



# ABBOTS FARM INFANT SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER -24<sup>th</sup> April 2026

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The children have made a really positive start to the term, and it has been lovely to see them settling back into school routines so well. This week, Miss Bull and I have been supporting the School Council as they carried out our pupil survey, and it has been a real pleasure to hear the children talk so enthusiastically about the many things they enjoy about our school. We look forward to sharing the results with you soon.

Please keep checking Class Dojo regularly for updates on your child's learning.

### ASSEMBLIES

Our class assemblies for this half term are:

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May – Bumble Bees  
 Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May – Butterflies

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

### PRESCHOOL & BUG CLUB

Additional sessions are now available in **Preschool** and **Bug Club** on a convenient *pay-as-you-need* basis. This is a great opportunity to give your child extra time to learn, play, and grow in a supportive environment. To book a session or find out more, please contact the school office at [admin2410@welearn365.com](mailto:admin2410@welearn365.com).

### 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.

### PRELOVED UNIFORM AND BOOK SALE

On Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May we will be holding a preloved uniform and book sale at 3:15pm in the hall. We now have a card machine so we can take cash or card payments.



### AFTER SCHOOL

As the weather becomes warmer, we kindly ask that families leave the school site promptly once children have been collected, so that Mr Ford can carry out essential outdoor jobs safely. Thank you for your continued support in keeping our school environment safe and welcoming for everyone.

### 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.



**Enter our Super Draw**  
**Win a Nintendo Switch 2 Mega Bundle!**  
**OR £1,000 CASH PRIZE**



**Tickets cost just £1 a week**

- Chances to win up to £25,000
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- Support our fundraising this spring

**YOUR SCHOOL LOTTERY**

**PLAY NOW:**  
 Go to [www.yourschoollottery.co.uk](http://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk)  
 Search for: **Abbots Farm Infant**

**18** GambleAware

See website for Terms & conditions. Enter by 25/04/26

We understand that rising living costs are affecting many families, and we want you to know that you don't have to struggle alone. We can issue foodbank vouchers to provide support where needed.

In addition, the Family Information Service offers advice and guidance on a wide range of areas, including childcare, benefits, and family support.

For more information, please visit:  
<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/children-families>

**DIARY**

*(Dates are subject to change)*

**April:**

28<sup>th</sup> - Governors meeting

**May:**

- 4<sup>th</sup> – **Bank Holiday – School closed**
- 7<sup>th</sup> – Bumble Bees Assembly at 9:05am
- 8<sup>th</sup> – Reception dental checks
- 13<sup>th</sup> – Magical Maths Assembly
- 14<sup>th</sup> – Butterflies Assembly at 9:05am
- 20<sup>th</sup> – Preloved uniform and book sale

**25<sup>th</sup> May – 29<sup>th</sup> May Half Term. School reopens on 1<sup>st</sup> June.**

**June**

- Week beginning 8<sup>th</sup> June – Phonics screening
- 11<sup>th</sup> – Ladybirds Assembly
- 18<sup>th</sup> Fireflies Assembly
- 19<sup>th</sup> – KS1 Football festival
- Week beginning 29<sup>th</sup> June – Hunts Book Fair

**July**

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

**Summer holidays – 20<sup>th</sup> July – 1<sup>st</sup> September. School reopens 2<sup>nd</sup> September.**

*More details will follow.*

*Please check the school website for next year's term dates*

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## LEAVE OF ABSENCE DURING TERM TIME UPDATED INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

The Supreme Court has clarified the law on unauthorised leave, including holidays, during term time (Platt v Isle of Wright 2017). The Supreme Court has made clear that attending school 'regularly' means that the children must attend school on every day that they are required to do so. As such, the parents of any child who is absent from school without authorisation for any length of time are likely to be considered as committing an offence under s444 of the Education Act 1996.

The law states a leave of absence may only be granted by a school if an application is made in advance and if it considers there are exceptional circumstances relating to the application.

Schools must judge each application individually considering the specific facts and circumstances and relevant background context behind each request.

A leave of absence is granted entirely at the school's discretion. Generally, a need or desire for a holiday or other absence for the purpose of leisure and recreation would not constitute an exceptional circumstance.

Where a leave of absence is granted, the school will determine the number of days a pupil can be absent from school.

When making an application for Leave of Absence parents are advised to give sufficient information and time to allow the Head teacher the opportunity to consider all the exceptional circumstances and to notify parents of their decision. The school may also request further information on the application and supporting documentation where appropriate.

