



Our End of Year Newsletter

Abbey School

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A message from Mrs Windle and Mr Askham

Dear #teamabbey Families,



As we reach the end of another wonderful school year, we would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our families for your continued support, encouragement and partnership. Together, we have celebrated successes, overcome challenges and created countless memorable experiences for our children and young people.

The strength of the Abbey School community comes from the relationships we build with our families, and we are incredibly grateful for the trust you place in us every day. We hope you all enjoy a well-deserved summer break and look forward to welcoming everyone back in September.

Mrs Windle and Mr Askham

**The new School Year starts
on Wednesday 2nd
September (Normal Time)**



Special Feature

We are incredibly proud to celebrate a truly remarkable achievement for our Executive Headteacher, Mrs Luci Windle, who has been awarded an MBE (Member of the Order of the British Empire) in the King's Birthday Honours for her outstanding services to education.

Mrs Windle's leadership, vision and unwavering dedication have had a profound impact on the pupils, families and communities of both Abbey School and Discovery Academy. Her commitment to ensuring that every child receives the very best opportunities has helped transform the lives of countless young people.

This national honour is richly deserved and recognises years of exceptional service, innovation and advocacy within education.

Congratulations, Mrs Windle, from everyone at #TeamAbbey. We are immensely proud of your achievement!



#teamabbey moments

Summer Fair Success

Thank you to everyone who attended and supported our Summer Fair. It was wonderful to see families, pupils and staff coming together for a fantastic afternoon of community spirit and celebration.

National Sports Week

National Sports Week was a huge success, giving pupils the opportunity to get active, try new activities and most importantly, have lots of fun with their friends. Throughout the week pupils enjoyed a range of exciting events including sporting challenges, team competitions, a fantastic Inflatables Day, and a trip to the bowling alley, which proved to be a particular favourite with many pupils.

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Pride Colour Dash

One of the highlights of the summer term was our fantastic Pride Colour Dash, where pupils, staff and families came together to celebrate diversity, inclusion and belonging. The event was filled with colour, energy and laughter as participants took part in a vibrant colour run whilst raising awareness of the importance of acceptance and being proud of who we are.

The event was a wonderful reflection of Abbey's values, showing that everyone is welcome, respected and celebrated within our school community. Thank you to all the families who joined us and helped make the afternoon such a memorable success



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Abbey's Pride of Yorkshire Lion Cub

We are also incredibly proud that Abbey School was selected to be part of the Pride of Yorkshire project. Our pupils played an important role in designing and creating our very own Lion Cub sculpture, showcasing the creativity, talent and unique voice of our school community.

The finished Lion Cub is now on public display in Clifton Park, where visitors from across the region can see and enjoy the work produced by our pupils. Being involved in such a high-profile community arts project has been a fantastic opportunity for our young people to leave a lasting mark on the wider community and celebrate what makes Abbey School so special.

We encourage families to visit Clifton Park over the summer holidays and see our Lion Cub as part of this exciting Yorkshire-wide celebration of art, culture and community.

Dates for Families Looking Ahead to 2026-27

Included with this newsletter is our "Little Book of #TeamAbbey Key Dates", which contains all of the important dates, events and celebrations planned for the year ahead. We know how busy family life can be, so we hope this will help everyone plan ahead and ensure that pupils can make the most of every opportunity available throughout the year.

We are also reissuing our Abbey School Yellow Pages, which provides key contact information for staff and departments across the school. This guide explains who to contact for different queries and how best to get in touch with us. We hope families find it a useful resource throughout the year.

Summer Holiday

As we reach the end of another successful school year, we wish all our pupils and families a safe, restful and enjoyable summer break.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September for another exciting year at #TeamAbbey.



For more information or to contact the school

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End of Year Show, Show

Our staff are currently preparing for this year's spectacular production:

"Abbey Undertakes: Now That's What I Call the 80s!"

We cannot wait for families to see the incredible performances, music and creativity that have gone into making this year's show another memorable occasion.

Staff News

As always at the end of the academic year, we say farewell to some valued members of our Abbey family whilst welcoming others back.

Happy Retirement, Lee Cooper!

We are saying goodbye to Lee Cooper, who is retiring this summer. Lee has made a lasting difference to the lives of countless pupils and colleagues through his commitment, care and support. Everyone at Abbey wishes him a long, happy and well-deserved retirement.

Best Wishes to Bronia Black

We also say goodbye, for now, to Bronia Black as she begins her maternity leave. Bronia has been an incredible member of our team and we wish her and her family every happiness as they prepare for this exciting new chapter.

Thank You, Mrs Proctor

This term we also said farewell to Mrs Proctor, who has been a hugely important part of the Horizon Hub team since its very beginning. Her dedication, passion and commitment have helped shape the provision into what it is today. We thank her for everything she has contributed and wish her every success for the future.

Thank You, Mrs Gallagher

We would also like to thank Mrs Gallagher, who has provided fantastic support whilst covering Miss Day's maternity leave. Her contribution has been greatly valued by pupils, families and staff alike, and we wish her all the very best moving forward.

Welcome Back!

Speaking of maternity leave, we are delighted to welcome back several familiar faces to the Abbey family:

Mrs Gamble (formerly Miss Tapp)

Miss Day

Mrs Binne

Miss Wilson

We are thrilled to have them back and know that families and pupils will enjoy seeing them return to school life.