

Aberford CE Primary

Weekly Newsletter

20th March 2026

Message from Mrs Crossley

Class one were delighted this week when they finally got a puppy after sending so many animals back during their Dear Zoo topic! Freddie the therapy dog was an absolute delight and we do wish we could keep him!



Children looked amazing during Comic Relief Day today. Don't forget you can still donate online if you haven't done already.

Children across school have been working hard on their end of term tests this week. Mini reports will be due out once again at the end of term with assessment information included.

Message from the office

Free School Meals from September 2026

From September 2026, free school meal eligibility in England will expand to include all children in households receiving Universal Credit. This change removes the current £7,400 net earnings threshold, benefitting over 500,000 more children. Families must still submit an application to receive these meals, with £1bn in funding allocated to support the policy through 2029.

Key Changes for September 2026

Universal Credit Expansion:

Any household on Universal Credit will be eligible, aimed at reducing child poverty and aiding household finances.

Application Required:

Despite the expansion, families will still need to apply for the benefit.

Transitional Protection Ends:


Protections that allowed pupils to retain Free School Meals (FSM) regardless of changing circumstances will cease, and eligibility will be re-tested.

If you think you will be entitled to Free School Meals from September, please would you let the office know so that we are able to plan for September.

Attendance this week

Whole School	98.9%
Class 1	100%
Class 2	99.3%
Class 3	96.35%
Class 4	100%

Christian Values Award

C1	Dexter	For displaying our half term's value of Forgiveness 
C2	Logan	
C3	Leo	
C4	Sophie	

Star of the Week

Freddie	Toby
Thoughtful answers in PSHE	Excellent reading
Lexi	Raffy
Putting 100% effort into everything	Being a fabulous friend
Harriet GB	Willow
Apply phonics learning independently in all subjects	A wonderful, positive attitude all week
Teddy	Indi
Super English work	Big improvement in practice sats

Dates this half term:

Monday 23 rd March	Class 1&2 Wildlife Park trip
Monday 30 th March	Class 3 Elland Road trip
Thursday 2 nd April	Easter service in church 9:15
Thursday 2 nd April	Non-uniform and Easter raffle
Thursday 2 nd April	Break up for Easter holidays
Monday 20 th April	School re-opens
Monday 11 th May	Sats week Year 6
Friday 15 th May	Colour Run

Housepoints

	This week	Running total
Becca	93	68
Lotherton	142	49
Parlington	112	64
Hazlewood	87	50