It is advised that if the resident parent has not received notification or a response regarding the leave of absence application, it is the parents' responsibility to ascertain if the leave is authorised prior to the start of the leave.

The school can only consider Leave of Absence requests which are made by the 'resident' parent ie the parent with whom the child normally resides.

Where applications for leave of absence are made in advance and refused, the child is expected to be in school on the dates set out in the application. If the child is absent during that period, it will be recorded as an unauthorised absence. Where a leave of absence is requested, but additional days taken either prior to or after the request may be considered as part of the leave of absence.

Leave of Absences which are not made in advance cannot be authorised in line with legislation. This will result in the absence being recorded as 'unauthorised'.

All matters of unauthorised absence relating to a Leave of Absence will be referred to the Warwickshire Attendance Service, part of Warwickshire County Council. Penalty Notices are issued in accordance with Warwickshire County Council's Code of Conduct for Penalty Notices and in the first instance, as an alternative to prosecution proceedings.

**The law relating to Penalty Notices changed with effect from 19 August 2024. Therefore, Penalty Notices issued for Leave of Absence taken from September 2024 will be issued in accordance with the updated legislation.**

- Penalty Notices are issued to each parent of each absent child, (for example 2 children and 2 parents, means each parent will receive 2 invoices – 4 in total).
  - First Leave of Absence offence: The Penalty Notice amount of £160 to be paid within 28 days, this is reduced to £80 each child if paid within 21 days.
  - Second Leave of Absence offence within a 3 year period (from the date of issue of the first penalty notice): The amount of £160 paid within 28 days. No reduced amount.
- Payment plans will not be offered and/or payments received outside of the 28 day period will not be accepted. Where a penalty notice expires unpaid the matter will be referred to Warwickshire County Council's Legal Services to consider criminal prosecution.
- Third Leave of Absence offence within a 3 year period (from the date of issue of the first penalty notice): A penalty notices will be not be issued and the matter will be referred to Warwickshire County Council's Legal Services to consider instigating criminal prosecution proceedings under S444 of Education Act 1996.

**Your child's progress academically as well as socially is our shared priority.**

# Football Camp 2026(2 days)

## AT AVON VALLEY SCHOOL & PERFORMING ARTS COLLEGE

Newbold Rd, Rugby CV21 1EH

(held on the Grass pitches for 2 days )

**Held On : Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May**

**(10.00am -3.00pm ) -For All Children Aged 4 – 15.**

Dear Parents,

I am pleased to inform you that due to the huge success of our weekly coaching programme and soccer camps over the last 18 years, we have organised the 2026 May half term Football camp from **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May** until **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May Avon valley School** for all children aged 4 – 15.

### About the action packed fun days

- They are designed to work with children of all abilities, ranging from the beginner to the more advanced player.
- The camp is run by F.A qualified coaches, who are D.B.S checked, and hold an advanced premier skills qualification, they are currently working with children, enabling them to learn essential soccer techniques, building **CONFIDENCE**, improving **FITNESS** and providing the most important ingredient of all **'FUN'**!
- All aspects of the game are covered, dribbling, control, passing, heading, tackling and team play.
- **The professional goals are used in all groups for shooting practice and small sided games.**
- Children will be supervised at all times, and coached according to their age group.
- Each child will be provided with a football for individual skill practice.
- The camp is held outdoor on grass fields , therefore children may wear boots or trainers.
- The camp is run for 2 days from 10.00am – 3.00pm, children can be dropped off at 9.30am, lunch will be from 12.15pm – 1.00pm, this is where children bring their own packed lunch and plenty of drinks!
- Parents are most welcome at any time on the camp, as this encourages a fantastic atmosphere.

### Presentation of trophies and awards

- On Friday at 2.00pm we hold a presentation , whereby **EACH CHILD WILL RECEIVE A MEDAL AND CERTIFICATE, AND TROPHIES FOR THE WINNERS OF THE COMPETITIONS.** Again, parents and friends are encouraged to come and see the players receive their awards.
- There are many opportunities to win extra trophies including the **WORLD CUP** , Penalty and American shoot out competitions, skill point winners and player of the camp.

The cost of the 2 day camp is £40 per child for both days days.£25 daily ,£30 for any additional brothers or sisters.

**Please note:** Places are limited; therefore bookings will be taken on a first come first served basis. If you wish to reserve a place for your child please text me child's name age and put football camp to the phone number below, please send payment to the details below with the reference as your child's name. If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact me on :-

**Mobile Number: 07496548498**

**Business Bank details :Craig John Woodward**

**Sort code 04-00-06**

**Account number 17102598**

**Reference : Children's name**

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