



Abbott Community Primary School

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March Newsletter

Thursday 6th March 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

As you may have noticed, I have not been in school recently, but I am back in school full time and am looking forward to the rest of the school year. It has been lovely seeing all the familiar faces this week: especially the children. I would also like to welcome back Miss Johnson, who is now the Y5 class teacher for the rest of the year.

Parent/Carer Meetings



If you have not signed up to meet your child's class teacher yet, then please do so via your School Spider account. Parental support and collaboration is vital to a child's learning journey. There are two dates available for every class: Monday 10th March (14:30-18:00) and Tuesday 11th March (14:30-18:00). If you have any problems with your School Spider account, please see Ms Melling in the office.

Year 1-6 Cinema Trip

Next Thursday, 13th March, Years 1-6 will be visiting the cinema at the Printworks to watch the Sonic 3 Movie. Your child is welcome to bring a drink and a small snack to enjoy whilst watching the film. We will be leaving school at 09:00 and returning during the school day.

Year 6 Theatre Trip

On Thursday 27th March, Year 6 will be visiting The Lowry Theatre to watch a performance of 'Pig Heart Boy', based on the novel by Malorie Blackman, which they have already read this year in English lessons. A letter will be sent with further details.

Year 6 SATs

As you know, Year 6 will sit their SAT examinations in May. Attendance to school EVERY day is crucial! As is the completion of any homework set.

The test details are as follows:

Date	Test
Monday 12 May 2025	English grammar, punctuation and spelling papers 1 and 2
Tuesday 13 May 2025	English reading
Wednesday 14 May 2025	Maths papers 1 and 2
Thursday 15 May 2025	Maths paper 3

What you need to know about KS2 SATs

Maths SATs - KS2:

- The Key Stage 2 maths tests will check your skills on **arithmetic** and **reasoning**.
- The arithmetic test will check your skills on things like adding and subtracting, using fractions, decimals, and percentages.



- The reasoning test is all about getting you to show how well you understand things like algebra, volumes and simplifying fractions.

English SATs - KS2:

- The Key Stage 2 SATs papers for English will test you on grammar, punctuation and spelling as well as reading.
- The grammar, punctuation and spelling paper will test you on everything from spelling, to pronouns, to conjunctions.
- The reading paper will give you some short stories and non-fiction texts, which you'll be asked some questions about.

BBC Bitesize has some online activities to help you practice:

Maths - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zrybvk7#zs82p9q>

English - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zrybvk7#zb2p3qt>

Free School Meals

Help Us Access Additional Funding for Your Child's Education!

We want to ensure that all our pupils receive the best possible support in school. Did you know that your child may be eligible for additional funding through the Pupil Premium? This funding is provided to schools by the government to help support eligible children and improve their educational experiences.

Your child may be eligible for Pupil Premium if you receive any of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-Based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-Related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The Guaranteed Element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income below £16,190)
- Universal Credit with a household income below £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you receive)

Even if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 and already receives free school meals as part of the government's Universal Infant Free School Meals scheme, applying for Pupil Premium means the school receives extra funding to provide further support for your child.

Applying is quick and easy, and it can make a real difference to the resources, support, and opportunities we can provide for all our pupils. If you think you might be eligible, please visit <https://www.abbott.manchester.sch.uk/page/school-meals-milk/20970> or contact the school office for more information.

All applications are confidential, and registering will not affect any other benefits you receive. Please complete this before 31st March 2025. Thank you for your support in helping us provide the best possible education for your child.



Seed Donations

Can you help us? We are in need of both plants and/or seeds for our Forest School and Gardening Enterprise. Any donations are greatly appreciated. These could be flowers or fruit and veg. Thank you in advance.



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REMINDERS:

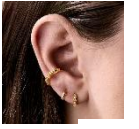
Uniform, PE and Swimming Kits

Uniform:

- Nursery to Year 5 – a red sweatshirt;
- Year 6 – a black sweatshirt;
- a white polo shirt only; black/grey trousers or
- NO oversized frills on socks – these are a trip hazard;
- black shoes or trainers.



skirt/pinafore;



We also continue to have strict guidance around the wearing of jewellery:

- small studs only to be worn – large earrings will be removed;
- 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.

Please send your child in with a full PE kit every Monday. This should be left in school until Friday of the same week, when it can be taken home for washing.

Those classes that go swimming have had a letter detailing what children can and cannot wear for the lessons. Please email your class teacher if you have not yet received this or you need another copy.

Reading: EYFS, KS1 and KS2

Why read for 20 minutes a day?

- Your child will have a reading book – they must read it every day.

- They also have a reading record – this must be signed by a parent/carer every day.

- Both the reading book and the reading record must be brought into school EVERY day.

- Your child will also have a library book that they can read for pleasure.

• In total, your child should be reading for at least 20 minutes each day!

CHILD A	CHILD B	CHILD C
reads 20 minutes per day	reads 5 minutes per day	reads 1 minute per day
hears 1,800,000 words per year	hears 282,000 words per year	hears 8,000 words per year
scores in the 90th percentile on standardized tests	scores in the 50th percentile on standardized tests	scores in the 10th percentile on standardized tests

Other important dates for your diary include:


- Friday 7th March – Reception Hearing and Vision Tests
- Monday 10th March (14:30-18:00) – Parent/Carer Meetings
- Tuesday 11th March (14:30-18:00) – Parent/Carer Meetings
- Wednesday 12th March – Y1 Manchester Cathedral Trip
- Thursday 13th March – Y1-6 Cinema Trip
- Friday 21st March – Red Nose Day (details to follow)
- Thursday 27th March – Y6 Theatre Trip
- Monday 31st March – Y3/4 Singaround
- Wednesday 2nd April – Easter/Spring Assembly for Parents/Carers
- Friday 4th April – Easter Bonnet Competition (children to make/decorate and wear to school)
- **Friday 4th April – School Closes at 13:30 for Easter Holidays (NO NIGHT OWLS OR AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS)**
- **Tuesday 22nd April – School Opens**

If you have any questions or concerns, please email your child's class teacher, in the first instance. They can then assist you or direct you to where necessary:

Nursery/ Miss Burke – h.burke@abbott.manchester.sch.uk
Reception/Mrs Ilic & Mrs Peters – e.ilic@abbott.manchester.sch.uk & r.peters@abbott.manchester.sch.uk
Year 1/Miss Henderson – n.henderson@abbott.manchester.sch.uk
Year 2/Miss Castle – d.castle@abbott.manchester.sch.uk
Year 3/Miss Curchin – i.curchin@abbott.manchester.sch.uk
Year 4/Miss Thorne – m.thorne@abbott.manchester.sch.uk
Year 5/Miss Johnson – g.johnson@abbott.manchester.sch.uk
Year 6/Miss Churchman – h.churchman@abbott.manchester.sch.uk

If you have any SEND and/or welfare concerns, please email Mrs Pugh – a.pugh@abbott.manchester.sch.uk Any general queries, please email Ms Melling – admin@abbott.manchester.sch.uk and for school payment concerns or queries, it's Mr Howarth – finance@abbott.manchester.sch.uk

Yours sincerely,



Miss Wilson (Head Teacher)