



ABBOT'S LEA SCHOOL

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Dear Families

Ref: Key Diary Dates – Term 2

Thank you for your support during Term 1 – it was a long one and for many of our students, families and the staff – their introductory one to Abbot's Lea School.

We are proud of all of our students and how well they have settled in those first weeks and we congratulate them on their amazing efforts.

It has been a pleasure to follow their learning journeys and to hear about just how much progress they have already made in a relatively short space of time.

As we end Term 1, we wish to share with you some of the key diary dates, including information about opportunities taking place between 31 October 2022 and 21 December 2022.

As always, my *Head's Weekly Newsletter* issued each Friday afternoon and published via Parentmail, our website and social media platforms, will provide you with any updates, should we add more events or need to amend the details of any of the ones planned:

Date	Activity	Notes
Monday, 31 October	Halloween Party	<p>Our KS5 students have organised a Halloween party for all students across the school.</p> <p>Students are therefore welcome to attend school on that day in Halloween fancy dress, or to accessorise their uniform with Halloween items.</p> <p>We ask that none of those outfits or accessories contain any gory, violent or illegal parts of images. Those can be scary for some of our students and would be confiscated for the duration of the day. Thank you for your support and understanding.</p> <p>Any students not wishing to take part – for personal, religious or cultural reasons – will continue to have their learning needs met through a range of activities not associated with any of the Halloween celebrations.</p>

Tuesday, 1 November	KS4 and 5 Buddies application process starts	This programme is available to KS4 and KS5 students. Information will be shared with students on the day by Mrs Tobin
Friday 4 November	Bonfire Night Learning Focus	Classes will be learning about Bonfire night with a particular focus on how to stay safe if attending any public or private bonfire celebrations. Please note advisory information shared by the school on behalf of the Fire Service.
Friday 4 November	Weekly open assemblies led by Mrs Tobin (Deputy Headteacher) and coffee morning Assembly times: 9.30 – 10.00 – KS4 and 5 10.05 – 10.35 – Primary 10.40 – 11.10 – KS3 Coffee morning: 9.30 – 11am	We encourage families to attend where they are able. If there is any topic you would like to hear about or contribute to during the coffee mornings, please advise Dr Sara Mursic at: Sara.Mursic@abbotsleaschool.co.uk
Friday 11 November	Remembrance Day	Students will be learning about remembrance day and we will be marking it with a moments' silence in assemblies
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Monday 14 November – Wednesday 16 November	KS4 and 5 mock maths exam	This first mock maths exam will take place in classrooms and will be the first introduction for some students to the end of year maths exam
Tuesday 15 November	KS4 and 5 mock English exam	This first mock English exam will take place in classrooms and will be the first introduction for some students to the end of year English exam
Wednesday 16 November	KS4 and 5 mock ICT exam	This first mock ICT exam will take place in classrooms and will be the first introduction for some students to the end of year ICT exam
Monday 14 November – Friday 18 November	Anti-bullying week	Students will participate a range of activities in their classrooms.
Friday 18 November	Children in Need Day	Students are welcome to wear a spotty accessory and bring in a voluntary £1 contribution.
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Tuesday November	22	<p>Friends of Abbot's Lea shared learning session:</p> <p>We will focus on routines, transitions and, specifically preparation for Christmas, which some students find challenging.</p> <p>12pm</p> <p>6pm</p>	<p>Details will be sent for this Zoom.</p>
Friday 25 November		<p>Weekly open assemblies led by Mrs Tobin (Deputy Headteacher) and coffee morning</p> <p>Assembly times: 9.30 – 10.00 – KS4 and 5 10.05 – 10.35 – Primary 10.40 – 11.10 – KS3</p> <p>Coffee morning: 9.30 – 11am</p>	<p>We encourage families to attend where they are able. If there is any topic you would like to hear about or contribute to during the coffee mornings, please advise Dr Sara Mursic at: Sara.Mursic@abbotsleaschool.co.uk</p>
Friday 2 December		<p>Christmas Fair</p>	<p>There will be no assembly on this day as we will be getting ready to welcome as many of you as possible to our Christmas Fair!</p> <p>This will take place 12pm – 2pm in our School Hall.</p> <p>There will be a range of experiences on offer, a performance from our school choir and a chance to purchase some beautiful gift for the family.</p> <p>A free re-homing nearly new uniform stall and book stall will be available for those who wish to take some lovely items and give them a new loving home! If you wish to contribute, please send any good quality clean uniform items or good quality books (appropriate for school) ahead of the day.</p>

		<p>Please note that there will be very limited first-come-first-served parking for only a few cars, so parking in the neighbourhood and making way to the school on pedestrian route is advisable.</p> <p>Any families planning to collect their child from school that afternoon earlier than 3pm, are welcome to do so with the prior notification to the office@abbotsleaschool.co.uk</p> <p>Thank you!</p>
Friday 9 December	Christmas Jumper Day	Students are welcome to wear a Christmas jumper or a Christmas accessory and may make a voluntary £1 donation toward Abbot's Lea School charitable fund, raising money for future school trips.
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Thursday December	15 Christmas Pantomime trip	Will will be visiting the Epstein Theatre to watch Goldilocks and the Three Bears. There will be no additional cost to the families for this trip and all students will be invited.
Friday 16 December	<p>Our Nativity Assembly!</p> <p>Timings for performances will be sent nearer the time but all performances will take place in the morning</p>	Please come and join our Christmas nativity assembly.
Monday 19 December	Christmas Dinners	All students and staff are invited to enjoy a full Christmas Dinner with crackers and the works!
Wednesday December	21 Last day of school	<p>School will close at 1pm</p> <p>Students will be given a packed lunch that day prior to leaving.</p>

Final week of term	Sharing of Term 2's Learning Journey	Each term, your child's teacher will share with you their learning journey via email.
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I hope that you find this information useful. Should you have any questions, please contact your child's class team who will be there to assist you.

At any point, of course, I encourage you to make contact with Mrs Tobin, my Deputy Headteacher who leads all aspects of Teaching and Learning across the school and who has kindly coordinated the collation of the above events for your convenience: deputy@abbotsleaschool.co.uk

My door also always remains open and if you wish to escalate any matters for my direct attention, please contact me on headteacher@abbotsleaschool.co.uk

On behalf of the whole school team, I thank you for your support this term and I wish you all a restful half term break.

Yours sincerely



Mrs A Hildrey
Headteacher