



# Head's Weekly Newsletter

## Week 7



### Message from the Headteacher

Mrs Ania Hildrey, Headteacher, [headteacher@abbotsleaschool.co.uk](mailto:headteacher@abbotsleaschool.co.uk)

Dear Students, Families, Colleagues and Friends

Welcome to the penultimate issue of this term's **Head's Weekly Newsletter** – how time flies! We had another busy week this week across the school, with the buzz of learning for the students and adults alike. I hope you enjoy our class updates and a snapshot of pictures from Week 7.

For more dynamic stories, I encourage you to follow our Key Stages on Twitter – there are daily photos and stories and it is always lovely to see how brilliant our students and staff are doing.

- For Early Years and Key Stage 1 – follow: @ALS\_EYKS1
- For Key Stage 2 – follow: @ALS\_KS2
- For Key Stage 3 – follow: @ALS\_KS3
- For Key Stage 4 – follow: @ALS\_KS4
- For Key Stage 5 – follow: @ALS\_KS5
- For all general updates, you can also follow us on Twitter and Facebook: @AbbotsLeaSchool

Recognition of our practice is not just limited to such “self-promotion” on school’s social media platforms. This term, we have been proud to receive two such external appraisals:

Firstly, I am delighted to share with you the fact that **Ms Lisa Sharpe, our Safeguarding Officer, has won an Early Help Award** for going the extra mile for every child and family who need assistance and help. We are so privileged to have Ms Sharpe onboard and we would be lost without her expertise, hard work and tireless efforts to work with other agencies to help most vulnerable children in our society. Congratulations!!!

Secondly, the entire school has been recognised as an exceptional **SEND Provision of the Year finalist in the 2022 Educate Awards**. We are so thankful to the Judges of this wonderful contest and, we will continue doing our best for the children and young people of Abbot's Lea! How brilliant is that to end the week on?

With kindest regards and warm wishes for the weekend ahead,

Mrs A Hildrey  
Headteacher

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# Key Diary Dates

## School Year Calendar

Term Dates for School Year 2022-23 (next academic year) – [Term dates 2022-23](#)



**Students' school day**  
**9:00am - 3:00pm**

### Term 1

1 – 2 September – INSET

5 September – students return

**Ends: 21 October 2022 at 3pm**

Half term: Monday 24 to Friday 28 October

### Term 2

31 October – students return

**Ends: 21 December 2022 at 1:30pm**

Christmas break: Thursday 22 December to Tuesday 3 January 2023

### Term 3

4 January – students return

**Ends: 10 February 2023 at 3pm**

Half term: Monday 13 to Friday 17 February 2023

### Term 4

20 February – students start

**Ends: Friday 31 March 2023 at 1:30pm**

Easter break: Monday 3 to Friday 14 April 2023

### Term 5

17 April – students return

May day: Monday 1 May

**Ends: Friday, 26 May 2023 at 3pm**

Half term: Monday 29 May to Friday 2 June 2023

### Term 6

5 June – students return

**30 June – School Leavers' Date**

7 July – Transition INSET

10-14 Transition Week

**Ends: 14 July 2023 at 1:30pm**

17-18 July – INSET (worked in lieu as twilights throughout the year)

Join the discussion and share your family moments with our teams

Facebook: [Abbot's Lea School](#)

Twitter: [@abbotsleaschool](#)

E-mail: [reception@abbotsleaschool.co.uk](mailto:reception@abbotsleaschool.co.uk)

## Key Diary Dates for Term 1 (30.9.22-21.10.22)

Date	Activity	Notes
Monday 17 October	World Food Day (Whole School)	Students will enjoy a range of activities in their classrooms
Tuesday 18 October	Discussion with an expert – Dr Anna Mariguddi: Music in Education Online (Zoom) 3.00 – 4.00pm	Online event – Zoom Discussion about the impact music has on creativity and development of students Information is available on our Facebook, Twitter and Webpage.
Friday 21 October	No assemblies No coffee morning	
Friday 21 October	Sharing of Term 1's Learning Journey	Each term, your child's teacher will share with you their learning journey via email.
Friday, 21 October	School closes for October break after students leave at 3pm	

