



Abbey Primary School Newsletter

June 2026 Mehefin

Right of the Month

Article 6: You have the right to grow up and be healthy

Friday 26th June 2026 / Dydd Gwener 26 Mehefin

Annwyl/Dear Parents/Carers,

Well, what a warm couple of days we have had! I would like to thank you all for your understanding and support regarding the decision to close the school. These decisions are never taken lightly; however, after seeing how much both the children and staff were struggling in the heat on Tuesday afternoon, it ultimately became a straightforward decision - particularly with temperatures forecast to be even higher on Wednesday and Thursday.



As we approach the end of another successful school year, I am delighted to share some fantastic news. Thanks to an incredible fundraising effort, we have now secured our very own school minibus! With almost £7,000 raised through the community ramble and other sponsorship initiatives, we are now just awaiting our permit to transport pupils so that we can officially use it for the first time. We expect this to be in place by mid-July at the latest.

Having our own minibus will provide the school with far greater freedom and flexibility to organise educational visits, sporting fixtures and enrichment activities, while significantly reducing the costs associated with hiring transport or borrowing a minibus from Dŵr y Felin School. It is an exciting investment that will benefit our pupils for many years to come.

A special thank you must go to our Health & Wellbeing Ministry, led by Mrs D. Thomas, whose enthusiasm, commitment and hard work have been instrumental in making this possible. Diolch yn fawr iawn to everyone involved, and to all those who supported our fundraising efforts. We couldn't have achieved this without you.

Sports Week

We had a brilliant Sports Week, avoiding the rain most of the week (except Wednesday where we needed to postpone the juniors. That has now been rearranged for **Tuesday 7th July (9:30am)** at Neath Sports Centre, Cwrt Herbert.

All other year groups managed to have a great time doing the events and activities...and it was lovely to see our Reception cohort down at Neath Sports Centre too. The EYAC had a great time doing fun activities and races, creating a wonderful video for their parents/carers.

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). Please contact the school office if you want your child to take part (limited space available).

Parking

I am very pleased by the impact of the bollards around the island near the original drop off area. Cars are now not parking there, which is making everything a lot safer for our pupils. If cars slip back into the habit of parking around the island, I will end up closing the main gates between 3pm and 3:30pm.

Thank you to those parents/carers who always abide by the rules.

Classes 2026/27

It is that time of year again when class and staffing structure is shared. There will be a transition morning on Thursday 9th July. Pupils will go to their new teachers, TAs and classrooms for the morning to support transition. Other pupils with ALN will have further opportunities to meet staff over the course of the next month.

Current Class	Current Teacher		New Class (Sept. 2026)	New Teacher (Sept. 2026)
EYAC	Miss. Richards & Miss. C. Thomas		EYAC	Miss. Richards & Miss. C. Thomas
Nursery	Miss. Thomas (Mon) & Mrs. Williams	→	Nursery am & pm (*)	Miss. Hamer (Mon) & Mrs. Williams
Nursery	Miss. Thomas (Mon) & Mrs. Williams	→	Reception J (*)	Mrs. Jones & Mrs. Anderson
Nursery	Miss. Thomas (Mon) & Mrs. Williams	→	Reception R (*)	Mrs. Ryan
Reception	Mrs. Jones	→	Year 1G	Mrs. N. Griffiths (DHT) & Miss. Jarvis
Year Rec/1	Mrs. Powell	→	Year 1/2F	Mr. Fitchett
Year 1G	Mrs. N. Griffiths (DHT)	→	Year 2W	Mrs. Williams
Year 2W	Mrs. Williams	→	Year 3T	Miss. C. Thomas & Miss. E. Jones
Year 2R	Mrs. Ryan	→	Year 3E	Miss. Evans
Year 3E	Miss. Evans	→	Year 4P	Mrs. Powell
Year 3D	Miss. Dew & Miss Jones	→	Year 4B	Miss. Bowring (Mr. Pavett covering maternity)
Year 4F	Mr. Fitchett	→	Year 5 LR	Mrs. Richards (Mr. Parton covering maternity)
Year 4B	Miss. Bowring (Mr. Pavett covering maternity)	→	Year5 JR	Mr. Richards
Year 5JR	Mr. Richards	→	Year 6F	Mr. Farley
Year 5LR	Mrs. Richards (Mr. Parton covering maternity)	→	Year 6T	Mrs. D. Thomas

* Separate class lists will be sent out for pupils in nursery (am & pm) and reception.

New Caretaker

Following the retirement of our much-loved caretaker, Mr. Bradley, I am pleased to announce that the governing body has appointed Mr. Kevin Church as his replacement.

You will have seen Mr. Church shadowing Mr. Wright this week, getting to know the role and responsibilities as part of his induction. We would like to welcome Mr. Church to our Abbey family.

Confirmed dates for your diary

Date	Activity/Event
Friday 26th June	Year 4 school sleepover
Wednesday 1st July	Nursery Graduation for parents (9:30am)
Thursday 2nd July	Year 6 trip to Crucial Crew
Wednesday 8th July	Year 5 Transition Day @ Dŵr y Felin
Wednesday 8th July	Leavers' Assembly (2pm) & Leavers' Disco (4:30pm)
Thursday 9th July	Year 6 Transition Day @ Dŵr y Felin
Thursday 9th July	Transition morning for pupils with their new teachers
Thursday 9th July	EYAC Summer Party (including parents/carers) – 1pm
Friday 10th July	Year 3/4 Summer Football Cup at Clwyd Primary (Consent forms to follow)
Monday 13th July	Year 6 Leavers' Trip (LC2)
Tuesday 14th July	Rock Steady Concert in school hall
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
Thursday 3rd September	Pupils return after the summer holiday

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

www.abbeyprimaryschool.com

Yours faithfully,



Mr. K. M. Hodder
(Pennaeth/Headteacher)