



ABBOT'S LEA SCHOOL

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Dear Families

Ref: Key Diary Dates – Term 6 (5 June – 14 July 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 6.

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 wish to draw your attention to the events open to all families next term, including weekly open assemblies and coffee mornings (see some changes to routine), Sports Day (please be aware of Plan A and Plan B in case of bad weather), Leavers' Assemblies and Awards ceremonies, as well as our annual Summer Fair (we need volunteers and donations, so please read the two letters related to this):

School Business Manager's introduction: <http://www.abbotsleaschool.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/Introduction-as-SBM.pdf>

Head Students' plea: <http://www.abbotsleaschool.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/Abbots-Lea-School-Head-Boy-and-Head-Girl-fundraising-letter.pdf>

Lastly, may I please remind all families that we have one INSET day on 7 July 2023 (when the school is closed to all students), and that Term 6 finished on Friday, 14 July 2023 at 1pm.

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

Yours sincerely
Mrs E Tobin

Deputy Headteacher

Date	Activity	Notes
Monday 5 June	First day of term 6	School re-opens for students
Wed-Fri, 7 June – 9 June	International School Visit (professional planning visit)	Our German partners will be visiting us for the professional visit (students will be involved in welcoming our visitors and then, in the Autumn, we will welcome German students to ALS)
Friday 9 June	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 at Sara.Mursic@abbotsleaschool.co.uk All volunteers and supporters of the Summer Fair are invited to attend the Coffee morning (9:30-11am) and we will use this time to plan this event.
Friday 9 June	Launch of Diversity Buddy applications for secondary students	This application process will be launched during assembly. Class teams will support any students wishing to apply. The deadline will be Friday 16 June
Monday 12 June	Launch of Student Leaders 2023-34 elections	The process for applying to be Head Student will be shared with KS5 students
Tuesday 13 June	Morning only – Primary Sports Day Plan A (Please note if the weather is bad on this day, we will make a decision to cancel early that morning and post it on social media. If this happens we would move to “plan b day” – see below)	Families are welcome to come and watch their child complete on Sports Day. Specific times will be issued via class teams nearer to the time Please be advised that there will be no parking on school site and so, if travelling by car, please park in neighbouring streets (free of charge) and allow time for walking onto site and signing in SPECIFIC TIMES TO BE CONFIRMED IN THE LETTER TO FAMILIES BY 26 MAY 2023
Wednesday 14 June	“Diversity in arts” day	Today all classes will be learning about how the world of art has been influenced by artists from a range of backgrounds
Thursday 15 June	Morning only – Primary Sports Day PLAN B	Families are welcome to come and watch their child complete on Sports Day. Specific times will be issued via class teams nearer to the time Please be advised that there will be no parking on school site and so, if travelling

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Tuesday 20 June	<p>Morning only – Secondary Department Sports Day Plan A (please note if the weather is bad on this day we will make a decision to cancel early that morning and post it on social media. If this happens we would move to “plan b day” – see below)</p>	<p>Families are welcome to come and watch their child complete on Sports Day. Specific times will be issued via class teams nearer to the time</p> <p>Please be advised that there will be no parking on school site and so, if travelling by car, please park in neighbouring streets (free of charge) and allow time for walking onto site and signing in</p> <p>SPECIFIC TIMES TO BE CONFIRMED IN THE LETTER TO FAMILIES BY 26 MAY 2023</p>
Wednesday 21 June	<p>If Sports Day on Monday, 19 June is cancelled, this will be the alternative PLAN B Secondary Sports Day (morning only)</p>	<p>Families are welcome to come and watch their child complete on Sports Day. Specific times will be issued via class teams nearer to the time</p> <p>Please be advised that there will be no parking on school site and so, if travelling by car, please park in neighbouring streets (free of charge) and allow time for walking onto site and signing in</p> <p>SPECIFIC TIMES TO BE CONFIRMED IN THE LETTER TO FAMILIES BY 26 MAY 2023</p>
Wednesday 21 June	World Music Day	<p>Students will be celebrating by listening to music from around the world and planning for our Musical Showcase Day on 6 July</p>

Thursday 22 June	Annual Award Ceremony 9.30 – 10:20 KS3 10:30 – 12:20 – KS4 and 5 1:30-2:30 – Primary Department	All families are invited to join us on this special day Please note specific times for Primary Department, KS3 and KS4/5 Please be advised that there will be no parking on school site and so, if travelling by car, please park in neighbouring streets (free of charge) and allow time for walking onto site and signing in Families of Primary Department children (only) are welcome to collect their children from school at the end of the Ceremony at 2:30pm – please inform Class Team and transport in advance
Friday 23 June	NO ASSEMBLIES OR COFFEE MORNING	
Tuesday 27 June	Meet the Team Zoom meetings 3.30pm	Your child's Class Team member for September 2023 will be leading a Zoom so that you can see their face, get to know them and ask any questions you may have. They will also share the plans for Transition Week with you.
Wednesday 28 June	Conclusion of Student Leader elections	KS5 students will be made aware of the outcome
Thursday 29 June	Leavers' Prom 6-9pm	A warm welcome will be extended to all Key Stage 4 and 5 students who wish to celebrate with any school leavers. We welcome you to enjoy some great food and dance the night away! Further details will be shared nearer the time
Friday 30 June	Leavers' Assembly and Celebration Lunch	More details will follow nearer the time
Saturday 1 July 12pm – 3pm	Summer Fair	Please come and join us for three hours of fun-filled activities. There will be games to be played and prizes to be won! Please warmly invite you friends and family too. Any volunteers able to help organise the Summer Fair are welcome and should contact Mrs Keri Myers, our School Business Manager (SBM) via sbm@abbotsleaschool.co.uk
Tuesday 4 July	End of Year Fun Day	The students will enjoy a carousel of fun activities, including an giant inflatable obstacle course to celebrate all of their hard work over the past year
Thursday 6 July	Musical Showcase Day	The Primary Department showcase will take place in the morning.

		<p>Secondary Department showcase will take place in the afternoon.</p> <p>Individual students and some groups, including our school band will perform to the rest of school as we celebrate students' successes in music.</p> <p>We warmly welcome the families of the students who are performing to attend:</p> <p>9:30am-11am (max) – Primary 1pm – 2:30pm (max) - Secondary</p> <p>Parents of Secondary students are able to take their child home after their performance on that day (please inform Class Team and transport ahead of the day)</p>
Friday 7 July	School closed – staff INSET day	
Monday 10 – Friday 14 July	Transition Week	<p>All students will be in their new (next year's) classes and our new starters will join our school</p> <p>During this week there will be a timetable of planned activities, including a Wellbeing Day and Diversity Day.</p> <p>In order to be able to support your child with this change of routine, classes will share with you a full timetable during the "Meet the Team Zooms"</p>
Friday 14 July 1pm	Last day of term 6	School closes for the summer at 1pm