



## Our Summer Term Newsletter

Abbey School

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### A message from Mrs Windle and Mr Askham



Dear #teamabbey Families,

We are incredibly proud to share that we have had a wonderful half term here at Abbey, filled with exciting opportunities, memorable experiences and achievements for our pupils. Despite a few rainy days along the way, this certainly hasn't dampened our spirits – our pupils have continued to shine in everything they do.

This half term has also marked an important milestone, as many of our pupils have begun sitting their GCSEs, BTECs and Entry Level qualifications, showing resilience, determination and maturity. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our families for their continued support – #teamabbey truly would not be what it is without you.

Looking ahead, the final half term of the year promises to be just as exciting. We will begin preparing to say goodbye to our Year 11 pupils and our Post 16 students as they move on to their next destinations. We could not be more proud of everything they have achieved, and we hope they will return in the future as part of our Abbey alumni, inspiring current pupils by sharing their journeys and successes.

Mrs Windle and Mr Askham

### Staffing and Wellbeing Updates



We are pleased to welcome Claire Clarke to Team Abbey as our new Attendance Lead. Claire will be working closely with our families to promote our "Making School Unmissable" agenda, supporting pupils to attend regularly and thrive in school.

We are also delighted to share additions to our wellbeing teams across both sites. On the main site, Keiren Henson and Jack Dooner have joined the wellbeing team, further strengthening the support available for our pupils. At the Horizon site, Sam Evens and Penny Gallagher-Harrison have enhanced the team, helping to promote mental health and wellbeing for all pupils. This work is closely linked to our Heart of the Curriculum, ensuring that wellbeing remains at the centre of everything we do.

At the same time, we say a fond farewell to Miss French from the Horizon Hub, who is leaving us to fast-track her teaching qualification journey at university. We thank her for her contribution and wish her every success for the future.

We are also pleased that Mrs Allen will begin her transition from the Horizon Hub to the main site as she continues her Initial Teacher Training (ITT) journey with us.

**The new term starts on  
Monday 1st June 2026  
Usual time**

# #teamabbey moments

## Celebrating Partnerships with Families

We are delighted to share that Parents' Evening was a huge success this half term. It was wonderful to see so many families in school, celebrating their children's achievements and progress so far this year. These moments truly highlight the strength of our partnership between home and school, which is so important for pupil success.

We are also excited to be preparing to welcome new pupils and families to Team Abbey. We look forward to them joining our community and hope that all of our current families will extend a warm welcome—not only in school, but also through our social media platforms, helping them feel part of #teamabbey from the very start.



## A positive Start to the Term

We've had a fantastic start to the summer term, with pupils diving into the Engage phase of the curriculum. Families were welcomed into school for a lovely Family Coffee Morning, giving everyone a chance to connect and celebrate learning together. Pupils also enjoyed taking part in World Art Day, where creativity across the school was celebrated and showcased.

## Connecting with Community and Nature

As the term continued, pupils moved into the Develop phase, taking part in meaningful activities beyond the classroom. Our school proudly marked Earth Day with a community event, helping pupils understand the importance of caring for the environment. Families also joined us for a special Forest School evening, where pupils explored outdoor learning in a fun and engaging way. Pupils preparing for exams were also supported through exam walkthrough sessions to build confidence.

## Sport, Enrichment and Achievement

Pupils enjoyed a wide range of enrichment and sporting opportunities this half term. A highlight was the YST MATP Day, where pupils took part in inclusive physical activities that built confidence, teamwork and wellbeing.

We also welcomed visitors for a Maths Keeping in Touch visit, supporting pupils in developing their skills.



## Remembering and Celebrating Together

In early May, pupils marked VE Day, learning about its importance through themed activities and assemblies. This provided a valuable opportunity for reflection while strengthening our sense of community. At the same time, we prepared for Parents' Evening, supporting strong partnerships between home and school.

# #TeamAbbey – Reminders and Updates



## Our start and the end of the school day.



Pupils can arrive at school between 8:30 and 9:00am, and the school day finishes at 3:20pm. We kindly ask that all children are dropped off and picked up at these times, unless you have a pre-arranged appointment or an agreement in place with your child's Head of Department. Thank you for helping us keep arrivals and departures running smoothly



## Innovation, Creativity and School Spirit

During the Innovate phase, pupils embraced exciting themed days such as National Numeracy Day, including a fun TT Rockstar competition. We also celebrated a fantastic Big Ideas Heritage Day, where pupils explored culture, history and British values. Pupils proudly represented the school in a Football League match, showing teamwork and pride

## Celebrating Effort and Determination

Throughout the term, pupils have shown incredible dedication while sitting formal examinations, including GCSEs, BTECs and Entry Level qualifications. We are extremely proud of their hard work, resilience and positive attitude during this important time.



## National Sports Week 6<sup>th</sup> July

6th July – National Sports Week Begins

7th July – Inflatables Day

8th July – Whole School Bowling

9th July – Fixtures Day

9th July – Sports Day (1:30–2:30pm, Main Site – families invited, ticketed event)



## Dates for your Diary next half term


We have an exciting and busy final half term ahead. Please see the important dates below:

- 18th June – EIS Secondary Sports Day (Selected pupils)
- 19th June – Girls Football Disney Shooting Stars (Selected pupils)
- 23rd June – Nexus MAT Primary Sports Day
- 25th June – Change Maker Summer & RSE Day (1:30–2:30pm, Main Site – families invited, ticketed event)
- 26th June – Year 11 Leavers Day & Prom (6:30–9:00pm)
- 2nd July – YST Adventure Challenge – Horizon Site
- 3rd July – PRIDE Day (Sponsored Colour Dash, 1:30–2:30pm, Main Site – families invited, ticketed event)
- 6th–17th July – Transition Weeks Begin (New school year transition)
- 9th July – Parents' Evening & Meet the New Teacher (4:00–6:00pm, Horizon Oasis & Main Site)
- 17th July – House Event & Rock Festival



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