



Head's Weekly Newsletter

Week 31



Message from the Headteacher

Mrs Ania Hildrey, Headteacher, headteacher@abbotsleaschool.co.uk

Dear Students, Families, Colleagues and Friends

Welcome to today's issue of the Head's Weekly Newsletter.

Week 31 was always going to be a short one, with the Bank Holiday and, later closure due to the strike day, and next week will be another 4-day one!

My highlight of this week was today's Friday Assembly – I attended each of the assemblies and was delighted to introduce Mr Marc Whitmore, our newest Co-Opted Governor. Mr Whitmore wishes to pass on his thanks to all of the students, staff and families, who welcomed him into the school for his first Governor Visit. He was in awe of the students politeness and exemplary behaviour, their attention during the assembly and the students' keen interest in greeting him and asking him many questions. He looks forward to many more visits to the school and is inspired by today's visit informing his governing duties in the coming weeks and months.

I took the opportunity to invite families to join or Governing Body as Parent Governors and, as today's election deadline did not result in any nominations, I would like to ask anyone who missed it to contact our Clerk to Governors, Miss McComasky for more information. She is contactable via pa@abbotsleaschool.co.uk

I also shared with all families an open invitation to be an active part of our Parent Teacher Association (PTA), called FAB! Our aim is to work together for the benefit of the school and the current project is fundraising for our students' residential trips next year. If you are interested, please contact Mrs Myers, our School Business Manager on keri.myers@abbotsleaschool.co.uk



With kindest regards and best wishes for the long Coronation Bank Holiday Weekend!

Mrs A Hildrey
Headteacher

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Key Diary Dates

School Year Calendar

Term Dates for next academic year:

<http://www.abbotsleaschool.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/Term-dates-2023-24.pdf>



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

Term 5

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 1pm

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

Key Diary Dates

Key Diary Dates for Term 5

Date	Activity	Notes
Monday 8 May	Bank Holiday (Coronation)	School is closed to all
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>

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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.

Student Progress Reports

You will have received a mid-term progress report and you will receive an end of year report (5 July 2023) for your child.

The reports summarise progress in all areas of the curriculum as well as providing a summary of the qualities your child displays at school.

If you have any questions on comments related to your child's progress at school, please contact Mrs Tobin on deputy@abbotsleaschool.co.uk

Next Week's Menu

**FOOD
FOR
THOUGHT**

Primary Lunch Menu



Week Commencing 01/05/23

Week 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Meal We provide a variety of seasonal hot and cold dishes for children to freely choose from	Veggie Stir Fry served with Noodles and Spring Rolls	Chicken Shawarma Wraps served with Rice and Coleslaw	Ham Roast Dinner Served with Seasonal Vegetables, and Roast New Potatoes	Spaghetti Bolognese served with Fresh Salad and Garlic Bread	Fish Cake or Fish Fingers and Chips served with Mushy Peas
Alternative Jacket potatoes with tuna and other fillings available daily	Cherry Tomato Quiche served with Crisp Fresh Salad	Tuna Pasta with Cucumber and Red Onion	Twice Baked Jacket Potatoes	Cheese and Tomato Toasties	Tandoori Salmon served with Pitta Bread
Homemade Soup	Chef Choice	Leek and Potato	Red pepper Soup	Tomato and Basil	Chef Choice
Starchy Food Various bread choices available	Noodles	Rice	Roast New Potatoes	Spaghetti	Chips
Vegetables Salad Bar with Hummus	Tomatoes	Carrots	Cabbage	Tomatoes	Mushy Peas
Dessert Fresh fruit, selection of low-fat yoghurts and homemade puddings available every lunch time	Ginger Biscuits Fresh Fruit	Sponge Cake and Custard Fresh Fruit	Fresh Fruit Salad Yoghurts	Fresh Fruit Trifle 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 its 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



Ireland class



Class News



Wales class



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](#)).

Italy class



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Portugal class



Happy weekend Portugal Class!

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Spain class



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Canada class



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USA class



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Brazil class



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Peru class



France class





Mozambique class



Class News



Botswana class



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Cape Verde class





Seychelles class





Madagascar class



AMAZING



WELL DONE!