# Next Week's Menu

## Next Week's Menu

Week 8	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Main Meal</b> We provide a variety of seasonal hot and cold dishes for children to freely choose from	Homemade Wholemeal Pizza served with Wedges and Beans or Coleslaw	Homemade Spanish Chicken served with Rice and Green Beans	All Day Veggie Breakfast with Veggie Sausage, Scrambled Egg, Wholemeal Toast, Mushrooms and Hash Brown	Chef Choice	Homemade Battered Fish with Chips and Minted Mushy Peas
<b>Alternative</b> Jacket potatoes with tuna and other fillings available daily	Pesto Pasta	Roasted Pepper Tomato Quiche	Veggie Lasagne	Chef Choice	Veggie Sausage Roll
<b>Homemade Soup</b>	Chef Choice	Split Pea	Chinese Sweetcorn	Chef Choice	Chef Choice
<b>Starchy Food</b> Various bread choices available	Homemade Pizza Base	Rice	Wholemeal Toast	Chef Choice	Chips
<b>Vegetables</b> Salad Bar with Hummus	Carrots	Green Beans	Mushrooms	Chef Choice	Mushy Peas
<b>Dessert</b> Fresh fruit, selection of low-fat yoghurts and homemade puddings available every lunch time	Fresh Fruit Salad Mixed Yoghurts	Vanilla Cheesecake Fresh Fruit	Pineapple Sponge Yoghurts	Apple Flapjacks Fresh Fruit	Cheese and Crackers Mixed Flavour Yoghurts

## Ask for daily chef specials

All our meat is sourced from local suppliers, we use free range eggs and organic flour where possible. All our fruit and vegetables are locally sourced where possible. Halal options available.

Food For Thought is a not-for-profit school meals company owned by it's partner schools. Any surplus is reinvested in the company or returned to its member schools.

GOOD FOOD CULTURE

Please, inform the school about any known allergies or dietary requirements for your child. You can do that by sharing information with the class team or by calling the school office. Thank you

# Class News

## Student of the Week

Class	Student	Reason why
<b>Key Stage 1</b>		
Ireland	<b>Noah</b>	For developing his use of his communication app.
Wales	<b>Henry</b>	For spending more time in the classroom with his peers.
<b>Key Stage 2</b>		
Canada	<b>Scarlett</b>	For taking time on her drawings and working well on her work.
Italy	<b>Archie</b>	For being a very caring friend.
Portugal	<b>Sonny</b>	For great listening and asking friends to play his game with him during playtimes!
France	<b>Elodie</b>	For her excellent 'Guy Fawkes Wanted' Poster in History this week.
Spain	<b>Charlie</b>	For taking part in all activities this week.
USA	<b>Riley</b>	For brilliant work ethic and being kind and helpful.
<b>Key Stage 3</b>		
Brazil	<b>Amy</b>	For always trying hard in activities and being polite!
Peru	<b>Aiden</b>	For sharing his weekend news with his peers so confidently!
Mozambique	<b>Sonny</b>	For having a great week, he has been very helpful in class and worked hard in all subjects. We are really proud!
Botswana	<b>Mason</b>	For increased engagement in lessons and class activities.
Madagascar	<b>Maxi</b>	For completing his work independently. Well done Maxi!
Kenya	<b>Jack</b>	For helping staff around the classroom and supporting students with Maths work.
Seychelles	<b>Ciaran</b>	For showing a real positive attitude towards helping others and socialising in Seychelles this week. It is really encouraging to see the clear enjoyment on the face of a child who has been working hard to build meaningful friendships. We are looking forward to seeing your confidence continue to grow each and every week.
Cape Verde	<b>Finley</b>	For excellent commitment to group work, creating a PowerPoint of interests.

