

Training days

School is closed on the following days:

Friday 23rd October 2026

Monday 23rd November 2026

Monday 4th January 2027

Friday 28th May 2027

Term dates

Autumn 2026

For Preschool start of term: Monday 7th September 2026

Half term: 26th October-30th October 2026

Start of term: Monday 2nd November 2026

Christmas Holiday: 21st December- 1st January 2027

Spring 2027

Start of term: Tuesday 5th January 2027

Half term: 15th -19th February 2027

Start of term Monday 22nd February 2027

Easter holiday: 26th March - 9th April 2027

Summer 2027

Start of term: Monday 12th April 2027

Bank holiday: 3rd May 2027

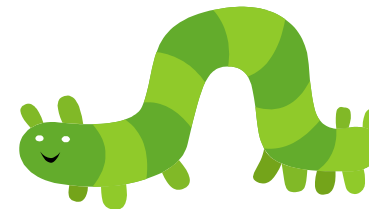
Half term: 31st May – 4th June 2027

Start of term: Monday 7th June 2027

End of term: Wednesday 21st July 2027

If you are worried about anything concerning Preschool please speak to one of the adults or ring the school. We do not want you or your child to worry and become unhappy.

Abbots Farm Preschool



Welcome to our Preschool

Information for Parents

2026/2027

We are delighted to welcome you and your child to our Preschool. This guide provides key information to help ensure a smooth and happy start.

Our Team

Teacher/ SENCO: Miss Jenna Hetherington

Early Years Educator: Mrs Debbie Davies

Preschool Assistants: Mrs Sue Purcell

Contact details

Telephone: 01788 543093

Email: admin2410@welearn365.com

School website: www.abbotsfarm-inf.org

Session times

- **Morning Session:** 8:45 – 11:45 (Doors open at 8:35)
- **Lunch Club:** 11:45 – 12:30
- **Afternoon Session:** 12:30 – 3:30
- **Additional sessions:** £18 per session
- **Lunch Club:** £7 per session

Lunch Club Collection:

- Children will be collected by staff at 11:45.
- Parents/carers should collect children at 12:30 from the Preschool entrance.

Key Person

Each child is assigned a **Key Person** who:

- Maintains learning records and observations
- Acts as your main point of contact

Assignments are made once children have settled in September. All staff are available to help at any time.

SENCO

Miss Hetherington supports children with additional needs and works closely with staff and families to ensure appropriate provision.

Uniform

- Optional: red sweatshirt with green caterpillar (available via www.myclothing.com)
- Recommended clothing:
 - Comfortable, practical clothes
 - Velcro shoes for independence
 - Clothes suitable for outdoor and messy play

Attendance & Absence

- Inform Preschool of absences on the first day and keep us updated
- Unexplained absence for 5 consecutive sessions may result in the place being withdrawn
- Holiday forms must be completed for term-time leave
- Charges may apply if funding is not available

Collection Procedures

- Please collect your child promptly
- Late collection:
 - £10 per 15 minutes after 15 minutes
 - Repeated lateness may result in withdrawal of sessions

Authorised Collection

- You must **sign in** and confirm who will collect your child
- Children will only be released to authorised adults
- A password system is used where necessary

Clothing & Personal Items

- Label all clothing clearly
- Provide:
 - Waterproof coat, trousers, and wellington boots
 - A spare set of clothes and wipes in a drawstring bag
 - Wellington boots should remain at Preschool

Health & Medical

- Follow illness exclusion guidance (check with GP if unsure)
- Children must stay home for **48 hours after sickness/diarrhoea**

Medication

- Medical consent forms required
- Inhalers must be:
 - Clearly labelled
 - Kept at Preschool (a second inhaler is recommended)

Allergies

- Ensure all allergy information is fully recorded on admission forms

Physical Education (PE)

- Two weekly sessions using small and large apparatus
- Children should:
 - Wear suitable clothing (e.g. leggings, joggers, t-shirts)
 - Be able to remove shoes and socks independently

Messy Play

We encourage creativity through activities such as painting and gluing.

- Children may get messy
- Avoid sending them in their best clothes
- Note: some paints (including acrylics) may not wash out completely

Outdoor Learning

Outdoor play is a key part of our curriculum. Children will go outside in all weather, so appropriate clothing is essential.

Learning & Communication (Class Dojo)

We use **Class Dojo** to:

- Share your child's learning and progress
- Upload photos and observations
- Provide school updates

Parents can also upload photos of achievements and experiences from home.

You will receive an email invitation—please accept it.

Important Dates

- **Home visits:** Week beginning 1st September
- **Stay and Play sessions:** Dates provided separately
- **Start date:** Monday 7th September