



Tuesday 5th September 2023

Welcome Back Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back!

And a huge welcome to our new families and staff members. I am so excited to be back and I would like to thank everyone, particularly Miss Stokes, for the last academic year. She successfully led a fantastic team, who continued to provide an amazing school life for our children and their families.

Yesterday was a whirlwind of adventures, with everyone starting their new chapter at Abbott. In assembly, we discussed change and expectations: those which we have of ourselves and each other, to ensure we are following our school motto: "Aiming High to Achieve Success!" The children gave many thought-provoking answers and proved they are ready to learn.

School Day

Reminder: our school day starts at 08:45 and ends at 15:15, for all classes. Learning starts with reading and phonics so every minute counts... please be on time. Late charges apply for anyone not collected on time after 15:15.

Uniform

Everyone looked so smart in their new uniforms – just a reminder that this includes:

- Nursery to Year 5 – a red sweatshirt; Year 6 – a black sweatshirt;
- a white polo shirt only;
- black/grey trousers or skirt and black shoes.
- we also continue to have strict guidance around the wearing of jewellery. Small studs only to be worn, no necklaces/rings or smart watches - these will be confiscated until the end of the day.
- all long hair **MUST** be tied up appropriately for the duration of the school day.
- PE kits must include a white T-shirt, black shorts and suitable footwear. Tracksuits may be brought to go over the PE kit, in the colder weather.



Swimming

Starting next week (Thursday 14th September) Years 4-6 will go swimming. Y4 and 5 will attend Salford University Leisure Centre and Year 6 will attend East Manchester Leisure Centre. Separate letters will be sent out containing full details of these sessions.

School Photos

School photos will be taken on Tuesday 12th September. Each child will have their photo taken alone, and with their siblings who also attend our school.



**IT IS VITAL THAT YOUR CHILD ATTENDS SCHOOL – PLEASE REMEMBER THAT NO HOLIDAYS ARE TO BE TAKEN DURING TERM TIME.
NO AUTHORISATION WILL BE GIVEN UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES**

Jeans for Genes Day

We will be taking part in this year's Jeans for Genes 2023. 1 in 25 children – on average one child per classroom - has a genetic condition that makes their life very challenging. Jeans for Genes works with schools, companies and individuals all over the UK to help services and support for the children and their families affected by genetic conditions. Together, through fund and awareness raising, we can help make a real difference to their lives.



All children and staff are invited to wear their jeans on Friday 22nd September. We'd really love to see as many classes and students as possible in their jeans, so please encourage your child to come into school on the day wearing their jeans and make a £1 donation via School Spider. **They can wear any t-shirt or jumper with them.**

Extracurricular After School Clubs

These clubs start next week, Monday 11th September. For this half term, all of these clubs will be **free of charge** (excludes Night Owls). If your child attends Night Owls and you would like them to join in one of our extracurricular clubs while they are here, you must still book onto the club, using School Spider. As always, there are limited places available – this will be different for each club. If all places have been allocated, you will not be able to complete this process. **Please note: bookings will open Wednesday 6th September at 09:00 and will close on Monday 11th September at 12:00 noon. No bookings can be made before or after these times.**

How to Access Club Bookings

To access the clubs available to your child, you will need to select '**Bookings & Payments**' on the dashboard menu.



Parent Dashboard

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You will then see a list of clubs available.

Click on the club you wish to book.



Year 1/Year 2/Year 3 Football Club

Thursday After School Activity Clubs 15:15-16:15



Year 1/Year 2/Year 3 Football Club

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£12.00

Football with Mrs Chadwick

Select a child to buy this product.

☒ Jaxon Harvey-Thackwell

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TOTAL
£12.00

Child's name

Add to Basket

Add the 'product' to your basket.



Year 1/Year 2/Year 3 Football Club
1 item £12.00

Total: £12.00

Checkout

You will then be asked to checkout your purchase. This will take you to the payment section, where you will be asked for card details like any other online purchase you might make (**no payment needed for Autumn 1 but follow the same process of booking**).

School Spider is our **only** platform for parent communication and payments, including: After School Club bookings; Night owls and Early Bird club bookings; school uniform purchases; event/trip contributions; parents' evening appointments and school dinners.

In order to access these features and receive all relevant and often urgent communication from school, **please download the School Spider app**, which is available in both the iTunes store and Google Play. If you are unable to download the app, you are still able to access the parent platform by logging in through the school website, <https://www.abbott.manchester.sch.uk/>.

All parents should already have a log in for the website, associated with the email provided to school. Once downloaded, you will be able to log in to the app and request a password reminder. Please note, **the username is NOT your email address**. If you are unsure of your username and/or password, select 'Forgot Password'. If you are new to the school, or have never previously logged into the parent platform on our school website, you will have to set up an account through the app.

