



Abbey Lane Primary School

Autumn 1 2024-25 Newsletter

Welcome Back!

Well, that went quickly, didn't it?! It has been brilliant to see the children and hear about what they've been getting up to during their first few days back in school. They have all settled really well into their new classes and seem so much more grown up.

We had a busy year last year with RAAC and Ofsted and we are hoping for something a bit calmer this year (although that is never the case in schools!) Whatever the next academic year has in store for us, we are all really looking forward to another successful and enjoyable year at Abbey Lane.

Mr Calcutt

Staffing

Following Miss Field's departure at the end of the last academic year, we now have a new school business manager in place. Mrs Bibby has settled in very well during her first week at Abbey Lane. She is highly skilled at her job and is very friendly – she fits into our staff team with ease. You may see her on the front gate in the morning so feel free to say hello to her and welcome her to Abbey Lane.

This term we have also said goodbye to Mrs Hardy who has been a teaching assistant at Abbey Lane for many years. Mrs Hardy will be missed by staff and children alike. She was very good at building positive relationships with the children and was an asset to school. Good luck for the future, Mrs Hardy!

Sports Audit

We are sending out a KS2 sports audit link. If you have a child in KS2 we would be really grateful, if you could complete this by Friday 14th September. This is to support us in celebrating children's sporting achievements and helps us when it comes to sports clubs and teams. It also helps us with our PE curriculum as we assess the children's strengths.

Asda Cash Pots for School

Asda are running a scheme called 'Cashpots for Schools' (<https://www.asda.com/cashpotforschools>) which allows shoppers to nominate a school for Asda to donate money towards each time you shop. The full details can be found in the link above. If you do shop at Asda, please select Abbey Lane as these funds can then go towards making our school an even better place for your children to attend.

PALS

Hello from PALS. Welcome back to school to everyone and a big hello to our new starters in Reception. Well done for surviving for the first few days!

As the new term starts, we are gearing up to get events planned in for the year ahead and have our first meeting on Monday 16th September which will be held online. If you would like to be part of this meeting or to get involved with PALS then please follow this link to join our WhatsApp group. We are a lovely group and would love to have you on board.

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/7xOVqhVPgn18ZnsbfrkgNd>

We have the first Bags2School running on Thursday 19th September. Your child should bring a bag home but any bag will do. If you have any branded school uniform please put it in the PALS bin at the front of school.

We also have the amazing school disco taking place on Tuesday 1st October. As usual we will have Y1 - Y3 from 4.15pm to 5.15pm and Y4 - Y6 from 5.30pm to 6.30pm. More details will follow but please put the date in your diary!

We look forward to lots of great events over the course of the year. Please do consider if you can get involved to help make these events possible. We are on Facebook and also can be contacted by email on parentsabbeylane@hotmail.co.uk

Thank you for your support.

PALS

New Reception Starters

The new children in FS2 have made a super start to life at Abbey Lane. After their teachers visited them at home, they have settled into school quickly and easily. They are already busy working hard, making friends and having fun. Well done FS2, keep up the great work. We are really proud of you.



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.

Week commencing 16 th September	National Coding Week
Wednesday 25 th September 2024	Y2 walk to Beauchief
Friday 27 th September 2024	European Day of Languages
Tuesday 1 st October 2024	PALS School Disco
Wednesday 16 th October 2024	New Reception parents Visit (for children potentially starting in September 2025)
Wednesday 16 th October 2024	Y1 trip to Conisbrough Castle
Friday 18 th October 2024	Prime VR Day (Ancient Greeks for Y4 and Ancient Maya for Y6)
Monday 21 st October 2024	New Reception parents Visit (for children potentially starting in September 2025)
Tuesday 22 nd October 2024	Photographer in school for individual photos
Tuesday 22 nd October 2024	Parents Evening
Wednesday 23 rd October 2024	New Reception parents Visit (for children potentially starting in September 2025)
Thursday 24 th October 2024	Parents Evening
Week commencing 28 th October	Half Term
Wednesday 13 th November 2024	New Reception parents Visit (for children potentially starting in September 2025)
Friday 15 th November 2024	New Reception parents Visit (for children potentially starting in September 2025)
Thursday 28 th November 2024	Flu vaccinations in school

