



# Abbey Primary School Newsletter

May 2026 **Mai**

## **Right of the Month**

*Article 12: The right to say what you think should happen and be listened to.*

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2026 / **Dydd Gwener 22 Mai**

Annwyl/Dear Parents/Carers,

As we approach our Whitsun half term holiday, I want to thank all pupils, staff and parents/carers for the support you have shown over the past 7 weeks. The forecast is looking brilliant for the week, so hopefully you all get some valuable family time with your loved ones.

This half term obviously indicates our final break before the end of the academic year and where we say goodbye to pupils and staff members moving on to the next chapter. Next term will be a very busy and productive one, with parental consultations, sports week, transition events and lots more.

### **Sports Week**

Just to remind you all again this month, our annual Sports Week will commence week beginning **15<sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> June	9:30am 1:30pm	Nursery (am) Nursery (pm)	MUGA
17 <sup>th</sup> June	9:30am	Juniors (Y3 – 6)	Neath Sports Centre
18 <sup>th</sup> 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**

Following careful consideration by the Governing Body and Senior Leadership Team, school times will remain unchanged following a full evaluation of all stakeholder feedback.

We would like to thank all parents and carers who took the time to share their views. This decision reflects the openness, transparency, and importance we place on listening to and valuing the voices of all stakeholders within our school community.

### **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 21<sup>st</sup> July to Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> August** (12 days in total, excluding Saturdays and Sundays). Complete this [form](#) to register your child.

### **The Big Ramble – Minibus Fundraising Campaign**

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.

The rambles have taken place this week and they have been a huge success and great fun!

Thank you to you all for your support in this fundraising campaign. We have been overwhelmed by the amount of money that has been raised so far. We still have donations coming in and will announce the total amount next month.



### **Parking Concern**

I am becoming increasingly concerned about the parking of vehicles by a minority of parents/carers at home time, particularly near the island by the main gates and on the corner by the first barrier, where vehicles are parking irresponsibly and causing obstruction.

As a result, orange and white bollards will be installed on the double yellow lines in the areas causing concern. These bollards are fixed and cannot be moved. If parents/carers continue to ignore requests regarding safe parking, the only remaining option will be to close the main school gates between 3:00pm and 3:30pm.

I will not allow the safety of children to be placed at risk because of the actions of a very small number of parents/carers who refuse to follow guidance.

We are extremely fortunate to have a large on-site car park available. If no official parking bays are available, parents/carers must find a safe and legal place to park in the surrounding area.

### **Nursery Graduation**

For our pupils moving to full time education next year, our Nursery Graduation has been added to the dates below and will take place on **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July (9:30am)**. We look forward to seeing all parents/carers at this event.

**Confirmed dates for your diary**

Date	Activity/Event
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	END OF HALF TERM
HALF TERM - Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> May to Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May	
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	Pupils and staff return after half term
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Year 2 trip to Manor Wildlife Park
W/B 15 <sup>th</sup> June	National Sports Week (Sports Day will be during this week)
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Nursery Sports Day (9:30am – 10:30am)
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Junior Sports Day – Year 3 – 6 (9:30am to 12pm)
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Infants Sports Day – Rec to Year 2 (9:30am to 11am)
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Father's Day
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Transition Day @ Dŵr y Felin
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Transition morning for pupils with their new teachers
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	LAST DAY OF ACADEMIC YEAR for PUPILS
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	INSET DAY
Tues 21 <sup>st</sup> July to Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> August	FOOD & FUN (8:30am to 12:30pm every day)
Tues 1 <sup>st</sup> Sept and Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept	INSET DAYS

I wish you all a wonderful half term, enjoy the sunshine and we look forward to seeing all staff and pupils on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June.

Thank you for taking the time to read my newsletter. This newsletter will also be uploaded to our website: [www.abbeyprimaryschool.com](http://www.abbeyprimaryschool.com)

Yours faithfully,



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(Pennaeth/Headteacher)