# Class News

## Student of the Week

Key Stage 4		
Australia	<b>Mason</b>	For servicing as an exemplary member of Abbots Lea School during our visit to the Manchester Apprenticeship Show.
Tasmania	<b>Finlay</b>	For demonstrating independence in daily tasks and overcoming difficulties.
Samoa	<b>Ellis</b>	For working hard and never giving up on himself.
New Zealand	<b>Justin</b>	For trying his best to interact with others, making big improvements in his time in class and having a really positive week.
Key Stage 5		
Malawi	<b>Nathan</b>	For always working hard in lessons and having a positive attitude to learning.
Christmas Island	<b>Luke</b>	For having a positive attitude towards all of his work and trying his best to complete every task to the best of his ability.
Fiji	<b>Halle</b>	For an excellent week.
PNG	<b>Francis</b>	For super engagement in class and improved attendance



# Class News

## Early Years and Key Stage 1

### Ireland class

This week in Ireland class we have enjoyed learning all about our own families as well as our friend's families. We have been looking at our 'special people' pictures and sharing them with the class. Ireland class have shared books with staff and their friends about differences between families. A class favourite was a book called 'The colour of us'. The boys and girls have also enjoyed bathing the babies and drying them before getting them dressed.

We have enjoyed getting outdoors to use the trikes and bikes on the big yard and have used the trucks and diggers to make marks in the sand on our small yard. Water play outside using the guttering, funnels and sea creatures have been a favourite this week too!

Have a lovely weekend!

### Wales class

Wales Class have been very busy this week, we have been thinking about ourselves and finding out about friends and their families. We have been on a hunt to find photographs of ourselves and others, the children are starting to recall each other's names and developing their friendships. Old McDonald has been our focus nursery rhyme of the week and during this week the children have enjoyed exploring in our farm themed tuff tray where they dug for and counted potatoes.



# Class News

## Key Stage 2

### Canada class

At the beginning of the week Canada class took part with the coaches from the LFC foundation learning new skills, we have also been learning about teachers and leaders, being able to understand what is important and helps everyone within society. Canada enjoyed my family during the French lesson this week working on making a story board.

### Portugal class

Portugal Class have had an excellent week. We have sequenced and re-made our story 'Peace at Last' in English and re-told the story using our own characters and settings. In Maths, we have enjoyed sensory activities to find different shapes, sort them and make different patterns using them.

In Art we made our own Kandinsky Art using paints and different strokes of the paint brushes. In Food Tech we did so well following instructions to make jam sandwiches and in French loved learning different phrases of different family members.

You have worked so hard this week, well done Portugal Class!

### Spain class

Spain class have been reading the book "supertato!".

Using the themes of story in our activities Spain class have enjoyed chopping up vegetables for our friends in Papua New Guinea to make scouse with! Saving our friends in maths activities from evil Mr Pea, and exploring the different smells and textures different vegetables!

A lovely week for Spain class, well done!

### France class

France class have had another amazing week. We have been learning and naming 3D shapes in Maths.

In English, we completed a story plan, exploring how we could create our own version of the story 'Peace at Last'. In Science, we talked about how we care for animals - we shared how we take care of our pets.

Some of us are starting to get excited for Halloween, we received an email from Key Stage 5 asking us to help with some decorations, we have started creating pumpkin pictures.

Keep up the hard work France Class!

### Italy class

Italy class have enjoyed celebrating world food day this week. We've focused on harvest, in science we learnt where seeds come from, we made scouse in food tech, we made our own supertato in English and decorated potatoes in art! We've had a lovely week in the garden counting and singing.

Thank you to those who have returned homework and reading books :)

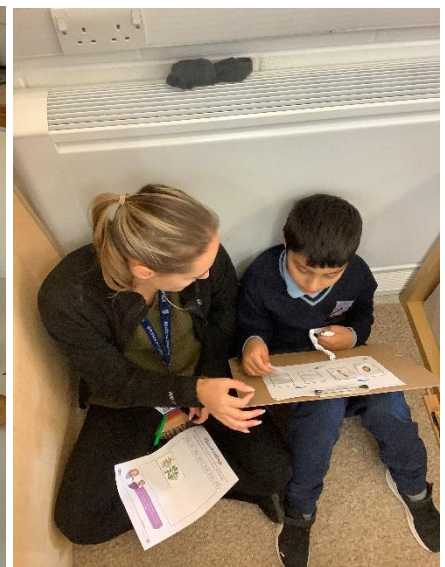
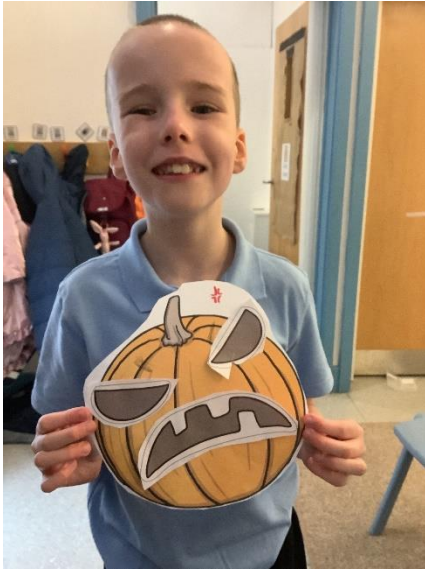
Have a wonderful weekend, Italy class team.



