



Newsletter

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Message from the Headteacher



Dear Parents/ Carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you well and that you've all had a wonderful summer break. As we eagerly anticipate the start of a new academic year, I'm excited to share some important updates and information with our school community.

First and foremost, I'm delighted to announce that our pupils will be returning to school on Wednesday 4th September. It's always a joy to see their bright faces and enthusiasm as they embark on a new year of learning and growth. We're looking forward to welcoming them back and hearing all about their summer adventures.

I'm thrilled to share some exciting news about our school's expansion. We're opening a new nursery, which will begin welcoming our youngest learners on Monday 9th September 2024. This addition to our school family will provide a nurturing environment for our littlest pupils to start their educational journey. We can't wait to see the nursery filled with curious minds and happy smiles.

As with any new academic year, we sometimes see changes in our staff. I'd like to take a moment to bid farewell to Miss Wright, our Admin Officer, who has moved on to new opportunities. We're grateful for her dedicated service to our school community and wish her all the best in her future endeavours. At the same time, I'm pleased to introduce Mrs Groom, who will be stepping into the role of Admin Officer. I'm confident that Mrs Groom will be a wonderful addition to our team, and I know you'll join me in giving her a warm welcome.

Looking ahead, I'm excited to share that the Friends of The Abbey Primary School are already busy planning some fantastic events for our school community. They'll be organising Halloween events, which I'm sure will be a treat for our pupils. These events not only provide fun and excitement but also strengthen the bonds within our school family. More details about these events will be shared as we get closer to the date, so keep an eye out for further announcements.

As we step into this new academic year, I'm filled with optimism and excitement for all that lies ahead. Our school community has always been one of warmth, support, and dedication to nurturing every child's potential. I have no doubt that this year will bring new achievements, cherished memories, and continued growth for all of us.

Thank you for your ongoing support and partnership in your children's education. Together, we create an environment where every child can 'Be all they can be'. Here's to another fantastic year at The Abbey Primary School!

Caroline Farmer
Headteacher

Important information

'No Outsiders' Learning resources

At The Abbey Primary School, we aim to teach the children to respect and accept difference and diversity using the Equality Act 2010 as a solid foundation. We have a duty to prepare them for modern life in Britain. In school and their future workplace they will be working alongside peers and colleagues of different race, religion, gender, age, disability and sexual orientation.

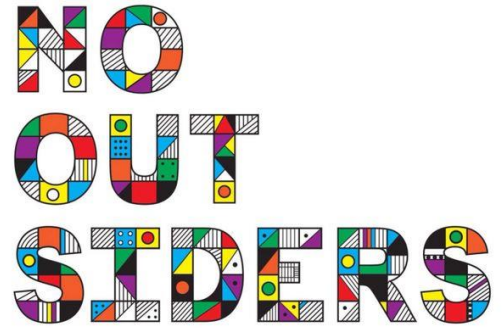
We expect the children to express their views with kindness and consideration for the feelings of others. Our key message is that we are all equal and we all belong, we are all insiders, there are no outsiders in our school. In order to promote this ethos at The Abbey Primary School, we have chosen to use a resource that embeds equality, called 'No Outsiders.' The resource will be used from Reception to Year 6.

A letter with more detail will be sent to all parents/carers.

We will begin the programme this half term. If you would like further details, we welcome you to come to an information event on Thursday 12th September at 2:30p.m. in the school hall with Mrs. Farmer and Mrs. Kelsall.

Please fill in the following form if you would like to attend the information event:

<https://forms.office.com/e/jVjgUJB8JW>



EYFS 2025 Open Evenings

Wednesday 2nd October 2024 6.00pm
Thursday 3rd October 2024 10.00am-11.00am
Tuesday 7th January 2025 6.00pm

These open day dates are for children starting school in September 2025 in Reception or Nursery

Alternative dates and times available on request.

Call to book a tour and for more information.

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Friends of The Abbey Primary School Halloween Events

- EYFS Halloween Party- 22nd October 3.10-4.00pm
- Year 1- 3 Halloween Disco – 24th October 5.00-6.00pm
- Year 4-6 Halloween Disco – 24th October 6.15-7.15pm
- Pumpkin Carving Competition – Thursday 24th October

Honeycomb Club

Bookings are now open for the Autumn term via Arbor.

Our Honeycomb club has a new location! Breakfast and after school club will take place at the top of school by Year 1 and partly in the hall for afterschool club. Please collect your child from after school club from the **SCHOOL OFFICE.**



Club	Timings	Cost
Breakfast Club	From 8:00a.m. Until 8:40a.m.	£4
After School Club Early	From 3:10p.m. Pick up by 4:00p.m.	£5
After School Club Late	From 3:10p.m. Pick up by 5:45p.m.	£12




Second Hand Uniform

Please remember we have some used jumpers, cardigans, trousers, skirts and polo t-shirts for any families that need support and may find themselves struggling financially.



For more information, please come to the school office.



FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Do you receive any of the following?

- ✔ Universal Credit
- ✔ Income Support
- ✔ Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- ✔ Guarantee element of Pension Credit
- ✔ Child Tax Credit and your income totals less than £16,190
- ✔ Working Tax Credit run-on

If you can answer yes to any of the above your child/ren may qualify for free school meals/pupil premium (£1455 additional funding for school).



Want to apply?

Not sure?

Ask at the office

All applications are confidential.

Children who are eligible for Free School Meals are then eligible for Pupil Premium funding, which is additional funding allocated to schools. This funding is used to support parents/ carers with the cost of school trips, residentials and extra-curricular activities. Pupil Premium Funding is allocated for all children currently eligible for Free School meals, plus an additional 6 years after (if eligibility for Free School Meals stops). Parent/ carers can apply via <https://www.westnorthants.gov.uk/school-information-parents/free-school-meals-and-pupil-premium> or speak to school who can support your application.

Academic Calendar 2024-25

School dates for 2024-25 are available on the school website.

<https://www.abbeyprimary.co.uk/news-and-events>

Follow us on social media!

Want to keep up to date on all the learning and events in school? Then follow us on social media- we're now on Instagram too!



Parking

Thank you to the vast majority of parents who park sensibly and respectfully at the beginning and end of the school day. We really appreciate your support with this.

If you have any concerns or complaints regarding parking issues outside school, please report registration numbers/incidents to Northamptonshire County Council and Northampton South West Police via the following website link and Neighbourhood Team email:

<https://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/councilservices/northamptonshire-highways/parking/Pages/parking-enforcement.aspx>

NeighbourhoodTeamNorthampton@northants.pnn.police.uk

Dates for your diary

- 4th September – Children return to school (Reception – Year 6).
- 9th September- Nursery children start school.
- 12th September 2.30pm- ‘No Outsiders’ parents meeting in hall
- 24th September 6.00pm – Year 4 residential meeting in the hall
- 25th September – flu vaccinations
- 2nd October 6.00pm and 3rd October 10.00am- September 2024 EYFS Open dates
- 17th October 6.00pm - Year 6 residential meeting in the hall
- 22nd October – School Photos
- 22nd October 3.10-4.00pm - EYFS Halloween Party
- 24th October 5.00-6.00pm- Year 1- 3 Halloween Disco
- 24th October 6.15-7.15pm - Year 4-6 Halloween Disco
- 24th October- Pumpkin Carving Competition
- **Thursday 24th October - last day of term for pupils**
- **Friday 25th October – Training day**
- Monday 4th November- school re-opens to pupils at 8.40am
- 31st October- Year 6 Secondary school application deadline