbey Lane such a special place to learn and grow.

- Tour our school
- Explore classrooms
- See learning in action
- Take part in activities
- Meet our teachers and support staff
- Ask questions about school life

Why visit?

- Experience our inclusive and nurturing school
- See our exciting curriculum across all year groups
- Meet our dedicated teachers and support staff
- Find out about our SEND provision
- Learn about the transition to Reception
- Ask questions and get a feel for our school community
- Discover why so many families choose Abbey Lane

Meet the Leadership Team

Our Headteacher, **Mr Tim Calcutt**, and **Deputy Headteacher & SENDCo, Miss Tania Bryan**, will be on hand throughout the event to welcome families and answer any questions about our school, curriculum, pastoral support and SEND provision.

A nurturing, inclusive community where every child can thrive.

No appointment needed

Simply drop in between 4:15pm and 5:30pm

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We look forward to welcoming you!

INSET Days for 2027/2028

I'm just keeping these dates on the newsletter as an extra reminder that 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

Nursery Consultation

Thank you to all families and local residents who took the time to share their views during our nursery consultation, which concluded on **Friday 23rd October**. We greatly appreciate the interest, support and feedback received throughout the consultation period.

I have responded to all queries that were submitted, and our application for funding has now been submitted to the **DfE**. We expect to hear the outcome later in the academic year and will keep families informed as soon as we have any updates to share.

Thank you once again for your engagement and support.

Pudsey Visit

Ellie Colton, from BBC Radio Sheffield, came to Abbey Lane with Pudsey Bear this week to say a massive well done to all the children that have raised money so far towards the Run For Pudsey campaign. Ellie interviewed some of the children and this will be played on air on Children in Need day (13th November). You can still sign up on the following link: https://www.runpudsey.co.uk/school/abbey-lane-primary-school using the code **6740**.



Diary Dates

Here are some provisional dates for the second half 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 as they haven't been finalised yet.

Thursday 5th November 2026	September 2027 Reception Parents Visit
Tuesday 10th November 2026	Baby and Toddler Group
Tuesday 10th November 2026	September 2027 Reception Parents Visit
Tuesday 10th November 2026	Y1 Parent Phonics Meeting
Wednesday 11th November 2026 – Friday 13th November 2026	Y6BF Thornbridge residential
Thursday 12th November 2026	Reception vision screening
Thursday 12th November 2026	Emotional Regulation – Parent Workshop
Thursday 12th Noveber 2026	Children In Need Day
Monday 16th November 2026 – Friday 20th November 2026	Anti Bullying Week
Monday 16th November 2026	Odd Socks Day
Monday 16th November 2026 – Wednesday 18th November 2026	Y6R Thornbridge residential
Wednesday 18th November 2026	Y2 Gunpowder Plot Takeover Day
Wednesday 18th November 2026 – Friday 20th November 2026	Y6H Thornbridge residential
Tuesday 24th November 2026	Open Afternoon (4.15pm-5.30pm)
Friday 27th November 2026	Y5 Kelham Island trip
Thursday 3rd December 2026	Y3 at St Chad's Church – Christmas Workshop
Monday 7th December 2026	Reception Nativity (2.15pm)
Tuesday 8th December 2026	Reception Nativity (9.30am)
Wednesday 9th December 2026	Y2 Nativity (2.15pm)
Thursday 10th December 2026	Y2 Nativity (9.30am)
Thursday 10th December 2026	*Save the Children* Christmas Jumper Day
Monday 14th December 2026	Y4 Carols in the Main Hall (2.45pm)
Tuesday 15th December 2026	Y1 Parent Christmas Crafts (9.00am)
Tuesday 15th December 2026	Y3 Carols in the Main Hall (2.45pm)
Wednesday 16th December 2026	Christmas Dinner Day (Christmas jumpers welcomed!)
Wednesday 16th December 2026	Y5 Carols in the Main Hall (2.45pm)
Thursday 17th December 2026	Y6 Carols in the Main Hall (2.45pm)
Friday 18th December 2026	Christmas Party Day for all children
Monday 21st December 2026 – Friday 1st January 2027	**Christmas Holidays**