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Kenya class



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Australia class



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New Zealand class



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Samoa class

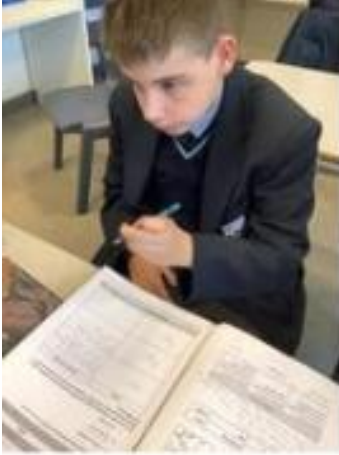


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Tasmania class



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Malawi class



Wow!



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Class News



Christmas Island class



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Papua New Guinea class



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Class News



Fiji class



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Class News

Mrs Keri Myers School Business Manager



I am delighted to write to you to introduce myself as the school's newly promoted School Business Manager.

I am very much looking forward to being part of the Strategic Leadership Team (SLT).

I have loved every minute of my twelve years at our school and I have worked in various roles, starting as an Administrator in ALMA, then an HR, Finance and Payroll Officer and most recently as the school's Office Manager. In the latter post, I was a member of Operational Leadership Team (OLT) and so, I have worked closely with fellow leaders.

I am extremely proud of what we have achieved as a team at Abbot's Lea, and I remain determined to ensure that our school goes from strength to strength. I am keen on developing a whole school community which thrives on a shared vision of excellence, promotes mutual respect and values positive relationships.

With this in mind, I would like to invite any of our students' families who wish to be more involved in the life of the school to join our Parent-Teacher Association (PTA), which we call FAB (Friends of Abbot's Lea). I would also like to draw your attention to the Parent Governor vacancy which is subject to election.

We are about to commence fundraising for next year's residential trips for our students, and we would love our families to help plan the Summer Fair which will take place on Saturday, 1 July 2023 here on the school grounds.

If you have some time to spare and would like to get involved, please contact me on or pop along to the weekly Coffee Morning each Friday, 9:30-11am.

I look forward to meeting you, getting to know you and supporting you, as well as welcoming your support.

Kind regards

Mrs Keri Myers
School Business Manager
E: keri.myers@abbotsleaschool.co.uk

Student of the Week

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Class	Student	Reason why
Key Stage 1		
Ireland	Daniel	For being amazing all week at swimming!
Wales	Henry	For fantastic repeating patterns work in Maths.
Key Stage 2		
Canada	Scarlett	For fantastic sharing and looking after her friends during swimming.
Italy	Franky	For coping well with a change to routine and remaining upbeat.
Portugal	Layal	For great social interactions with peers
France	Bobby	For fantastic engagement in all areas of the new topic and following the golden rules
Spain	Rhys	For engaging in class activities and trying his hardest to sit with his class!
USA	Archie	For always trying his best in all lessons
Key Stage 3		
Brazil	Gerard	For following the golden rules and for always having a smile on his face!
Peru	Alfie	For great work in computing designing a game independently
Mozambique	Imam	For being very helpful and extra hard working on your assessments and reading this week.
Botswana	Isaac	For engaging in ALL of his lessons and activities, following ALL staff instructions, completing fantastic maths work every day and requesting sensory breaking independently
Madagascar	John	For trying hard and not giving up in swimming.
Kenya	Sean	For coping well with an upcoming change.
Seychelles	Cameron	For contributing amazingly in lessons, being more confident in delivering his answers and providing more detailed work.
Cape Verde	Charlie	For supporting his friend when they were upset

Student of the Week

Key Stage 4		
Australia	Charlie	For his dedication in getting ready for his exams
Tasmania	Mason	For showing excellent enthusiasm in lessons and offering support to others who needs them.
Samoa	Harley	For engaging well in all lessons, always being polite and being such a kind member of the class.
New Zealand	Maddie	For consistently being amazing in accredited learning and always working well with her peers.
Key Stage 5		
Malawi	Joshua	For amazing Math's work this week!
Christmas Island	Flynn	For completing all work to a high standard and being here every day with an amazing attitude.
Fiji	Kyle	For great work in English for analysing a text and being able to understand inference.
PNG	Ciaran	For settling back into class so fantastically and for excellent engagement in lessons.

