



NEWSLETTER - MARCH 2026

ABBOTSWELD PRIMARY ACADEMY



Dear parents and carers,

This term, pupils have really enjoyed taking part in the My Harlow My Future programme, which is now running across the school. It's been wonderful to see them beginning to think more about their futures, explore different pathways, and build their aspirations. We're now on Workshop 2, and the excitement definitely builds each time—especially when the much-anticipated golden envelope arrives!

It's been a really positive and busy term overall, with a wide range of well-attended events taking place. These have included the science fair, "stay and see" sessions in Reception, drama and music performances, as well as a variety of workshops and a parent coffee morning. These opportunities have not only supported pupils' learning in different ways but have also helped strengthen the partnership between home and school. It's been fantastic to see so many families getting involved and engaging with what the children are doing.

Later in this newsletter, you'll find details of the summer term events planned so far. There's plenty to look forward to, and we're excited to continue building on this term's successes. We hope you all have a relaxing and enjoyable Easter break, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back for what promises to be another great term.

Thank you to all our pupils, parents and staff for continuing to make Abbotsweld such a great school!

Mrs Benson



Career Focus

Interested in training to become a Primary School Teacher?

Apply now for a place on one of our 2026/2027
Primary Initial Teacher Training courses.

Take a look at the courses we offer on [DfE FIND](#).
Some fee-funded places available.

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- QTS – Postgraduate Fee-paying course codes: M834, T364 (SEND)
- QTS & PGCE – Postgraduate Fee-paying course codes: F071, T120 (SEND)



Come along to one of our Teacher Training information events.

Please register your interest in attending one of these
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Please click [here](#) for more information and you can find
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Parental Support

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Thank you to Harlow, Essex and NHS for passing on this link to Padlet where there is wealth of knowledge to support parents with children in the early years. Please do take a look by scanning the QR code below...



Parenting information and advice during the early years!

My Life My Future



Online Safety

At National Online Safety we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information they need to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one issue of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

ONLINE CONTENT

10 tips to keep your children safe online

The internet has transformed the ability to access content. Many apps that children use are dependent on user-generated content which can encourage freedom of expression, imagination and creativity. However, due to the sheer volume uploaded every day, it can be difficult for platforms to regulate and moderate everything, which means that disturbing or distressing images, videos or audio clips can slip through the net. That's why we've created this guide to provide parents and carers with some useful tips on keeping children safe online.



1 MONITOR VIEWING HABITS

Whilst most apps have moderation tools, inappropriate content can still slip through the net.



2 CHECK ONLINE CONTENT

Understand what's being shared or what seems to be 'trending' at the moment.



3 CHECK AGE-RATINGS

Make sure they are old enough to use the app and meet the recommended age-limit.



4 CHANGE PRIVACY SETTINGS

Make accounts private and set content filters and parental controls where possible.



5 SPEND TIME ON THE APP

Get used to how apps work, what content is available and what your child likes to watch.



6 LET CHILDREN KNOW YOU'RE THERE

Ensure they know that there is support and advice available to them if they need it.



7 ENCOURAGE CRITICAL THINKING

Talk about what people might post online and why some posts could cause distress.



8 LEARN HOW TO REPORT & BLOCK

Always make sure that children know how to use the reporting tools on social media apps.



9 KEEP AN OPEN DIALOGUE

If a child sees distressing material online, listen to their concerns, empathise and offer reassurance.



10 SEEK FURTHER SUPPORT

If a child has been affected by something they've seen online, seek support from your school's safeguarding lead.

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Diary

DATES

April

13th Inset Day
17th SEND Festival Competition
20th Science Book Competition
22nd Parent Roadshow
23rd St George's Day

May

1st Year 5 Swimming Competition
4th May Bank Holiday School Closed
8th Netball Competition
11th-14th KS2 SATs
18th Year 5 and 6 Play in a Week
19th Performance to Parents Year 5 and 6
18th, 19th and 21st Year 3 and 4 Trip for RE
22nd Tennis Competition
23rd Finish for Half Term

June

8th Y4 Multiplication Check
8th Return to School
W/C 12th Y6 trip TBC
8th Phonics Screening
12th Kwik Cricket Competition
15th Assessment Week
18th Class School Photographs
19th Summer Workshops with parents
19th Rapid Fire Cricket Competition
21st World Music Day
22nd Year 6 Riverway Studios Trip
24th Sports Day
25th Year 6 Induction Day
25th Rocksteady Concert
26th Reception Trip to Barleylands



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July

- 1st - 3rd Year 6 Residential Trip
- 7th Year 6 BBQ
- 8th Sports Day Reserve Date
- 9th Year 6 Super Silent Disco
- 9th Year 3 and 4 Trip to Duxford
- 10th Aspirations Day
- 14th Class Swap
- 14th Reports Home to Parents
- 15th Curriculum Open Time for Parents 4-5pm
- 16th Dinner and Dance
- 16th Year 1 and 2 Southend Trip
- 17th Class Parties
- 17th Y6 Leavers Assembly
- 17th End of Term





School Term and Holiday Dates Academic Year 2025-2026

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- School days
- Weekends
- School Holidays
- INSET Day
- Bank Holidays





Be Honest

Be Safe

Be Respectful



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