

ABBOT'S HALL PRIMARY SCHOOL



Parent newsletter – September 2026

Message from Mr Pettitt

It has been a pleasure to welcome everyone back to school following the summer holidays. The children have settled well and, when visiting the classrooms, it is great to see the children engaging positively in their learning. I would particularly like to welcome all the new children and families into Reception and throughout other classes in the school. We are delighted to have you with us and we look forward to working with you.

Early Years Tours



If you have a child starting school in September 2027 please come along to one of our EYFS tours.



We have tours on the following dates:

Thursday 1st October 9.30am

Tuesday 3rd November 9.30am

Thursday 26th November 9.30am

Tues 1st December 9.30am



Please call and book your place on a tour!



At Abbot's Hall, one of our key drivers is encouraging our pupils to be responsible. As part of this, we provide opportunities for children to take on roles to enable them to become good leaders and to ensure the voice of pupils is heard.

At the beginning of each year, classes vote for two peers in their class to become School Council members. This is voted for in a democratic process.

In preparation for this, we would like parents and carers to talk with your children to see if they would like to be nominated for this vote. We would also like pupils in Year 4, 5 and 6 to write a short paragraph to explain to their peers why they are deserving of this role.

To be an effective school council member, pupils will need to:

- Co-lead regular school council meetings
- Share the pupil voice in regular meetings led by Mrs Tindall
- Be passionate about making our school a better place
- Have new and constructive ideas.

This was shared with children in assembly on Monday 21st September and nominated names will need to be given to class teachers by Monday 28th September. The election will follow this.

First Aid / Administration of Medications



We are pleased to inform you that we have moved to a new online system, Medical Tracker, to record any first aid incidents and medications given in school. Please be aware that should your child be given medication in school, including an inhaler, that the email informing you of this will come from the following email address instead of Arbor: noreply@medicaltracker.co.uk. This will inform you of the medication given, dosage and timings so you are aware. We hope you will find this to be of assistance.

Parking Permits

Please remember to renew your parking permit, through the school, if you have one. The pass allows the permit holder to park in the Iliffe Way Carpark (the carpark next to the Tennis Club) between the times of 8.30am to 9.00am and 3.00pm to 3.30pm, term time only. Please note, the permit does not allow the vehicle to be parked in the Asda car park or any other car park in the town. The pass must be displayed in the window of your vehicle to be effective.

Parking permits are now provided to the school by the Town Council. We have a limited number. It is no longer required to provide your registration numbers - passes need to be shared between adults doing the drop offs and collections.

School clubs

We are very excited to be able to offer a range of new school clubs! Clubs has started this week. Please see school the office for details on how to book any additional places on these clubs.



Walking Bus

We have availability on the Walking Bus. This collects children at 8.15am from Asda and returns them by 3.30pm. Please speak to the school office if you are interested



Sadly, we have said goodbye to Mrs Filby over the summer holiday. We wish her luck in her new venture.

We would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate Mrs Moss (Miss Morris) and Mrs Scott (Miss Scott) who got married over the summer holiday.



Look out for your logins!

When it comes to times tables, speed AND accuracy are important - the more facts your child remembers, the easier it is for them to do harder calculations.

Times Table Rock Stars is a fun and challenging program designed to help students in Y3 - Y6 master their times tables! Year 2 will also join the fun later in the school year!





We are excited to be having a book fair in the Autumn Term, to help raise money for new books. It will be open on Friday 2nd October 3.15- 3.40, Monday 5th October 3.15 – 3.40 and Tuesday 6th October 3.15 – 3.40.

Where is the book fair?

You will find the Book Fair in the North Hall - entrance is through the external door located near the bike pods.

How do I pay at the fair?

Our book fair will be cashless. Please see the options below:

- We are hoping to have a card machine that will be available to use at the book fair. Please select your books and then make your way to the paying station.
- Alternatively, once you've selected your books, simply use your mobile phone to scan the QR code (available at the fair) and enter your school's name or postcode. You should then select 'I am paying at the fair', where you will be asked to enter your details, along with the payment for your purchases. The staff will be able to confirm your purchase. Staff will be available at the fair to support with this system!
- If your child is in Year 5 or Year 6 and would like to attend the book fair alone after school, this year we have a cashless option for them! Book Fair Gift Vouchers are the simple, secure way to ensure your child gets the books they want. Please see the link below to purchase a voucher of your choice. Once a purchase has been made, you will receive the voucher in an email which can be printed and given to your child – much safer to carry than cash! If you are unable to print your voucher, please send this to the office the night before the book fair that they are attending, and we will be happy to get this printed for them.

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/gift-vouchers>

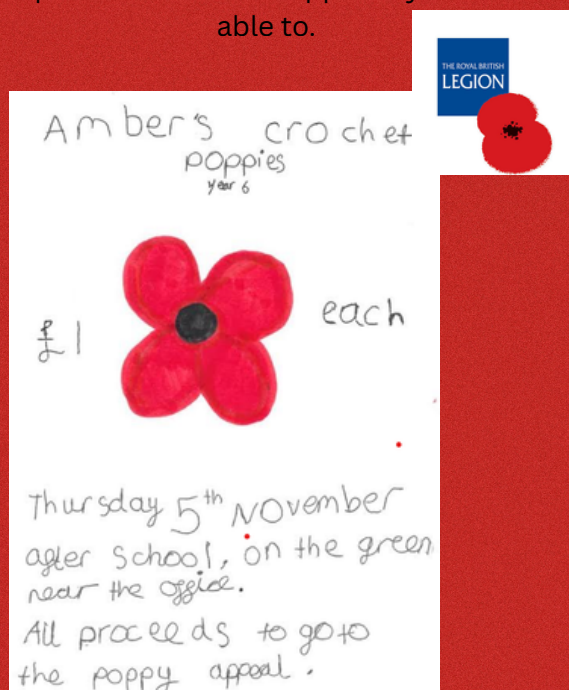
All book purchases at our fair help the school receive free books, supporting us in developing a love of reading for all children in our school! We look forward to welcoming you to our popular book fair.

