



ABBOT'S LEA SCHOOL

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Dear Families

Ref: Key Information – Term 5 (17 April – 26 May 2023)

As is now typical towards the end of each term, I am writing to share information about the activities coming up next term - Term 5.

As you know, our Philosophy of Education: ASD Model© places equal value on our students' academic progress, specialist therapeutic support and development of life skills. As a result, we carefully design all enrichment opportunities to meet our students' needs and support their progress in at least one of these key areas.

I hope that the Spring break offers some lovely moments to you and your family.

Date	Activity	Notes
Monday 17 April	School re-opens for students at 9am	School re-opens for students
Friday 21 April	National Reading Day	Students will be celebrating reading by choosing a well-liked paragraph from a book of their choice and creating a shadow piece of work
Friday 21 April	Weekly open assemblies led by Mrs Tobin (Deputy Headteacher) and coffee morning Assembly times: 9.30 - 10 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 Sara.Mursic@abbotsleaschool.co.uk
Monday 1 May	May Day Bank Holiday	School is closed
Tuesday 2 May	KS2 swimming window opens	At some point between 2 May and 12 May, your KS2 child will have a 4 day block of swimming lessons.
Friday 5 May	King's Coronation celebration	Classes will be participating in a range of activities to celebrate the King's coronation
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Monday 8 May	Bank Holiday (Coronation)	School is closed
Tuesday 9 May	Online training: Girls and Autism	<p>In this session, we will introduce the debate around autism and gender, identify key issues and provide practical school-based support strategies. Our guests will be able to share personal, professional and academic perspectives to this topic.</p> <p>Guest speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mica Jayne Coleman Jones • Michelle Blake <p>Join the session that best suits you:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12pm (noon) https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82164843624 • 6pm (afternoon) https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88109221317
Friday 12 May	<p>Weekly open assemblies led by Mrs Tobin (Deputy Headteacher) and coffee morning</p> <p>Assembly times: 9.30 - 10 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 Sara.Mursic@abbotsleaschool.co.uk</p>
Tuesday 16 May	EYFS/KS1 swimming window opens	At some point between 2 May and 12 May, your EYFS/KS1 child will have a 4-day block of swimming lessons.
Friday 19 May	Outdoor Learning Day	Our outdoor learning team will be creating some exciting activities for all classes to enjoy in our school grounds
Friday 19 May	<p>Weekly open assemblies led by Mrs Tobin (Deputy Headteacher) and coffee morning</p> <p>Assembly times: 9.30 - 10 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 Sara.Mursic@abbotsleaschool.co.uk</p>

Monday 22 May	Great British Sandwich Week	Students will be learning about the history of the sandwich, as well as making their own yummy creations!
Tuesday 23 May	Autism Research Cafe	3-4pm (online via Zoom) https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82306096671 In this session, we will discuss benefits of visual literacy, comic books and graphic novels for autistic minds. Join us to learn more about the natural connection of visual learners and comics.
Wednesday 24 May	Diversity in: History	Students will learn about aspects of history and which amazing figures were behind some of our well-known historical events.
Friday 26 May	No assembly	No assembly or coffee morning
Friday 26 May	Own Clothes Day	Students may wear their own clothes should they wish. We ask in return for a donation of chocolate for our Summer Fair on 1 July 2023

Assemblies

Assemblies are facilitated by Mrs Tobin (Deputy Headteacher.) However, each week a different person or class will lead the assembly. When your child's class leads the assembly, their teacher will contact you in advance to let you know.

Weekly Attendance Reports

There is clear evidence that strong attendance at school links to strong educational outcomes for students. Mrs Hildrey set out in her letter last week the processes regarding student attendance. Each Friday you will be sent your child's attendance data so that you can support the school in ensuring it remains as close to 100% as possible.

I hope that you find this information useful. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class team.

Yours sincerely

Mrs E Tobin
Deputy Headteacher