Exams 2023

June 2023 Exams													
Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
								1		2			3
								Half Term Break		Half Term Break			
	4		5		6		7		8		9		10
		GCSE English Language paper 1 (AM)				GCSE Maths paper 2 (AM)		Level 2 Certificate Further Maths paper 1 (AM)		GCSE Biology paper 2 (PM)			
	11		12		13		14		15		16		17
		GCSE English Language paper 2 (AM)		GCSE Chemistry paper 2 (AM)		GCSE Maths paper 3 (AM) GCSE English as a Second Language (PM)				GCSE Physics paper 2 (AM)			
	18		19		20		21		22		23		24
						Level 2 Certificate Further Maths paper 2 (AM)							
	25		26		27		28		29		30		

Useful Information

School Swimming 2023 (EYFS/KS1 - KS4)



EYFS/KS1 - KS4 Students will be having swimming lessons as a part of the Physical Educational Curriculum this academic year. Swimming sessions will take place between January and June 2023, with all classes assigned specific weeks.

A school minibus will take the children to Halewood Leisure centre during the morning sessions of their assigned weeks. The sessions are led by trained swimming instructors and are supported by the class team.

All EYFS/KS1 - KS4 Students will be included in these lessons; they will need to bring a small plastic bag or backpack containing: -

- Swimming kit (one-piece swimming costume for girls please)
- Towel
- Hairbrush
- Bathing caps (All children with long hair must have their hair tied back)

If you require any further information or support, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher or Key Stage Leader.

Useful Information

Final call

POLICY CONSULTATION 2023

Dear Families,

As per recommended practice by the Department for Education, we would like to consult with you on our Personal, Social and Health Policy (PSHE).

This policy sets out how we support students to learn about healthy relationships in an age appropriate way.

If you have any feedback about this policy, please email me by **Tuesday, 9 May 2023** on deputy@abbotsleaschool.co.uk

Yours sincerely

Mrs E Tobin
Deputy Headteacher

[PSHE POLICY and appendices](#)

Useful Information

Swimming Dates

We are sorry that some of our swimming sessions have been affected by the closure of the school and the staffing shortages, making our risk assessments dictate cancellation. Safety must come first.

Date	Class
Tuesday 2 nd May Wednesday 3 rd May Thursday 4 th May Friday 5 th May	Canada Ireland Madagascar Cape Verde
Tuesday 9 th May Wednesday 10 th May Thursday 11 th May Friday 12 th May	Canada Ireland Madagascar Cape Verde
Tuesday 16 th May Wednesday 17 th May Thursday 18 th May Friday 19 th May	USA Wales Seychelles Botswana
Tuesday 23 rd May Wednesday 24 th May Thursday 25 th May Friday 26 th May	USA Wales Seychelles Botswana

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?

YPAS

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Useful Information



The Brain Charity

Caring for carers: free cream tea and holistic therapies

THURSDAY | 8 | JUNE

9.30am until 2pm

THE BRAIN CHARITY, NORTON STREET, LIVERPOOL, L3 8LR

RSVP USING THE QR CODE BELOW!
Alternatively, call Marie on 07888306152 or Sue on 07930180850, or email womens@thebraincharity.org.uk



Useful Information



Join us to celebrate National Carers Week!

This event is for parent-carers of children and young people up to the age of 25.

Receive information and support on your caring role and a range of informative talks.

SCHEDULE:

9:30am: Arrival and registration

**10:00am: Robyn Smith, Trainee Psychologist:
Mindfulness and how to manage stress**

10.30am: Find out about women's health with WHISC

11:00am: Gail Dixon: singing for wellbeing session

11:30am: Christina Beaumont: becoming a parent carer

**11:50am: Amy Yule, Beauty and Aesthetics Lecturer:
Overview of holistic therapies**

12:10pm: Enjoy a free afternoon cream tea and free holistic therapies from Liverpool City College and WHISC.

2:00pm: Event ends

Useful Information



Local Offer LIVE 2023

Wednesday 5th July

Are you a parent/carer of a child/young person with SEND (Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities)?
Are you a Professional working with families with SEND?

Come along and visit the Local Offer LIVE and see many services from Health, Local Authority, support groups, activity groups and 3rd Sector Organisations in one marketplace



Time: 12pm - 7pm



LOCATION:

Liverpool Guild of Students
The University of Liverpool
160 Mount Pleasant
Liverpool L3 5TR

FOR MORE INFORMATION
EMAIL INFO@LIVPAC.ORG.UK