

Abbey Primary School

Newsletter

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News and updates

Bryntysilio—23rd-25th February 2026

Just a reminder that on our return Y5 and Y6 children have the opportunity to go to Bryntysilio. Parents do not need to buy any new clothes, old clothes are best. Please go to the website for what to bring, and the class dojo page, set up for the parents of children attending. We will be leaving around 9.15am and returning by the end of the school day on Wednesday 25th February.

Y5 and Y6 Music concert for parents

I am pleased to say that at 2.30pm on Tuesday 3rd March, Mr Drury is leading a music concert for Y5 and Y6 parents. This will be a chance for the children to share the work completed so far this year, and for Y6 to practice in preparation for their music exam later this year. Y5 and Y6 parents can wait by the school office for a 2.30pm start.

Wednesday 25th February—1.30-2.30pm—Reception Maths Play and Stay

This will be held in the main hall and will start with a maths information session for parents and then parents will join the children for practical maths activities that can be tried at home. YR parents can wait by the front office, where a member of staff will meet you to take you to your child.

Walsall Family Hubs

We are excited to share services and activities available to support families especially for children aged 0-5 years. We have a poster on the front door with a QR code that can be scanned for more information and a pack of activities and services for January to March 2026, also in the entrance.

If you have any questions please get in touch;

familyhubs@walsall.gov.uk, or follow on Facebook: Walsall Families in the Know

World Book Day—Thursday 5th March

On Thursday 5th March, children can come to school dressed in their pyjamas/onesies ready for a bedtime story, or as a children's book character. No money is needed for this day, please do not feel you need to go to any expense for a costume. Children will also be receiving their free World Book Day book; which is sponsored by National Book Tokens.

E Scooter correspondence

Please see letter from Walsall Council leaders and West Midlands Police, on the next page regards the legality of use of e-scooters.

Parent's parking

Please can I remind parents that at the end of the day, the road and paths need to remain clear for vehicles, including on occasion, coaches, to be able to drive past. In the last few weeks, where classes have gone on trips, they have been stuck trying to get past parked cars to the school.

Y5 swimming

Over the last few weeks, swimming has had to be cancelled on some occasions due to the venue being damaged due to the weather. With this in mind, we have made the decision to extend the swimming sessions for Y5 after Easter, until the end of April, meaning the last swimming session for Y5 is Tuesday 27th April 2026. Y4 will start their swimming sessions on Tuesday 5th May.

Dear Parent's

I am writing to seek your support in addressing an increasingly pressing safety issue across our borough: the rising number of children using e-scooters in ways that place them, and others, at significant risk.

Legal Position on E-Scooters

West Midlands Police guidance confirms that privately owned e-scooters are illegal to use on public roads, pavements, parks, cycle lanes, and any other public spaces. They are legally classified as motor vehicles under the Road Traffic Act 1988, meaning they require a driving licence and insurance—neither of which is available for privately owned e-scooters. As a result, children riding private e-scooters in public are doing so unlawfully, and the vehicles can be seized under Section 165 of the Act.

The only lawful use of e-scooters in public places is through approved rental trial schemes, which require riders to be at least 18 and hold a valid driving licence—making them inappropriate and inaccessible for school-aged children.

Safety Concerns

Police and safety services report a growing number of collisions involving e-scooters, with some resulting in serious injury. West Midlands Police highlight that if a rider causes harm to others, incidents are investigated in the same way as collisions involving cars or motorcycles.

In addition, West Midlands Fire Service and national road safety bodies emphasise the following risks:

- Lack of protective equipment (many children ride without helmets or pads)
- Use on unsuitable surfaces and in busy pedestrian areas
- Rising reports of children riding without insurance and in unsafe conditions, contributing to increased enforcement concerns nationally

Request for Your Support

Given these risks, I kindly ask all schools to share this information with parent's, carers, and pupils. Raising awareness will help ensure that families clearly understand both the legal restrictions and the dangers associated with e-scooter use.

Further Information

West Midlands Police guidance on e-scooters can be found here: <https://www.westmidlands.police.uk/advice/advice-and-information/rs/road-safety/advice-escooters/>

Dates for the diary

Monday 16th February—Friday 20th February

Half term holidays

Monday 23rd February—Spring Term 2 starts.

Monday 23rd February—Wednesday 25th February—Y5/6 at Bryntysilio

Wednesday 25th February—1.30-2.30pm—Reception Play and Stay for parents and children

Tuesday 3rd March—2.30pm Y5 and Y6 Music concert for parents.

Wednesday 4th March—2.30pm Y3 class assembly—Chinese New Year

Wednesday 4th March—all pm—Hidden Harm session for Y5 and Y6 pupils, in school, no cost.

Thursday 5th March—World Book Day, see details above.

Friday 6th March—RE Day—Nirvana

Monday 9th March—Science Week, with professor in school

KS2 school councillors attending the 'Fly the Flag' event at Walsall Council House—more details to follow.

Wednesday 11th March—10.30-11.30am EYFS Mother's Day Tea and Cake

Thursday 12th March, 2pm—Reflexions Mental Health workshop for parents.

Wednesday 18th March—Y3 visit to Dudley Zoo

Tuesday 24th March—Last Y5 swimming

Wednesday 25th March—2.30pm, Y1 parents Phonic Screening Check information meeting

Thursday 26th March—2.30pm, Y1 class Easter Assembly for parents

Friday 27th March—Break up for Easter holidays

Monday 30th March—Friday 10th April

Easter holidays

Monday 30th March—Thursday 2nd April—Sports Plus running HAF Programme.

Monday 13th April—Start of Summer Term 1

Monday 20th April—KS1 (Y1/Y2) at Tanglewood day at Cannock Chase

Wednesday 29th April—Class Photographs all day

Monday 4th May—Closed for Bank Holiday Monday

Tuesday 5th May—Y4 swimming starts

Thursday 7th May—Closed for Local Elections

Monday 11th May—Thursday 14th May—Y6 SAT's week.

Friday 22nd May—end of Summer term 1

Monday 25th May—Friday 29th May 2026

May Half term

Monday 1st June—Start of Summer term 2