



NEWSLETTER - NOVEMBER 2025

ABBOTSWELD PRIMARY ACADEMY



School Meal Feedback - Thank You!

Thank you to all parents and carers who completed our school meal feedback form. We were delighted that the responses were overwhelmingly positive. After reviewing all feedback carefully, here are the key areas we are continuing to strengthen:

Encouraging children to try new foods. We know that some children can be hesitant with unfamiliar dishes. To support this, we will continue offering small tasting portions and creating a positive, calm environment where children feel confident to give new foods a go, when we change the menu. Just as we did at parent consultations in October. We received lots of encouraging comments and truly appreciate your support.

Jacket potato toppings Toppings are provided on a rotation of beans and tuna, with cheese available every day.

Portion sizes Portion sizes do vary by year group. For example, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 receive two fish fingers, while Years 3-6 receive three. Children are always welcome to ask for additional vegetables, and we are happy to provide more to support a balanced diet.

Menu variety We are pleased to offer a three-week rolling menu with three options each day, ensuring good variety over the course of the term.

Cold meal option We are exploring the introduction of a cold meal option from late spring into the summer months. During autumn and winter, we will continue encouraging pupils to choose a hot meal.

Hygiene standards Our catering team maintains excellent hygiene practices, and we are proud to have achieved a top rating of 5 stars in our recent unannounced food safety inspection. Staff follow strict hygiene procedures, including wearing gloves when handling food.

Thank you again for your thoughtful feedback. We remain committed to providing healthy, enjoyable meals for all children.

Mrs Benson



Diary

DATES

November

Friday 28th November – Non-School Uniform Day

Children can come to school in casual clothes in exchange for donations towards the Christmas Fair and Hamper Raffle!

Donations can include gifts suitable for both adults and children – the school will organise them accordingly.

We also welcome special contributions such as vouchers, chocolates, small gifts, or services from local businesses to support our school raffle.

Thank you for your generosity!

December

Tuesday 2nd December – KS2 Pantomime at Harlow Playhouse

Key Stage 2 children will be attending a pantomime performance at the Harlow Playhouse.

Please make payments via Arbor.

Children should wear full school uniform and dress warmly, as they will be walking to the venue.

Tuesday 9th December – Theatre Visit for Reception, Year 1 & Year 2

Our younger pupils will enjoy a special visiting theatre performance at school.

Payments can be made through Arbor.

Wednesday 10th December – Christmas Lunch & Jumper Day

A festive favourite! Children are invited to wear their best Christmas jumper and enjoy a delicious roast lunch.

Friday 12th December – Winter Workshops

Join your child for a creative winter-themed craft session at their allotted time. A lovely opportunity to make something special together!

Monday 15th December – Christmas Grotto & Fair

The Grotto and Fair will be open throughout the school day for children to enjoy. Ticket information will be shared soon.

Tuesday 16th December – Reception & KS1 Performances

Our Reception and Key Stage 1 children will be showcasing their festive performances – always a highlight of the season!

Wednesday 17th December – Annual Carol Concert (Years 3–6)

Join us for our Annual Carol Concert, featuring our Years 3–6 pupils. A wonderful way to close our term in festive spirit!





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