



Abbey Primary School Newsletter

April 2026 Ebrill

Right of the Month
Article 30: The right to use your own language

Thursday 30th April 2026 / Dydd Iau 30 Ebrill

Annwyl/Dear Parents/Carers,

April has been another busy month and even though it has only been two weeks since we returned from Easter, there has been lots going on here at Abbey Primary School. We have had various trips, visitors and sporting events to kick off the summer term.

Sports Week

On the theme of sporting events, our annual Sports Week will commence week beginning **15th June** and there will lots of activities and fun lined up for the children.

Unfortunately, and despite consistent discussions and nagging, we are still no closer to having a sports field fit for purpose. A start was made on the field, but then it had to stop over the winter months due to the wet conditions. They are due to recommence works very soon; however, we have insisted that drainage is put into the field to allow more usage throughout the school year, but no response to this request has been received thus far.

So, as a result, we will be using the MUGA and Neath Sports Centre this year for our Sports Week activities.

Date	Time	Year group(s)	Venue
16 th June	9:30am	Nursery (am)	MUGA
	1:30pm	Nursery (pm)	
17 th June	9:30am	Juniors (Y3 – 6)	Neath Sports Centre
18 th June	9:30am	Infants (Rec to Y2)	Neath Sports Centre

Our EYAC pupils will be doing activities throughout the week, and a montage video will be shared with parents/carers.

Further details will be sent out via class teachers on ClassDojo prior to the week.

Change to School Day Consultation

This consultation has now closed, and I want to thank all parents/carers for their feedback. We had nearly 150 responses and the information shared will be analysed by the governing body and a decision will be communicated to you all in May.

Food & Fun

After the resounding success of last year's Food and Fun initiative, we will be providing this opportunity once again this year. We have spaces for up to 120 pupils each day from Reception to Year 6. The days will run continuously this year, from **Tuesday 21st July to Wednesday 5th August** (12 days in total, excluding Saturdays and Sundays). Complete this [form](#) to register your child.

Minibus

As you are all aware, our Health & Wellbeing Ministry have made it a goal of theirs to try and secure a minibus for the school so we can take part in more events, activities and trips.

To have our own minibus would be a huge benefit to all involved, with extra forest school/beach school, swimming sessions for EYAC pupils, sports events, choir events etc.

Part of this fundraising campaign was their idea to have a sponsored ramble to raise money to lease a minibus. They have created their own poster and have asked pupils to do their best to raise a small amount each which will make a big difference!

We have already received a significant donation from [Shufflebottom Ltd](#), so a huge thank you to them...as well as a very kind donation from Arbourne's, who are continuing to fundraise via a collection bucket in their shop. We will continue to raise as much as we can to provide the very best possible experiences for our pupils at Abbey.



Thank you to you all for your support and hopefully you can all see the benefit of having our own vehicle to be able to take small groups out, especially with the rising fuel costs and maintenance costs.

INSET Days

For your information, there will be two INSET Days at the start of the new academic year on Tuesday 1st September and Wednesday 2nd September.

Confirmed dates for your diary

Date	Activity/Event
Monday 4 th May	BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY
Tuesday 5 th May	Year 3 trip to Plantasia
Tuesday 12 th May	Bigfoot Education workshop for Nursery and Reception pupils
Thursday 14 th May	Year 6 trip to Techniquet
Wednesday 20 th – Friday 22 nd May	YEAR 5 RESIDENTIAL to LLANGRANNOG
Friday 22 nd May	END OF HALF TERM

HALF TERM – Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May	
Monday 1st June	Pupils and staff return after half term
Tuesday 2nd June	Year 2 trip to Manor Wildlife Park
W/B 15th June	National Sports Week (Sports Day will be during this week)
Tuesday 16th June	Nursery Sports Day (9:30am – 10:30am)
Wednesday 17th June	Junior Sports Day – Year 3 – 6 (9:30am to 12pm)
Thursday 18th June	Infants Sports Day – Rec to Year 2 (9:30am to 11am)
Sunday 21st June	Father’s Day
Thursday 9th July	Year 6 Transition Day @ Dŵr y Felin
Thursday 9th July	Transition morning for pupils with their new teachers
Friday 17th July	LAST DAY OF ACADEMIC YEAR for PUPILS
Monday 20th July	INSET DAY
Tues 21st July to Wed 5th August	FOOD & FUN (8:30am to 12:30pm every day)
Tues 1st Sept and Wed 2nd Sept	INSET DAYS

Thank you for taking the time to read my newsletter. This newsletter will also be uploaded to our website:

www.abbeyprimaryschool.com

Yours faithfully,



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(Pennaeth/Headteacher)