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NEWSLETTER – Autumn Term 2026 – Issue 5 – Friday 6th November 2026

Dear Parents,

Before half term, four children from Abbey Primary School attended the first inter-school quiz, with other St Bart's academy schools. They were tested on general knowledge and British Values, and I am pleased to say that they came a respectable 5th out of ten schools. Well done to the children who represented our school so well.

STAFFING UPDATE

I am pleased to let you know that Mrs Dean will soon be our new part-time school business manager. We will be sad to say goodbye to Mrs Taylor who has supported us for over twelve months after Miss Sanders left, and I would personally like to thank her for her hard work. Mrs Dean will be working alongside Mrs Bowater and Miss Aulton two days a week.

Also this week, Mrs Ameen has started full time as a teaching assistant in Early Years. She has been supporting in school since September but is now full time at Abbey Primary School.

CHILDREN IN NEED

Children in Need will be on Friday 13th November, everybody can come dressed in non-uniform or yellow for Pudsey bear. Please bring a cash donation on the day, ideally around £1. This is not via Parent Pay.

On the day, the children will have a class discussion of why we are raising money and children will watch a programme to help support this learning.

In the hall on this day, Mr Micklewright will be doing a gladiators themed assault course with each class, so please ensure what is worn by children is suitable for PE type activities.

REMEMBERANCE DAY

Until next Wednesday 11th November, children will be able to bring in some money to put towards buying a poppy or poppy related item. The items range from 10p - £1, and we are limited with the stock we have. Y5 will be performing an assembly to the school and for Y5 parents on this day, the assembly for parents starts at 2.30pm.

PARENTS MENTAL HEALTH GROUP

The next meeting is on 19th November 2026 at 2pm, where we have a special choking and allergy awareness course as part of the group. Mrs Perkins, our pastoral support assistant, is part of this group.

EYFS NATIVITY

Please be aware that we have slightly changed the dates for the EYFS Nativity for Nursery and Reception parents. This will be now starting at 9.30am on Tuesday 1st December and Wednesday 2nd December. Tickets will be available for families in the next few weeks.

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DATES FOR THE DIARY

Monday 9th November – Anti-bullying workshops and assemblies across the day.

Tuesday 10th November – Y5 start swimming.

Wednesday 11th November – 2.30pm Y5 Remembrance Day assembly for Y5 parents

Friday 13th November – Children in Need Day – details above.

Thursday 19th November – 2pm, Parent Reflexions session – Chocking and Allergy Awareness Course.
Y1 visit to Black Country Museum – all day.

Tuesday 1st December – all PM Book Bus in school

Tuesday 1st December & Wednesday 2nd December, 9.30am YN and YR Nativity for EYFS parents only.

Thursday 3rd December – flu catch-up session all pm.

Monday 7th December – Walsall Football Club – kids cup, selected Y5/6 children for football competition.

Wednesday 9th December – 10-11am – EYFS Christmas Play and Stay.
After school – PTA Christmas Fayre

Thursday 10th December – 2pm Parent Reflexions session.

Sunday 13th December – Pudding Run organised by Sneyd Stryders.

Monday 14th December – AM, YR and KS1 visit to the Hive to see Father Christmas

Wednesday 16th December – 5pm, Carols Around the Christmas Tree. Final wraparound club until 4.15pm only.

Thursday 17th December – WOW of the term assembly. Finish at 1.30pm – no wraparound club

Friday 18th December – TRAINING DAY, no children in school on this day.

Monday 21st December 2026 - Friday 1ST January 2027 – CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

Monday 4th January – TRAINING DAY, no children in school on this day.

Tuesday 5th January – Start of Spring Term 2027

All other term dates are on the website for this year, as part of the overview planner

Yours sincerely,
Mr M. Gilbert, Headteacher

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