

#TeamAbbey

Our Easter Newsletter



Abbey School

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A message from Mrs Windle and Mr Askham

Dear #teamabbey Families,
We would like to thank all our families for their continued support—what an amazing half term it has been! We have celebrated so many wonderful events together and created special 'memory jar' moments with our pupils that we will cherish. We are incredibly proud of everything our pupils have achieved, and we couldn't do it without your partnership and encouragement. Wishing all our families a very happy, restful, and joyful Easter.

Warm regards,
Mrs Windle & Mr Askham

A review of our Half term and the year ahead

What a busy, exciting and memorable half term it has been across all our Abbey School sites! Our pupils and staff have taken part in a huge range of enrichment activities, celebrations, and special curriculum events. Here's a look back at what we've been up to — and a look ahead at what's coming next

British Science Week



Throughout the last half term, pupils enthusiastically took part in British Science Week, where this year's theme focused on Women in Space. Activities highlighted remarkable female scientists, astronauts and engineers, inspiring pupils to think about futures in STEM and beyond. The curiosity, enthusiasm, and discussions from pupils were fantastic to see.

Progress and Attendance

Letters



Families should have now received their child's progress and attendance letters sent out at the end of the half term. If you haven't received yours, please contact the school office.

The new term starts on
Monday 13th April 2026
Usual time



Family Coffee Morning



Our Next Family Coffee Morning will be held on

17th April (all sites) 10am-12pm

We look forward to another great session. This is an opportunity to meet with other families and talk about what is happening in and beyond the school community

#teambbey moments

World Book Day – Door Design Competition

World Book Day was a wonderful success! Every class took part in our classroom door competition, transforming corridors into colourful celebrations of literacy, favourite stories, and creative ideas. The effort from pupils and staff was truly fantastic — well done to everyone involved!



YST Girl Power Day

We were proud to take part in the Youth Sport Trust's Girl Power Day, exploring inclusive sport and opportunities for girls to engage in physical activity with confidence and enjoyment. Pupils thoroughly enjoyed the day, demonstrating great teamwork, enthusiasm and resilience.



A Trip to the Cinema

A number of pupils had the opportunity to attend a fully-funded cinema trip, which was greatly enjoyed by everyone who took part. It was a brilliant experience and we're so pleased pupils were able to take advantage of this special outing.

A Family Easter Egg Hunt

We ended the term with our very popular Family Easter Egg Hunt. Despite the chilly weather, it thankfully stayed dry—and we were delighted to see so many families attend. It was a fantastic way to finish the half term together.



Red Nose Day was celebrated with a range of fun activities across school. Pupils and staff got stuck in with enthusiasm, raising smiles (and support!) throughout the day. Thank you to everyone for joining in the spirit of the event.

Red Nose Day Fun



"I'm a Teacher... Get Me Out of Here!"

To the absolute delight of our pupils, we rounded off the term with our very own "I'm a Teacher, Get Me Out of Here!" event. Pupils nominated what we hope were their favourite staff members to take part in eating a variety of unusual foods, including crickets and worms! A huge well done (and thank you!) to the brave staff who took part — it was certainly unforgettable



#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

Annual Family Voice Collection



Our Family Voice Questionnaire has also been sent out. We would love to hear from you about what is going well and what you feel we could develop even further. Your feedback helps us continuously strengthen our provision.

Dates for your Diary next half term

Family Coffee Morning - 17th April (all sites)

Examinations Begin - GCSE, Functional Skills and Entry Level exams begin as we return.

There will be additional lunchtime revision sessions available for pupils who wish to take part.

Earth Day Woodland Event- 21st April, 2-3pm

Families are invited to help maintain and care for our woodland areas.

Forest Schools Event- 23rd April, 4-6pm

This is a ticket event a form will be sent the first week back to sign up

Parents' Evening- 14th May, 4-6pm

Teachers will manage appointment bookings via Seesaw.

All event details can also be found on our website:
www.abbeyschool.org


Staffing Updates

As we move into the new term, we have several staffing changes to share:

- Mr Newbolt officially retired at the end of the half term following an extended period supporting our school. We wish him the very best for his retirement.
- Mr Busby will be taking over as the Lead for Maths.
- Miss James returns from maternity leave — welcome back!
- Mr Hollyhead has left to pursue a new role in a secondary school. We thank him for his contributions and wish him every success in his new post.

For more information or to contact the school

 www.abbeyschool.org

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Pupils Break'Up for the May half term 22nd May – Usual Time