



ABBOTS FARM INFANT SCHOOL

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As we reach the end of another busy half term, I would like to take a moment to recognise just how hard all of our children have been working. They have shown great enthusiasm, resilience and pride in their learning, and we are incredibly proud of everything they have achieved.

This half term has also been a particularly memorable one, as we welcomed some very special visitors to our school – Ofsted. The children represented the school wonderfully, demonstrating our values and their positive attitudes to learning throughout the inspection. We look forward to being able to share the final report with you soon.

ASSEMBLIES

Our class assemblies for next half term are:

Thursday 11th June – Ladybirds

Thursday 18th June – Fireflies

These will be in the hall at 9:05am. Please join us to share your child's learning.

Our Year 2 leavers assembly will be at 2:15pm on Thursday 16th July. Please note we have had to change the time of this due to a clash with the junior school.

CAKE SALE

Join us for a delicious after-school cake sale in the hall at 3:15pm on Wednesday 10th June! There will be a wonderful selection of cakes to enjoy, along with hot drinks available to purchase—perfect for a treat at the end of the day.

We would love your support to make this a success and kindly welcome any cake donations. Please send these into school on Tuesday 9th June.

We hope to see you there!



SUN SAFETY

Hopefully the warmer weather is here to stay in preparation the children will have an assembly reminding them of how to keep themselves safe.

When we come back the children will be asked to bring in a sunhat and sunscreen. Preferred sun hats are either legionnaire or broad brimmed, bucket style hats that shade the face, neck and ears. Sunscreen should have a minimum sun protection factor (SPF) 30 with minimum 4 star UVA protection. Please apply sunscreen before your child comes to school. Children will apply their sunscreen before extended periods of time outdoors such as lunch breaks when UV penetration is at its peak. Both these items should be labelled with your child's name and class. Sunscreen needs to be handed to the class teacher. We do not allow children to share sunscreen as we have a number of children with allergies.

Please also ensure your child has a labelled bottle of water in school.

We are happy for the children to wear sunglasses outside but will discourage this if playing games such as football. Again these need to be named and are the child's responsibility.

OUTDOOR AREA DEVELOPMENT

Thankyou to everyone who donated to our Hungry Caterpillar event today. We have raised over £300.

You may have already noticed some exciting improvements to our outdoor learning space. Thanks to a very generous community donation of woodchip, along with the fantastic support of MKM Building Supplies, who went above and beyond to help with delivery, we have been able to create our wonderful new "Magical Kingdom" area for our Year 1 children. The children have thoroughly enjoyed bringing stories to life through play, and it has been a pleasure to see this space in use. We would also like to extend a special thank you to Mrs Plumbley for organising the project, as well as to all of our fantastic helpers—especially the children, who worked incredibly hard using spades and wheelbarrows to bring this area together.

We are excited to build on this further next year by continuing to develop our playground provision at lunchtimes. We are hoping to introduce additional features such as a stage area or a large sandpit to support imaginative play and social interaction. If any members of our community know of individuals or companies who may be willing to support us with this, please do pass on our school details—we would love to hear from them.



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DIARY

(Dates are subject to change)

25th May – 29th May Half Term. School reopens on 1st June.

June

4th – Year 1 & 2 tennis taster sessions
 Week beginning 8th June – Phonics screening
 10th – Cake Sale
 11th – Ladybirds Assembly
 18th - Fireflies Assembly
 - New Reception Tour & Play session
 19th – KS1 Football festival
 Week beginning 29th June – Hunts Book Fair
 - 23rd - New Reception Tour & Play session
 26th – Family Picnic

July

1st – Yr 1 visit to Brandon Marsh
 2nd – KS1 classrooms look round for new yr 1 & yr 2
 3rd - School reports out
 7th – Reception visit to Ash Down Farm
 - Governor meeting
 8th – Transition Day
 13th – Crickets Graduation
 14th – Dragonflies Graduation
 16th – Yr 2 Leavers assembly
 17th – End of term

**Summer holidays – 20th July – 1st September.
 School reopens 2nd September.**

ATTENDANCE

Reminder our school timings are:

Doors open and the school day starts	8.45a.m.
Gates close and morning register opens	8.50a.m.
Morning register closes in the classroom (L Code)	8:55a.m.
Morning register closes at the office (U Code)	9:15a.m.
Lunchtime	12p.m – 1p.m.
Afternoon register opens	1.00p.m.
Afternoon register closes	1.05p.m
School finishes	3.15p.m.

If you are more than 15 minutes late to collect your child, they will be placed in Bug Club and you will be charged £10 for every 15 minutes over.

AMAZON WISHLIST

We have had a few parents ask how they can purchase things for the school or donate so we have created a list of frequently used items on Amazon. To purchase these please use this link below:

<https://amzn.eu/dC1MPCT>

We thank you in advance for your generosity.



AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Next half term we will be running the following after school clubs:

Day	Club	Details
Monday	Tennis	With Metcalf in the hall from 3:15 – 4:15pm
Tuesday	Cricket	With Metcalf in the hall from 3:15 – 4:15pm
	Print & Paint	With Natalie in Dragonflies from 3:15 – 4:15pm
Thursday	Tang Soo Do	With Mr Dove in the hall from 3:15 – 4:00pm
Friday	Football	With Metcalf in the hall from 3:15 – 4:15pm

For the Metcalf Sports clubs please use the following link to book on:

<https://metcalf-multisports-limited.classforkids.io/?venueName=Abbots%20Farm%20Infant%20School>

YEAR 1 & YEAR 2 TENNIS SESSIONS

Next half term, our children will be taking part in a range of exciting sporting activities. For Years 1 and 2, this includes a tennis taster session on Thursday 4th June, delivered by <https://inspire2coach.co.uk>.

We look forward to the children developing their skills and enjoying this opportunity to try something new. Please ensure that children have their PE kits in school on this day.



FAMILY PICNIC

On Friday 26th June (weather dependent) we would like to invite our families to join us for lunch from 12 – 12:45pm.

Bring a picnic and a blanket. We will provide your child with a picnic lunch. This will be available to order from Stir. Collect your child from their classroom doors and then find a space on the grass to set up your family picnic.



GOODBYE & GOOD LUCK

Today we say goodbye to Miss Peace, who has been a valued member of our MDS team for over a year. We would like to thank her for all of her hard work and support during her time with us. We wish her every success and happiness in her new role.