# Class News

## USA class

This week USA we have learnt about Guy Fawkes in history, 2D and 3D shapes in maths. We had French lesson where we learnt how to ask for different foods and tried the foods. Brilliant work USA.



# Class News

## Key Stage 3

### Mozambique class

Mozambique class have had a very busy week. In science we continued learning about earth and space. In History we learnt about the Ancient Greek gods and goddesses. On Thursday some students represented our school in a Dodgeball tournament. And three students from our class started their MVP training.

Have a great weekend!

### Cape Verde class

This week in Cape Verde Class, we played Dodgeball, the class were split into two teams and versed each other in a few matches. In History, Cape Verde continued learning about the Ancient Greeks.

They designed and sculpted their own Ancient Greek inspired vases. In English we continued to read the story 'Stig of the dump'. Students wrote their own interpretation of what they thought might happen next in the story.

In Art, Cape Verde painted their own chosen character or concept in the pointillism style. Cape Verde students also had the opportunity to create a PowerPoint presentation based on their personal interests, they will get the opportunity to present their interests to their class mates.

### Madagascar class

Madagascar class have continued to read Stone Age Boy this week. We used different types of description words to describe scenes from the story. In Maths we have been learning about money.

We used our knowledge of coins and notes to make amounts. In History we found out about the ancient Olympic games in Greece and what events the men took part in.

Well done Madagascar for another great week!

### Kenya class

This week, Kenya class has completed the following activities:

In English, we have looked at certain chapters of 'Demon Dentist' and created freeze frames using body language and facial expressions. In Maths, the students have finished the topic of time and have moved onto place value.

For science the pupils have identified how we have night and daytime. And finally, in RE the class had a debate on the importance of telling the truth looking at different scenarios.

As always, well done Kenya for all your hard work!

### Seychelles class

This week in Seychelles we have had fun completing some fantastic stories centring around our class text 'Stig of the Dump'.

We have continued to extend our knowledge and understanding of Hinduism and its beliefs, and also had fun talking about the Art we like, whilst creating pieces of Art that we enjoy!

# Class News

## **Brazil class**

This week in a Brazil class, we have been super excited to celebrate our theme - world food day! During this week, we have been doing lots of reading and enjoying a story called Supertato. Brazil students enjoyed listening and creating their very own supertatos, they look brilliant! Brazil class have been using different adjectives to describe what the supertato characters look like. In food tech, we chopped up various vegetables to help other classes make SCOUSE! Brazil class did a great job at tasting it, delicious!

In maths, we are looking at number lines. Brazil students have been making a great effort to engage in their activities. Music, we have been dancing to harvest songs, staff and students enjoyed this. Well done Brazil class.

## **Botswana class**

We have had a great week in Botswana this week. The students have been working very hard and have completed some incredible pieces of work.

This week in food tech, the class made their own sandwiches. The students practiced using their fine motor skills and developed their food safety knowledge.

This week we combined History and Art lessons to create our own Ancient Greek vases. The students used photos of real vases to inspire them to design their own.

In our English lessons this week, we have been focusing on using speech marks in our writing. The students have been writing recounts based on this term's book 'Private Peaceful' to practice using speech mark correctly using correct grammar

We also have continued our PE topic of fitness. The students have completed lots of exercise and are all feeling better for it.

We hope everyone has a great weekend.

