



Abbey Primary School Newsletter

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News and updates

Staffing update

We would like to start this newsletter by letting you know that Miss Ashman is leaving us in a few weeks time, on Friday 14th March 2025. She currently works in our Reception class, supporting our children with additional needs. Miss Ashman returned as a member of staff a few years ago, after previously being a pupil at Abbey, and I would like to thank her for the hard work and efforts she has made with all children she has worked with. She has managed to secure a position as a teaching assistant at a special school in Walsall.

Training Days and term dates

Below are our confirmed training days for 2025-26, which are also on the school website;

Monday 1st September 2025

Friday 19th December 2025

Monday 5th January 2026

Monday 20th July 2026

Tuesday 21st July 2026

We have been informed that no elections are taking place this year therefore we will be open on Thursday 1st May 2025. We are closed on Monday 5th May for May Day Bank Holiday. The final two training days for this academic year are Monday 2nd June 2025 and Monday 21st July 2025, meaning we will break up at 1.30pm on Friday 18th July 2025. Please also see the Walsall Council and school website for term dates.

Academy consultation

I am hopeful all parents have seen the letter to parents sent earlier in the week regards our consultation in joining St Bart's Academy Trust in Wolverhampton. Please see the school website for further details and if you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact me via email or via the school office.

Values awards

We have been celebrating the achievements of pupils in our Values Assembly over the last few weeks, children have been really working hard to set a great example to their class peers. See below for all the children who have met our values and have received badges and certificates over the past few weeks.



School Council Update

We have been lucky enough to have been gifted 6 fruit trees from the 'Coronation Living Heritage Fund' via Walsall Council to create our own orchard.

We have been given 2 apple, 2 pear and 2 plum trees. The School Council have helped to plant these trees outside year 1 and 2 classrooms. We look forward to watching our orchard grow and have our own fruit in the next few years.



World Book Day—Thursday 6th March 2025

A reminder that children can come dressed as a book character or in their pyjamas ready for a bedtime story. Please do not go to any extra expense. On the day we will have a special assembly and have world book day activities.



Red Nose Day—Friday 21st March 2025

On Friday 21st March we would encourage children to dress in red. We will also have a bake off competition which has been suggested as part of their 40th anniversary. On the day children can submit entries that will have been baked at home and brought in to school. Myself and Mrs Wright (our very own Paul and Prue) will be judges on the day. A prize will be awarded for each class winner. The cakes can then be eaten as a treat for the children that afternoon.

"How do you Look After Yourself" Competition

I am pleased to let you know that before half-term we were contacted by the Walsall Public health team to say that Slav in Y6, won a prize in the competition launched last December which was asking children and young people how they look after themselves.

They commented that they were impressed by the quality of all the entries and that the thought that went into all submissions was fantastic. They also commended all children and thanked our school in supporting this initiative.

Well done to Y2 and Y6 children who took part.

Uniform reminder

PE kit for all children that attend Abbey Primary School is a plain coloured t-shirt in the pupils house colours. These can be purchased at cost price from the school office. Children should also wear black shorts or joggers, and a black fleece or jacket.

Football kits are not uniform and we would welcome your support in ensuring pupils do not wear football kit tops. Trainers are advised however black pumps are also allowed.

Dates for the diary

Monday 3rd March—Cricket sessions starting each Monday for Y1-Y5 classes, plus an additional after school club each week, for 6 weeks.

Monday 3rd March—Litter Picking sessions and assembly (to be completed over the whole week with Walsall Council)

Wednesday 5th March—Reverend Amanda's assembly—Lent

Thursday 6th March—World Book Day, children can come dressed as their favourite book character or dressed ready for a bedtime story (in their pyjamas)

Thursday 20th March—Y2 at Black Country Living Museum all day, as part of Little Makers.

Friday 21st March—Red Nose Day for Comic Relief, pupils can dress in red and bake cakes for a cake competition. Children can buy cakes at playtime and if enough left, also purchase them after school.

Monday 24th March—Eye tests for Reception class

Wednesday 26th March—10am, EYFS Play and Stay for Mothers Day—all mums invited.

Friday 28th March—Eid-al-Fitr RE day in school.

Monday 31st March—9am, Y6 SAT's parents meeting for all Y6 parents

Wednesday 2nd April—2.30pm Parents meeting for Y1 parents—Phonics Screening Check.

Thursday 3rd April and Friday 4th April—Cat Protection League sessions in school all day.

Monday 7th April—Art Week. RSPCA sessions for Y3-Y6. After school Parent Book Look.

Tuesday 8th April—10am EYFS Easter Play and Stay, Last Y5 swimming.

Wednesday 9th April—2.30pm Y1 Easter Assembly for Y1 parents

Friday 11th April—9am WOW of the term assembly & Break up for Easter holidays at normal time..
PTA Non-uniform day—bring a bottle or chocolate for the Summer Fayre.

EASTER HOLIDAYS—Monday 14th April 2025—Friday 25th April 2025

Monday 28th April—Back to school for Summer Term 1. Reception visit to St Thomas's church.

Monday 5th May—Bank Holiday Monday—school closed

Wednesday 7th May—Reception visit to Bloxwich Library

Thursday 8th May—Y2 trip to Dudley Zoo

Monday 12th May—Thursday 15th May—Y6 SAT's week, - Y6 children can come in at 8.30am for free breakfast Monday to Thursday and must be in school all week.

Monday 12th May—Y4 Sparks visit from the Fire Service.

Thursday 22nd May—Y4 visit to Tamworth Castle

Friday 23rd May—End of summer term 1

HALF TERM—Monday 26th May 2025—Friday 30th May 2025