

ABBOTS FARM INFANT SCHOOL NEWSLETTER - 2nd October 2025

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It's been a busy and exciting few weeks across the school, with lots of fantastic learning taking place!

Reception and Preschool are settling in beautifully. Preschool children are getting used to daily routines and have just met their first Ten Town character — King 1! Reception have been exploring sound through movement and are practising the tricky but important skill of using a mouse during computing. Year 1 have been developing their tool-handling skills and have enjoyed chopping fruit as part of their learning. Year 2 have been working collaboratively to solve challenges and have produced some brilliant writing, inspired by the books delivered by Professor Klunk.

It's wonderful to see such enthusiasm and creativity across all year groups!

MEDICINES

It's that time of year when children start picking up coughs and colds. If your child has an inhaler or requires medicine at any point in the year we need you to fill out a medical form. These can be picked up from the school office or downloaded form the school website (https://abbotsfarm-inf.org/parents/absence-and-medical-information/) Medicines should be handed into the office and the required

PARENTS EVENING

dose put in a syringe.

We will be holding virtual Parents' Evening appointments on Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd October. These meetings will take place via **School Cloud**, which will also be used for booking your appointment slots.

Parents of children in Year 1 and Year 2 are warmly invited to come into school to look through their child's books after school on Wednesday 5th November. This is a great opportunity to see the progress your child is making.

ATTENDANCE REMINDER

Children's attendance is a priority as highlighted in the government's guidance on improving school attendance. Therefore, all holiday requests will be unauthorised and we will be applying for fixed penalty notices for these absences.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

These have been arranged for Friday 17th October. We will be having individual and sibling photos. If your child is in Preschool and not in session but you would like to have a photo taken please come to the hall at 8:55. If you have children at another setting and would like a sibling photo please come to the hall at 8:30. We will arrange sibling photos within our school during the morning.



NAMING CLOTHING

We've already started to gather a number of lost items. To help us return belongings quickly and easily, please make sure all of your child's clothing is clearly labelled with their name.

HARVEST CELEBRATIONS

We're looking forward to celebrating Harvest on Tuesday 14th October. Rev. Gold will be leading a special assembly as part of our celebration.

As part of the festival, we will be collecting donations for Rugby Foodbank. If you're able to contribute, we would be very grateful for items from the shopping list below. Please bring donations in on the day of the celebration. These will be displayed in the hall and collected by the Foodbank on Wednesday.



PRELOVED UNIFORM SALE

We will be holding a preloved uniform sale on Wednesday 15th October at 8:20am on the playground. A great opportunity to pick up good-quality items at low cost!

We are able to accept both cash and card payments.



名 PE SAFETY REMINDER: JEWELLERY POLICY

To help keep all pupils safe during PE lessons, we'd like to remind families of our jewellery policy.

For health and safety reasons, all jewellery must be removed before PE, including items worn for religious or cultural reasons. This is in line with national guidance and helps prevent injury during physical activity.

We understand that some jewellery may hold personal or religious significance. If an item cannot be removed, we will work with families to find a safe alternative—such as securely covering it with a sweatband—provided it does not pose a risk.

Please ensure your child is able to remove any jewellery independently before PE lessons. If you have any concerns or would like to discuss specific items, feel free to contact the school office.

Thank you for your continued support in keeping PE safe and inclusive for everyone!

PARKING

We are increasingly concerned about unsafe parking practices outside both school sites. Cars have been seen parking on zigzag lines and even pulling up onto pavements, which poses a serious risk to children and families. For the safety of all pupils, we kindly ask that you park considerately and follow road safety guidelines at all times.

Additionally, for the health and wellbeing of our children, please avoid sitting in your car with the engine running. Idling contributes to air pollution, which can be especially harmful to young lungs.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping us keep our school environment safe and healthy.

DIWALI CELEBRATION

On Tuesday 21st October we're lighting up the day with joy, colour, and creativity as we celebrate Diwali, the Festival of Lights!

Children will take part in a variety of exciting activities throughout the day — from arts and crafts to storytelling and cultural exploration.

To make the celebration even more special, we'll be enjoying a Diwali-themed lunch filled with delicious flavours!

We're looking forward to a vibrant and meaningful day of learning and celebration!



DIARY

(Dates are subject to change)

October:

2nd – Bumble Bees Assembly

- Coffee Afternoon (EYFS) 2:30 - 3:15pm

9th - Dragonflies Assembly

- Coffee Afternoon (KS1) 2:30 – 3:15pm

14th – Harvest Assembly

15th – Preloved Uniform Sale

16th – Yr 2 Choral Outreach Day

- Fireflies Assembly

17th – School Photos

21st - Diwali Celebration

- Parents Evening

22nd - Parents Evening

27th - 31st October Half term

November:

3rd – School Closed – Teacher Training

4th - Flu immunisations

5th – Yr 1 & 2 Book look after school

7th – Yr 1 Fire Safety workshop

11th - Remembrance Silence

14th - Children in need

25th - Governor Meeting

27th – Reception Road Safety Workshop

December:

9th – Yr 1 Christmas performance (pm)

11th – Rec Christmas performance (pm)

12th – Yr2 Christmas performance (pm)

16th - Theatre Visit

17th – Christmas dinner

22nd December – 5th January Christmas Holidays. School Reopens on 6th January.

Additional information will be sent nearer the time.