## **Peru class**

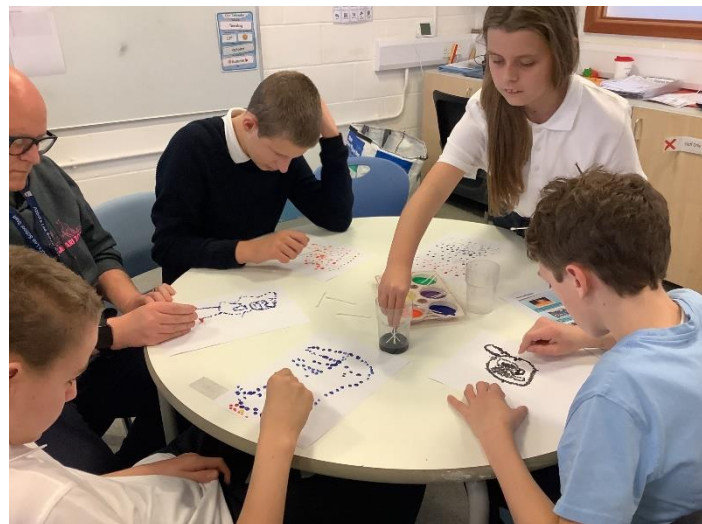
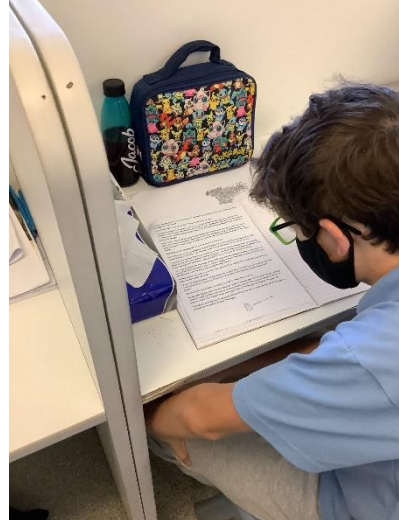
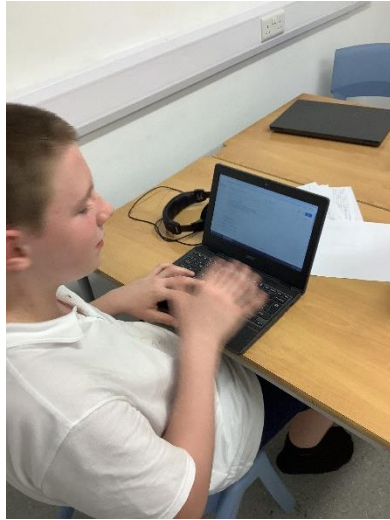
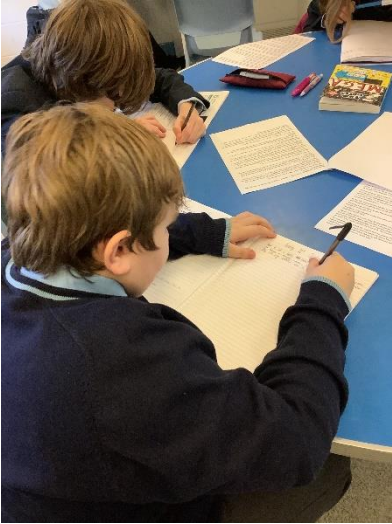
What a fun filled week for Peru class.

This week, as part of Black History Month, Peru have been completing the Nelson Mandela 67 minutes of kindness challenge and are already more than half way through.

Peru also finished off their Ancient Greek vases with Olympic images and really impressed Peru staff with how much they have improved with their maths topic 'telling the time.'



# Class News



For more information on your child's progress, contact the class team directly. Our Key Stage Leaders and Mrs Tobin can tell you more about our curriculum, with all subject maps available on our website ([access here](#)).

# Class News

## Key Stage 4

### Australia class

Australia have had a fun filled week, enjoying trips to Manchester, Apprenticeship show, talking to industry leaders from design, electronics, retail and many more - this was a fantastic opportunity for our students to gain insight into alternative routes after school.

We also enjoyed a trip to Greenbank College to partake in a dodgeball tournament - sparking some competitiveness amongst peers. Physical Education involved completing a series of Fitness Tests which will be used as a benchmark to compare our overall fitness come the end of the year.

We enjoyed finishing the remaining Bird Feeders in Design Technology hanging them out in our Forest School.

