

#TeamAbbey

Newsletter



Abbey School

February 2026

Issue #3

A message from Mrs Windle

and Mr Askham

Dear #teamabbey Families,
What a truly lovely half term it has been. We are incredibly proud of the hard work, positivity, and achievements shown by all our pupils throughout Term 2.1. Thank you, as always, for your continued support—it makes such a difference, and we are grateful for the strong partnership we share with our Abbey School community.

We look forward to an exciting Term 2.2 together!

Warm regards,

Mrs Windle & Mr Askham

Dance Festival at Barnsley's

Tale Two Theatre

We were absolutely thrilled to see our pupils shine at the Barnsley Tale Two Theatre Dance Festival. Their confidence, teamwork, and performance skills were outstanding. Every pupil represented Abbey School brilliantly, and we could not be prouder.

A huge thank you to all families who attended and cheered our dancers on—your support means the world to them and to us.



A New Attendance Programme

We have started to use a New Attendance Programme called AStar attendance. We have began a soft Launch last half term so you should have received an attendance letter. All our attendance letters will be sent via this programme and you will need your child's Date of Birth to open them



**Don't forget
pupils bring home
their reading
books and have
access to online
books as well**



Family Coffee Morning



Thank You for a Fantastic
Coffee Morning – 8th
January

Following your feedback, our next
Coffee Morning on **12th March**
(10:00am-12:00pm) will have a special
Exams Focus, giving families a chance
to learn more about the examinations
and qualifications pupils complete at
Abbey.

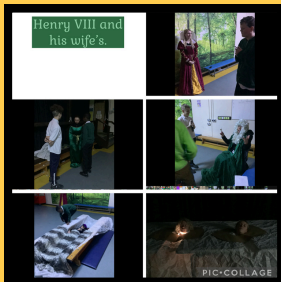
We look forward to another great
session!

Other #teamabbey moments

Chess Competition

Our half termly Chess Competition continues to be a huge hit with pupils. Engagement has been fantastic, and it's wonderful to see the strategic thinking, problem solving, and sportsmanship developing each week. Well done to everyone involved for creating such a positive and competitive atmosphere.

Meeting the Wives of Henry VIII



As part of the Engage Phase for our new topic "Off With Her Head!", pupils had the exciting opportunity to meet the Wives of Henry VIII (brought to life through interactive learning and character role-play).

Express Phase – Thank You for Joining Us!

The recent Express Phase event was extremely well attended—thank you! Families enjoyed seeing exactly what their child has been learning, and pupils were proud to share their achievements. Your involvement enriches the learning experience and helps build confidence in our young people.

Key Dates Reminder

Term 22
February – March 2026

Date	Whole school events/ pupil experiences	Family Invites
23 rd February	Pupils return to school (Normal Time)	
WC 23 rd February	GCSE/BTEC Mock Examinations	
3 rd March	Football League Match	
5 th March	World Book Day - Come dressed as a character from your favourite book	
6 th March	YST Girl Power Day 2	
WC 9 th March	British Science Week	
12 th March	Family Coffee Morning	10:00am-12:00pm (All Sites)
17 th March	YST Shooting Stars Girls Football Tournament @Millmoor Juniors (Selected Pupils)	
18 th March	ETD Celebration	
20 th March	Red Nose Day (Donate E1)	
25 th March	Family Easter Egg Hunt	All Invited taking place at Abbey School Main Site 2:00pm-3:00pm
27 th March	House Event PM	
27 th March	Pupils Break Up For Easter	

A visit from Sarah Champion



We were delighted to welcome Sarah Champion MP to Abbey School this half term. She visited to see the incredible work our pupils and staff have been doing as part of our UNICEF Rights Respecting Schools journey.

Pupils proudly showcased how they learn about their rights, how they respect the rights of others, and how they are helping to shape a kinder, more aware school community. Sarah Champion was extremely impressed with their maturity, confidence, and passion.

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