If you do have any problems with the app or the website login, please email admin@abbott.manchester.sch.uk.

Halloween Discos



These will take place in school on Tuesday 31st October. Children can come to school dressed in their outfits, but the actual discos will be as follows: 13:00-14:00-EYFS/Y1/Y2; 14:00-15:00-Y3-6. Those Y5 children who have Bikeability that day, should arrive to school in appropriate wear for cycling, and bring Halloween costumes with them to change in to, should they wish.

Our Halloween Discos are a time where the children dress up and have fun – this does not in any way, represent any religious beliefs or meanings. However, if you do not wish for your child to take part in this event, you are able to collect them from school at the time the discos begin. Please email the office: admin@abbott.manchester.sch.uk to let us know, in advance.

After School Clubs: Autumn 1

| Day | Activity | Year Group | Time | Leader |
|-----------|-------------------|------------|-------------|--------------------------|
| Monday | Lego Club | N/R/Y1 | 15:15-16:00 | Miss Wilson |
| | Football | Y2/3/4 | 15:15-16:15 | Mr Massey |
| | Art | Y5/6 | 15:15-16:15 | Mrs Latif |
| | Night Owls | N-Y6 | 15:15-16:30 | Ms Mohamed/Mrs McGiffin |
| Tuesday | Construction Club | N/R/Y1 | 15:15-16:00 | Miss Marshall |
| | Art Club | Y2/3/4 | 15:15-16:15 | Mrs Wiltshire |
| | Rugby | Y5/6 | 15:15-16:15 | SRDF |
| | Night Owls | N-Y6 | 15:15-16:30 | Ms Mohamed/Miss Saeed |
| Wednesday | Playdough Club | N/R/Y1 | 15:15-16:00 | Miss Henderson |
| | Board Games | Y2/3/4 | 15:15-16:15 | Miss Jones |
| | Computing Club | Y5/6 | 15:15-16:15 | Miss Churchman |
| | Night Owls | N-Y6 | 15:15-16:30 | Ms Mohamed/Mrs Wiltshire |
| Thursday | Homework Club | Y1-6 | 15:15-16:15 | Miss Stokes |
| | Night Owls | N-Y6 | 15:15-16:30 | Ms Mohamed/Mrs Pugh |
| Friday | Colouring Club | N/R/Y1 | 15:15-16:00 | Miss Burke |
| | Multi-Sports | Y2/3/4 | 15:15-16:15 | Miss Thorne |
| | Mindfulness Club | Y5/6 | 15:15-16:15 | Miss Watson |
| | Night Owls | N-Y6 | 15:15-16:30 | Ms Mohamed/Miss Harvey |

Important Dates for this Term:

- Friday 8th September – International Literacy Day
- Monday 11th September – Extracurricular After School Clubs Start
- Tuesday 12th September – School Photos
- Wednesday 13th September – Roald Dahl Day (Letter sent separately)
- Thursday 14th September – Y4-6 Swimming Starts (Letter sent separately)
- Friday 15th September – Y6 Football Festival
- Monday 11th September – Y6 House Captain Speeches
- Friday 22nd September – Jeans for Genes Day (£1 each via School Spider)
- Friday 22nd September – Y5 Football Festival
- Monday 25th September – 09:00-11:00 Abbott Working Party (Parent Group – PLEASE SIGN UP by emailing Mrs Pugh – a.pugh@abbott.manchester.sch.uk)
- Tuesday 26th September – Y3 Football Tournament at MUFC
- Friday 29th September – Y4 Football Festival
- Sunday 1st October – Black History Month Begins
- Friday 6th October – Y3 Football Festival
- Monday 9th October – Whole School Assessment Week
- Friday 13th October – Y2 Football Festival
- Monday 16th October – Recycle Week Begins
- **Friday 20th October – School is Closed for Staff INSET**
- **Monday 30th October – School Opens at 08:45**
- Monday 30th October – Bikeability Y5 Group 1
- Tuesday 31st October – Halloween Discos in School
- Tuesday 31st October – Bikeability Y5 Group 2
- Wednesday 1st November – Bikeability Y5 Group 3
- Friday 10th November – Reception to Y6 Flu Vaccines
- Wednesday 22nd November – Y6 Chemistry with Cabbage: Fun Science Day
- Thursday 7th December – 13:30-15:00 Christmas Fair
- Friday 8th December – Christmas Jumper and Traditional Christmas Dinner Day
- Tuesday 12th December – 14:00 EYFS/Y1 Christmas Play
- Wednesday 13th December – 09:30 EYFS/Y1 Christmas Play
- Wednesday 13th December – 13:00 Opera House Panto
- Thursday 14th December – 09:30 Y2-6 Christmas Play
- **Thursday 14th December – School Closes at 13:30**
- **Wednesday 3rd January 2024 – School Opens at 08:45**