### Tasmania class

Tasmania had a busy week!

In English, we continued on the topic of connected modern non-fiction. We looked at what idioms are and analysed the idioms from the extract of 'Sir David Attenborough and a macabre murder mystery in Lyme Regis' by Sarah Marshall. We also discussed the author's thoughts and feelings by analysing the words and phrases.

In Maths, we continued working on place values. We looked at partitioning three-digit whole numbers in different ways and making different number sentences to represent the partitioning. We also completed exercises on translating three-digit whole numbers between words and numerals.

In Science lessons we learned about the role of alveoli in respiration. We learned about diffusion and gas exchange in the lungs. We discussed on the reasons why we need to breath and the mechanism of breathing.

### New Zealand class

New Zealand Class have expanded their knowledge of the respiratory system in Science and have shown a great deal of understanding in English learning about verbs. They have also been brilliant with their continuation of sequencing in Maths.

### Samoa class

In Samoa class this week we have all been working so hard. We have begun to write our letters to David Attenborough in English, exploring different persuasive techniques.

We have also started class reading using the 'choral technique' with our book "The Midnight Gang".

In Maths, we are continuing our topic of comparing and ordering numbers.

Have a great weekend everyone!!



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# Class News

## Key Stage 5

### Malawi class

This week in Malawi class has been a great week.

In English, students have really enjoyed continuing to read our class book Survivor. We have also focused on formal writing in our English lessons, this has linked well with planning for Abbots Lea's Halloween party that will take place in a few weeks' time.

Students have been sending email invitations to classes across the school to invite them to the party and to give them all the details they need.

In maths this week, the focus has been on mean, mode, median and range of numbers to consolidate the learning over the past few maths lessons. In food technology, students made another tasty Italian dish.

Overall a great week for all in Malawi class!!

### Papua New Guinea class

PNG class, you have all done so well this week.

We have complimented our Autumnal art work with science by looking at the similarities of the pulmonary system and a leaf. The artwork we have completed was amazing. We dapped some tissue with paint onto a leaf and made a lovely collage. VERY CREATIVE. We have continued with our fitness routines in PE. BIG PAT ON THE BACK PNG!

We enjoyed a collaborative effort with Fiji class in making "Meatless Scouse". We combined to prepare the veg before putting our ingredients in the slow cooker.

We then proudly shared our Scouse with students and staff around school We are pleased to announce it was resounding success.

### Fiji class

Fiji class this week have been looking at word problems in maths and what sum they needed to do to work out the answer. In English, we have been looking at punctuation and grammar. In Food technology we made scouse and scrambled egg and beans.

# Class News

## Christmas Island class

Christmas Islands class have had a very productive week this week. For their settling tasks this week the students chose to read from a source of their choice including newspapers or a book of their choice. They also had the option of doing creative writing, creating their own story.

In maths the class practiced ordering decimal places and using this skill to solve money word problems. They also used place value grids and used greater than, less than symbols. They practiced putting numbers in ascending and descending order and converted centimetres to meters to complete this task.

In ICT the class created their own newspaper on Microsoft publisher. They created their newspaper name, article titles and article content and organised the text features appropriately. They used their creative writing skills and explored different topics, whilst also inserting images to suit the audience. In life skills the class looked at different jobs and discussed what skills you would need to do the job to the best of their ability. They then completed a worksheet where they reviewed their interests, experiences, skills and qualities and how they would impact their job opportunities. In Science we looked at healthy eating and the groups of food we should eat to keep a healthy and balanced diet.

In PSHE the students re-enacted different social situations in the most socially acceptable way. They explored different scenarios such as complaining about an uncooked meal, working the self-service machine and asking for help in a restaurant. The students also enjoyed their various accredited learning lessons, for example in Geography the class learnt the difference between primary, secondary and tertiary industry. They looked at different industries in Liverpool and then organised different jobs into each category. Some of our students also began their training with the MVP programme, they discussed looking at the world through a gendered lense and had some great productive conversations. In PE the class the students enjoyed a nice walk around the community.





