



Abbey Primary School Newsletter

May 2025 Mai

Right of the Month

Article 30: Your right to use your own language.

Friday 23rd May 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we reach the end of another busy and exciting half term, I'd like to thank you for your continued support and engagement with all that's going on in school.

It has been a real pleasure welcoming so many of you into school during our recent Parent/Carer workshops. Your enthusiasm and participation meant a great deal to the children and staff alike.

Parent/Carer Workshops

Our cooperative learning workshops on the 19th and 20th May were a great success. Parents and carers joined their children in the classroom and experienced first-hand the collaborative teaching approaches we're using to deliver the new Curriculum for Wales.

Thank you to everyone who attended — your feedback has been overwhelmingly positive, and we look forward to hosting more sessions in the future.

Parent/Carer Survey

Thank you to all those who completed the parent/carers survey. We now have over **100 responses**, and the views are overwhelmingly positive. So, thank you to everyone who contributed and if your contact details have been left, we will be in touch with any concerns.

Premises

School field - We are still unable to use our field; however, we have had a company up to consult Bam (the contractors who built the school) regarding getting the field fit-for-purpose. Bam and the contractor discussed potential remedies, and, in the end, they have come to the conclusion that for the best end product they'd be better off running a cultivator/stone barrier over the whole field, harrowing out the localised level differences, reseeding and rolling the field. It's the most extreme approach but should yield the best results. So, here's praying we can get the field ready for use soon!!

Roads surrounding school – I have had a complaint from a resident who has her driveway blocked on a number of occasions. The new car park has obviously helped ease the traffic congestions; however, can we all please be mindful about blocking driveways etc.

New mural – as part of the Year 6 community concept last term, they have consulted the staff and pupils regarding designing a new mural which includes our school logo, local history sites, values, and our mascots! I am sure you will agree it is a super addition to our school. Huge thank you to [Fresh Creative](#), who worked alongside the Year 6 pupils designing the wall and then carrying out the work.





Sports Week

A further reminder, that our Sports Week will be taking place week beginning **16th June** and below are our confirmed Sports Day dates for each year group. The pupils will be walking to Neath Sports Centre in the morning, aiming for a 9:45am start.

Date & Time	Year Group(s)	Venue
Tues 17 th June (9:30am)	Nursery (am)	MUGA
Tues 17 th June (9:30am)	EYAC	EYAC yard
Tues 17 th June (1:15pm)	Nursery (pm)	MUGA
Tues 17 th June (1:30pm)	EYAC	EYAC yard
Wed 18 th June (9:45am)	Years 4, 5 & 6	Neath Sports Centre
Wed 18 th June (1:15pm)	Reception	MUGA
Thurs 19 th June (9:45am)	Years 1, 2 & 3	Neath Sports Centre

Reminder

If you are taking a child on holiday, you **MUST complete a holiday form** which can be obtained from the school office. There are children off school, and we are unaware of why they are off. Please let the office know on the first day of absence.

Good Luck!

We're excited to share some happy news from our EYAC team - Miss Salway, one of our brilliant Teaching Assistants, will be getting married next week!

Miss Salway is such a valued part of our team, bringing kindness, energy, and genuine care to her work with our youngest learners. Her support, diligence and dedication are appreciated every single day, and we're all thrilled for her as she prepares for this special occasion.

I'm sure you will join all of us at Abbey in wishing her a beautiful wedding day and a lifetime of happiness together with her partner.

Confirmed dates for your diary

Date	Activity/Event
Friday 23 rd May	End of half term
Monday 26 th May to Friday 30 th May HALF TERM	
Monday 2 nd June	Staff and pupils return after half term
Friday 13 th June	PTA Summer Serenade Event (1:15pm to 3:15pm)
Monday 16 th June	SPORTS WEEK
Tuesday 17 th June	Athletics festival for Athletics Squad

W/B 23rd June	LAST WEEK OF AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS
W/B 23rd June	ABBEY ARTS FESTIVAL WEEK
Wednesday 25th June	Year 6 – Crucial Crew @ Margam Park
Monday 30th June	Year 5/6 Cricket Festival – consent forms to follow
Wednesday 2nd July	NURSERY GRADUATION – Parents/Carers invited (9:30am)
Tuesday 8th July	Year 6 Transition Day @ Dwr-Y-Felin
Wednesday 9th July	Year 5 Transition Day @ Dwr-Y-Felin
Thursday 10th July	Leavers' Assembly (Parents/Carers invited in) @ 2pm
Thursday 10th July	Year 6 LEAVERS' DISCO (4pm – 5:30pm)
Friday 11th July	INSET DAY
Friday 18th July	LAST DAY OF TERM FOR PUPILS
Monday 21st July	INSET DAY

I hope you all have a wonderful half term and that you get the opportunity to visit the [Urdd Festival](#) in Margam, which promises to be a great experience for families.



Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K. M. Hodder".

Mr. K. M. Hodder
(Headteacher)