Welcome Meeting

We were pleased to see so many of our new Reception parents attend our welcome meeting. We look forward to working alongside you all, during your time at Abbot's hall.



A pupil of ours has been busy crocheting poppies to raise money for the poppy appeal. Please see her poster below and support if you are able to.



Reminders

Please can we remind all parents/ carers to park and drive carefully and cautiously on Danescourt Avenue and the surrounding areas

THINK BEFORE YOU PARK

Please remember that we are a nut-free and seed free school and please continue to support us in keeping certain foods out of lunch boxes for the health and safety of our pupils. Allergy information, including a list of foods not suitable to bring into school is on the website.

Can we remind all adults that our school is a No cigarette, No e-cigarette and No Vape site. This applies as soon you enter the school grounds.

Please ensure that all of your children's clothing and personal items are named so that we can try to reunite them to their owners. Lost property is located in the cupboard in the reception area. After one month, unnamed items that are not reclaimed are either given to The Friends to sell or to Charity



Are you interested in becoming a Trust Governor?

The governors of Abbot's Hall do an amazing job working with the school to make Abbot's Hall the best it can be. We are looking for a Trust governor to join our supportive local governing body. If you would be interested in finding out more information about what would be involved and/or to apply to be a governor at Abbot's Hall, please contact governors@abbotshall.suffolk.sch.uk or speak to Mr Pettitt or Mr Kenworthy, our Chair of Governors, for more information and an application form.

If you would like to contact the Governors, for any reason, a direct email address is available for your convenience. This email will be monitored weekly by a member of the Governing Body.
governors@abbotshall.suffolk.sch.uk



Look at what our new
Foundation Stage
children have been up to!
They have been
superstars.

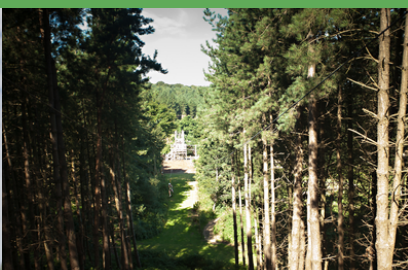


First
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School





A group of Year 6 pupils visited the Hilltop Outdoor Centre for a 3 day residential. The children took part in a range of adventurous and educational activities. The children were encouraged to choose enjoyable challenges, set achievable targets and face apparent risks, appropriate to their ability. They had a great few days!



You are invited!

If your child is in Phase 1 (FS and Y1) or Phase 2 (Y2 and Y3) look out for your Welcome Wednesday or Friendly Friday date.

This is an opportunity for you to come into school to take part in a short activity with your child.

Dates for the Diary

Mon 21st Sep - Year 4 West Stow Trip
Thurs 24th Sep - Year 3 and 4 French Tuck Shop
Fri 25th Sep - Year 5 and 6 French Tuck Shop
Fri 25th Sep - 9am Year 6 class assembly
Sat 26th Sep - Languages Day (to be promoted the previous week)
Fri 2nd Oct - 9am Year 4 class assembly
Weds 7th Oct - Year 2 Owl Sanctuary Visit
Fri 9th Oct - 9am Year 5 class assembly
Fri 16th Oct - 9am Year 2 class assembly
Tues 20th Oct - Parents Consultation (More info to follow)
Thurs 22nd Oct - 9am Year 1 Harvest Assembly
Thurs 22nd Oct - Parents Consultation (More info to follow)
Fri 23rd Oct - 9am FS Class Assembly

Half term - 26th Oct - 20th Oct

Tues 3rd Nov - Year 5 Bury St Edmunds Trip
Weds 4th Nov - 2.45pm Mrs Scrivener and Mrs Brown's Welcome Wednesday
Fri 6th Nov - 2.45pm Mrs Scarfe and Mrs Cox's Friendly Friday
Weds 11th Nov - 2.45pm Miss Payea's Welcome Wednesday
Fri 13th Nov - 2.45pm Mr Dunne's Friendly Friday
Weds 18th Nov - 2.45pm Mrs Rogers and Mrs Evan's Welcome Wednesday
Fri 20th Nov - 2.45pm Mrs Goodenough's Friendly Friday
Weds 25th Nov - 2.45pm Mrs Thomas' Welcome Wednesday
Fri 27th Nov - 2.45pm Miss Smith's Friendly Friday
Weds 9th Dec - 2.30pm Foundation Stage Nativity
Weds 9th Dec - 6pm Year 4 Christmas Tree Festival (more info to follow)
Thurs 10th Dec - 9.15am Foundation Stage Nativity
Tues 15th Dec - 2.00pm Phase 2 Christmas show
Weds 16th Dec - 9.15am Phase 2 Christmas Show