ABBOTS FARM INFANT SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER – 2nd October 2026

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It has been a busy and exciting few weeks across the school, with lots of fantastic learning already taking place.

Our Reception and Preschool children are settling in beautifully. Preschool children are becoming familiar with daily routines and have recently met their first Ten Town character, King 1! In Reception, children have been exploring shapes and beginning to learn about the colourful artwork of Kandinsky. Year 1 have been eagerly opening the letters and completing the challenges arriving in their Terrific Tin, while Year 2 have been busy developing their food technology skills by creating their own delicious pizzas.

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Tropical Family Disco. It was wonderful to see so many families enjoying the evening in their tropical outfits. Together, we raised an amazing **£550** for the school. Our Cake Sale this week organised by our year 2 team raised **£172**. This is a fantastic start to the year and, we hope, the first of many successful family events.

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 dose put in a syringe.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

These have been arranged for Friday 16th 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.



PARENTS EVENING

We will be holding our virtual Parents' Evening appointments on Tuesday 20th October and Wednesday 21st October. Appointments will take place via **School Cloud**, which will also be used to book your meeting slot. Booking will open at 9:00am on Monday 5th October. Instructions on how to access and use School Cloud will be shared via Class Dojo.

We are also delighted to invite parents and carers of children in Year 1 and Year 2 to visit school after school on Wednesday 4th November to look through their child's books. This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the progress your child has made, see examples of their learning and gain a greater understanding of their journey so far this year.

We look forward to meeting with you and sharing your child's achievements.

HARVEST CELEBRATIONS

We're looking forward to celebrating Harvest on Tuesday 20th October.

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.

Shopping list

- Squash
- Tinned Tuna
- Cake Bars
- Custard
- Cereals
- Washing Up Liquid
- Tin sweetcorn / peas
- Tinned Meat Meals

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.

PRELOVED UNIFORM SALE

We will be holding a preloved uniform sale on Wednesday 21st October at 3:15pm inn the hall. A great opportunity to pick up good-quality items at low cost!

We are able to accept both cash and card payments.



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!

BAG2SCHOOL COLLECTION

A Bag2School collection will take place on Tuesday 20th October.

Please fill any black bags with clean, good-quality items you no longer need. We can accept:

- Adults' and children's clothing
- Paired shoes
- Handbags, belts, scarves and ties
- Jewellery
- Soft toys

Unfortunately, we cannot accept school uniforms, workwear, duvets, pillows, wet items or heavily soiled items.

Please leave your bags on the grass by the school gate on the morning of Tuesday 20th October.

As well as raising valuable funds for the school, Bag2School helps reduce waste by giving unwanted items a new home instead of sending them to landfill. Every bag makes a difference, both for our school and for the environment.

ATTENDANCE REMINDER

Good attendance and punctuality are essential if children are to make the most of their education. Every minute of learning counts, and arriving on time helps children settle into the day, take part in important early learning activities and develop positive habits for the future.
We ask all families to plan journeys carefully and allow extra time for traffic and road delays. Unfortunately, traffic is not considered a valid reason for lateness, and persistent late arrivals will be monitored and followed up in line with our attendance procedures.

Children's attendance remains a key priority, as highlighted in the Government's guidance on improving school attendance. As a result, all requests for holidays during term time will be unauthorised except in the most exceptional circumstances. Where unauthorised holiday absence meets the threshold set by national guidance, the school will request that the Local Authority issues a Fixed Penalty Notice.

Thank you for your support in ensuring that every child is in school, on time and ready to learn each day.

CLASS FUNDRAISING CHRISTMAS PROJECT

Our children have once again taken part in the Class Fundraising Christmas Project, creating their own special designs.

Over the coming weeks, you will receive information about how to order a range of personalised products featuring your child's design, making perfect Christmas gifts for family and friends. The online shop will close on 21st October.

Not only is this a lovely way to celebrate your child's creativity, but the school will also receive 25% commission on every item purchased, helping to raise valuable funds for resources and enrichment opportunities for our children.

Thank you for your support. We look forward to seeing all the wonderful designs brought to life! 🎄 ✨

DIARY

(Dates are subject to change)

October:
8th - Dragonflies Assembly
- EYFS Coffee afternoon at 2:45pm

13th – Yr 2 Cricket Festival
15th - Fireflies Assembly
16th – School Photos
20th – Harvest Assembly
- Bags2School Collection

– Parents Evening
21st – Parents Evening
- Preloved Uniform Sale

23rd – **School Closed – Teacher Training**

26th – 30th October Half term

November:
5th – Yr 1 & 2 Book Look
11th - Remembrance Silence
20th - Flu immunisations
- Children in Need

23rd - **School Closed – Teacher Training**
24th - Governor Meeting

December:
2nd – Parents online safety and AI workshop
8th - Yr 1 Christmas performance (pm)
10th - Reception Christmas performance (pm)
11th – Year 2 Christmas performance (pm)
16th – Christmas dinner
17th – Theatre Visit

21st December – 4th January Christmas Holidays. School Reopens on 5th January.

Additional information will be sent nearer the time.

PARKING

Please help us keep our children safe by parking considerately around both school sites. Parking on zigzag lines or pavements puts children and families at risk.

We also ask that you switch off your engine while waiting, as idling contributes to air pollution around the school.

Thank you for helping us keep our school environment safe and healthy for everyone. 🚗 🌱