



Abbey Primary School Newsletter

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Annwyl/Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you find the updates and information helpful in my October newsletter. It's been wonderful to see so many parents and carers attending this week's consultation meetings. It has certainly been another busy and productive term for everyone, and we're all looking forward to a well-deserved break when we finish for half term on **Friday 24th October**.

Staffing

I am delighted to announce that we have appointed Mr. Jordan Farley from Cwmnedd Primary School as our new Curriculum Lead. Mr. Farley will succeed from Mr. Mellin in Year 6. We are hoping he can join us in January 2026, subject to Cwmnedd's Governing Body approving the start date. If not, it will be February half term. I will update Year 6M once a start date is confirmed.

Parent/Carer Views

As always, we welcome your positive comments and also suggestions on areas we as a school can improve. We are a very reflective primary school and would welcome your thoughts and opinions by completing the following questionnaire. It should only take about 5-10 minutes.

[PARENTAL/CARER QUESTIONNAIRE](#)

Harvest

We had a wonderful Harvest celebration on Wednesday 22nd October and the pupils performed some lovely songs, poetry and dance routines.

As in previous years, we will be collecting donations for a local church and food bank as part of our Harvest celebrations. We kindly ask pupils to bring in items such as tins, packets of dried pasta, and other non-perishable foods for our collection.

Once gathered, all donations will be delivered to a worthwhile cause within our community. Thank you for your generosity and support.

PTA

Our fantastic PTA have had a busy and productive start to the Autumn Term! Thanks to fundraising efforts from last year, they were able to provide water bottles for every child from Reception through to Year 6. They also generously contributed £600 towards new bikes for the school.

To support [Macmillan Cancer Support](#), the PTA treated the children to cupcakes and squash during a special morning event, raising an impressive £273 for this important cause. Looking ahead, the PTA have exciting plans for the rest of the term, including a Spooky Disco, a Christmas raffle, and a

festive Christmas Fayre. Their hard work not only raises valuable funds for our school and pupils but also creates joyful and memorable experiences for everyone involved.

Talented Pupils

Khloe and her dance friend Brooke of [TPF Academy Dance School of Performing Arts](#) who landed a place to perform at The West End Shaftesbury Theatre in London which offers a unique platform for artistic growth and development.

By emphasising artistic integrity and diverse voices, it provides a space for creatives to refine their craft, push boundaries, and showcase innovative storytelling. The opportunities this may bring open many doors for our young talented daughters. We are so very proud of you and all your dance family.

If anyone would like to follow in Khloe's and Brooke's footsteps, why not sign up for The Performance Factory's sessions here at Abbey Primary on a Monday after school.



Christmas Dinner Day Amendment

We now need to change our Christmas Dinner Day to **Tuesday 9th December**, as our Year 6 pupils are out of school on Thursday 11th December.

Christmas Jumper Day will still go ahead as planned on Thursday, 11th December; however, Christmas Jumpers can also be worn on Christmas Dinner Day too.

Christmas Concerts

We have arranged dates for Christmas Concerts as follows:

Nursery (see table below)

Reception to Year 2 (see table below)

Year 3 & 4 will be a concert in St. John's Church (awaiting confirmation of dates)

Year 5 & 6 (see table below)

Website

Please make use of the [school website calendar](#) to stay up to date with everything happening at Abbey. Our office staff update it regularly, and all events are directly linked for parents and carers to access easily. The main School Story on ClassDojo can sometimes get quite busy, so the calendar provides a simple and clear overview of upcoming events and key dates.

Confirmed dates for your diary

Date	Activity/Event
Friday 24 th October	END OF HALF TERM
Mon 27 th Oct – Fri 31 st Oct	HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Monday 3 rd November	INSET DAY
Tuesday 4 th November	Pupils return to school
Tuesday 4 th November	AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS RESUME (4 weeks)
W/B 10 th November	Safeguarding / Anti-Bullying Week – “Power for Good”
Friday 14 th November	CHILDREN IN NEED
Monday 17 th November	Emotional Regulation Workshop for Parents (1pm – 2:30pm)
Thursday 20 th November	UNICEF – World Children's Day

Tuesday 25 th November	Year 5/6 Christmas Concert (2pm)
Wednesday 26 th November	Year 5 trip to The Senedd
Thursday 27 th November	Flu vaccinations – Reception to Year 6
Thursday 27 th November	Year 5/6 Christmas Concert (4:30pm)
W/B 1 st December	YEAR 6 RESILIENCE PROGRAMME – Call of the Wild (2 weeks)
Monday 8 th December	Reception – Year 2 (Christmas Nativity) @ 2pm
Tuesday 9 th December	Reception – Year 2 (Christmas Nativity) @ 4:30pm
Tuesday 9 th December	Christmas Dinner Day
Tuesday 9 th December	Nursery Christmas Show (9:30am)
Thursday 11 th December	Christmas Jumper Day (£1 cash donation)
Monday 15 th December	Nursery Show – ‘ The Clumsiest Christmas Elf ’ visitors come to school
Tuesday 16 th December	Reception – Year 2 to visit Santa at Wiggley’s Fun Farm
Wednesday 17 th December	CHRISTMAS PARTY DAY (wear party clothes or Christmas jumpers)
Friday 19 th December	END OF AUTUMN TERM
Monday 5 th January	INSET DAY
Tuesday 6 th January	Pupils return after Christmas break

Thank you for taking the time to read my newsletter. If you have any questions or queries regarding any information shared, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Yours faithfully,



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(Pennaeth/Headteacher)