



# Aberford CE Primary

## Weekly Newsletter

18<sup>th</sup> July 2025

### Message from Mrs Crossley

Have a wonderful summer break everyone. Thank you all for all your thoughtful cards and gifts to staff today. You have been very kind and it is much appreciated by all. Have lots of fun and make time to relax.

#### Goodbyes

This morning we hosted our Year 6 Leavers' Assembly in the school hall. It was both a moving and an uplifting performance and a fitting celebration of all their successes here at primary school. Goodbye and good luck to:

Francesca	Esme	Ewan	James
Violet	Oliver G	Evie	Oliver H
Isaac KR	Mikey	Livvy	Alex
Zac	Isaac R	Connie	Elliot
Scarlette	Ruby		

We also said goodbye to Archie in class 1 as he moves on to his new primary school which is closer to home. We will miss him and wish him all the best for their new adventures. We also say goodbye to Miss Coates as she leaves to start her new venture and to Mrs Shaw as she starts her retirement.

### A message from the Office

#### PE days for September:

Tuesday:	Class 1 and Class 2
Wednesday:	Class 3 and Class 4
Thursday:	Class 1 and Class 2
Friday:	Class 3 and Class 4

Children should come to school in PE kit on their PE days.

PE kit is black tracksuits with white or black plain t shirts and trainers.

Please avoid heavily branded sportswear and please make sure all PE kit is named. We have so many black hoodies in lost property! Children who are not in the correct PE kit and uniform will be given a reminder letter to take home each time. Full uniform information is on the website:

<https://www.aberfordprimaryschool.co.uk/our-school/school-day/school-uniform>

### Dates next half term:

Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	-	School closes for summer holidays
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> September	-	Inset Day
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	-	Start of term
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	-	Bikeability Year 6 Mon to Wed
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	-	Parents' Evening
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	-	School Closes for half term
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	-	Inset Day



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### Reflections from this year

As the school year comes to an end, Mrs Warner and I have, once again reflected on the successes of the year, in order to plan ahead to the next one. It's been a busy year bringing many changes to Aberford, not least in our academisation to join Selby Educational Trust in April this year. This term has been mostly shifting systems but we have already started to work alongside the other schools and work next year will involve seeing us work collaboratively with different working groups and projects across the trusts. Mrs Warner and I also had the opportunity to visit an outstanding school in London which gave us lots of food for thought and inspiration for how we can make our school even better.

We have been delighted with our statutory assessment results and very proud of how hard staff and pupils worked to achieve these. When comparing our results to national, please do remember that our small cohorts mean that each child is worth a large percentage so it can be hard to make accurate comparisons.

Test	Aberford Expected Standard	National Expected Standard	Aberford Greater Depth	National Greater Depth
GLD in reception	64%	69%		
Phonics Y1	100%	80%		
Multiplication check Y4	20.6	21.1	(average score out of 25)	
Year 6 Reading	72%	75%	39%	33%
Year 6 Writing	72%	72%	22%	13%
Year 6 Maths	83%	74%	28%	26%
Year 6 RWM Combined	67%	62%	11%	8%
Year 6 Grammar	67%	62%	33%	30%

Our nursery and reception class has gone from strength to strength and we were delighted to be approached by other schools wanting to come and observe our good practice to help them embed mixed aged learning in early years in their own school. In September, Mrs Sharp is taking part in a trial project on movement in the early years which we hope will bring us lots of new ideas to help our youngest children even further.

We continue to celebrate the successes of our phonics scheme and were delighted with our 100% pass mark for the year 1 phonics screening this year. We have also been very proud to showcase our work on phonic fluency to a school from another local authority who wanted to come and observe our good practice here.

Children have enjoyed some exciting school trips this year and have seen many visitors into school. Our Key Stage 2 Young Voices trip to Sheffield is becoming a bit of a much loved tradition and we are planning next January's trip already! We have held a wide variety of afterschool clubs throughout the year and the uptake on these has been great. We have strived to keep costs low for these for parents and to ensure high uptake but we will need to ask for small amounts again for clubs such as cooking, crafts and Young Voices to cover costs. Our school council has had a very busy and successful year, from sponsored events to art competitions and environmental issues.

In September, we are launching an exciting new project for children in every year group called Junior Duke. Junior Duke is a life skills award that helps children build confidence, resilience and independence. Each level of the award pushes them to develop practical skills that have a huge positive impact on their lives. We will get more information out to you as soon as possible in September so we can get off to a flying start!

Our PTA have had a fantastic year, raising so much money and organising super events. Replacing the trim trail was a particular highlight of the year and we are so glad to have it for future generations of children to use. We plan to continue raising funds to try and extend the trim trail to be even better!

It's been an amazing year and we are looking forward to the next academic year and the exciting opportunities for Aberford that this may bring!

Finally, a big thank you to all the Aberford community: the children, the staff and to you all – the amazing families for all your continued support. Have a lovely summer everyone and we will see you all again on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September!

Mrs Crossley and Mrs Warner

### **Attendance this year**

Well done to class 3 and 4 who drew in our attendance race throughout the year!

**100% attendance for the whole year:**

**Connie  
Ruby  
Lucas  
Henry B  
Lily**



**ABERFORD HOUSE POINTS  
WINNERS FOR 2024/2025 ARE:  
LOTHERTON WITH 100 POINTS**