# Useful Information and Resources

## Young Person's Advisory Service Liverpool

**CRISIS DROP-IN'S**  
**Across 3 Community Hubs**

**YPAS North Hub**  
Croxdale Road West,  
L14 8YA

**YPAS Central Hub**  
36 Bolton Street,  
L3 5LX

**YPAS South Hub**  
Lyndene Road,  
L25 1NG

*We can support you through times of crisis*

- STRUGGLING WITH YOUR MENTAL HEALTH?
- YOU OR YOUR CHILD ARE IN A CRISIS?
- FEELING LONELY & ISOLATED?
- NEED A LISTENING EAR?
- NEED A SAFE SPACE?

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**Across 3 Community Hubs**

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Croxdale Road West  
L14 8YA

Monday: 9am - 8pm  
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Wednesday: 9am - 8pm  
Thursday: 9am - 8pm

**YPAS Central Hub**  
36 Bolton Street  
L3 5LX

Monday: 9am - 8pm  
Tuesday: 9am - 8pm  
Wednesday: 9am - 8pm  
Thursday: 9am - 8pm  
Friday: 9am - 8pm  
Saturday: 1pm - 6pm

**YPAS South Hub**  
Lyndene Road  
L25 1NG

Monday: 9am - 8pm  
Tuesday: 9am - 8pm  
Wednesday: 9am - 8pm  
Thursday: 9am - 8pm

**YPAS**  
Young Person's Advisory Service

Please see our website for the latest times

### SKY - open access group for 16-25 year olds

**When:** Mon, 17 October, 6:00pm – 7:30pm

**Where:** 36 Bolton St, Liverpool L3 5LX, UK ([map](#))

#### **Description**

SKY is for 16-25-year-old young people. It provides a safe, comfortable space in a relaxed environment. You can drop in for a chat, meet new people, discuss YPAS's services or take part in informal education sessions. A member of staff is always available to meet and assist you if you need support.

### Tea & Talk - parent/carer well-being drop-in

**When:** Mon, 17 October, 10am – 12pm

**Where:** YPAS Plus South Hub, 35 Lyndene Rd, Liverpool L25 1NG, UK ([map](#))

#### **Description**

Parents and Carers Wellbeing Drop-in Mornings, offering a range of themed wellbeing and selfcare activities, hosted by YPAS Parenting Team.

For more information please contact: [parentingteam@ypas.org.uk](mailto:parentingteam@ypas.org.uk)

### GYRO LGBTQ+ (12-16 years)

**When:** Tue, 18 October, 4:30pm – 6:00pm

**Where:** Young Persons Advisory Service, 36 Bolton St, Liverpool L3 5LX, UK ([map](#))

#### **Description**

GYRO are award-winning LGBTQ+ groups for young people aged 12-25 who identify as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender or are Questioning their sexuality or gender identity. 1 to 1 appointments are available with a worker with an LGBTQ+ specialism for confidential support if you feel groups aren't right for you.

# Useful Information and Resources

## Upcoming Events

### Music Education and Creativity (live with Dr Anna Mariguddi)

**When:** Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> October 2022 from 14:00-15:00

**Where:** This session will take place online (on Zoom)

**Register Here:** [Music and Creativity in Education Sign Up](#)

**Research café**

## MUSIC AND CREATIVITY IN EDUCATION

Join us in a discussion about the music curriculum we offer and how it impacts the creativity and development of students.

**18 OCTOBER 2022**  
**FROM 3 PM TO 4 PM (BST)**  
**ONLINE VIA ZOOM**

**DR ANNA MARIGUDDI**  
Dr Anna Mariguddi is a Lecturer, specialising in music education, in the Department of Primary and Childhood Education, Faculty of Education, Edge Hill University.

Your host: **DR SARA MURŠIĆ**  
Head of Autism Research and Development

**FREE REGISTRATION**

Our Research cafe is a place for open discussion and sharing of ideas, knowledge and experience. It is open to all - families, teachers, researchers or professionals working in the field. Join us for an insight into new findings and directions in research on music in schools.

Our guest is Dr Anna Mariguddi, lecturer specialising in music education. She is joining us from the Department of Primary and Childhood Education, Faculty of Education, Edge Hill University.

You can read more about her work here:

University webpage: <https://research.edgehill.ac.uk/en/persons/anna-mariguddi-2>

Twitter: [@AnnaMariguddi](#)