

# Head's Weekly Newsletter Week 38



#### **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.

Today is a special day, marking the end of an era for those students leaving Abbot's Lea School – The Class of 2023!

We had our Awards Ceremony last week, and a Prom yesterday, finishing celebrations with the Leavers' Assembly and a day of goodbyes.

I wish to congratulate all of our leavers on their achievements – whether they were with us for just this year, or since early childhood.

You have been a pleasure to have onboard and we have been moved by your personal journeys and your successes – often against all odds – whilst at ALS.

Looking to the future, I wish you all good health (physical and mental), as well as happiness, joy, satisfaction and a sense of belonging – in whatever you do.

You will always be a part of our school community and, as you start the new chapter in your lives, you become a part of ALS Alumni – our school's graduates. This status of belonging is for life and you are always welcome to stay in touch and visit us and share with us your experience of life after school.

This week is not yet over, and, tomorrow, on Saturday, 1 July 2023, between noon and 15:00, we are holding our Summer Fair. We hope that many of you will join us, with your friends and families, for a fun afternoon with LOTS of attractions.

All funds raised will go directly towards funding our students' residential trips next year and so, every little helps!

I wish you all a very restful weekend and look forward to seeing our students back next week, for the last week of "this year's operation", before moving on to the Transition Week in the last week of term.

Kindest regards

Mrs A Hildrey Headteacher

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#### **Prom King and Queen 2023**







On Thursday, 29 June 2023, our Key Stage 4 and Key Stage 5 students – leavers and those remaining with us next year – were invited to join our second-ever Prom Night.

Students attending were wonderful and a credit to their families and their class teams – behaving impeccably and having a very mature, responsible, yet fun night!

Here – our King and Queen of Prom of 2023 – congratulations!!!

#### Term 6 remaining key dates – at a glance:

30 June - School Leavers' Date

5 July – school closure due to teachers' strike day

7 July - Transition INSET - school closed to all students

10-14 Transition Week (Mon – Thu 9am – 3pm; Fri – 9am – 1pm)

Ends: 14 July 2023 at 1pm

#### **Key Diary Dates for Term 6**

Date	Event	Comment
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
Wednesday 5 July	Teachers' strike day	school closed to all students
Thursday 6 July	Musical Showcase Day	The Primary Department showcase will take place in the morning. Secondary Department showcase will take place in the afternoon. Individual students and some groups, including our school band will perform to the rest of school as we celebrate students' successes in music.  We warmly welcome the families of the students who are performing to attend:  10:00 – 11:30 – Primary 13:00 – 14:30 - Secondary  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)
Thursday, 6 July	Resit exams	Students requiring a resit planned for 5 July will re-sit on this day.
Friday 7 July	INSET Day	School closed to all students

Monday 10 – Friday 14 July	Transition Week	All students will be in their new (next year's) classes and our new starters will join our school
		During this week there will be a timetable of planned activities, including a Wellbeing Day and Diversity Day.
		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" on 27 June 3:30-4pm
Friday 14 July 1pm	Last day of term 6	School closes for the summer at 1pm

#### Term dates for 2023-24 (link)

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

#### **TERM DATES**

#### 2023-24

#### Term 1

- Friday 1 September 2023 INSET 1 school closed to all students
- Monday, 4 September 2023 INSET 2 school closed to all students
- Tuesday, 5 September 2023 INSET 3 school closed to all students
- Students' return: Wednesday, 6 September 2023
- End: Friday, 27 October 2023 at 3pm
- Half term: Monday 30 October 2023 to Friday 3 November 2023

#### Term 2

- Start: Monday, 6 November 2023
- End: Friday, 22 December 2023, at 1pm
- Christmas break: Monday 25 December 2023 to Friday 5 January 2024

#### Term 3

- Start: 8 January 2024
- End: Friday 9 February 2024 at 3pm
- Half term: Monday 12 February 2024 to Friday 16 February 2024

#### Term 4

- Starts: Monday 19 February 2024
- Ends: Thursday 28 March 2024, at 1pm
- Easter break: Friday 29 March 2024 (bank holiday) to Friday 12 April 2024

#### Term 5

Start: Monday 15 April 2024
May day: Monday 6 May 2024
End: Friday, 24 May 2024 at 3pm

• Half term: Monday 27 May 2024 to Friday 31 May 2024

#### Term 6

• Start: Monday, 3 June 2024

• Leavers' Last Day: Friday, 28 June 2024, at 1pm

• INSET 4: Friday, 12 July 2024 – school closed to all students

• Transition Week: 15 July 2024 – 19 July 2024

• End: Friday, 19 July 2024 at 1pm

#### **Next Week's Menu**



# **Primary Lunch Menu**



Week Commencing 03/07/23

Week 5	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Meal 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 Spaghetti Bolognaise served with Fresh Garlic Bread	Sausage and Homemade Mashed Potato with Gravy and Peas	Chicken Katsu Curry served with Rice	Homemade Battered Fish with Chips and Minted Mushy Peas
Alternative Jacket potatoes with tuna and other fillings available daily	Feta and Vegetable Pasta	Vegetable Biryani	Cheese and Tomato Panini	Vegetable Sausage Toastie	Veggie Burger in a Bun
Homemade Soup	Broccoli and Cheddar	Chinese Sweetcorn	Chef Choice	Leek and Potato	Chef Choice
Starchy Food Various bread choices available	Wedges	Spaghetti	Mashed Potato	Rice	Chips
Vegetables Salad Bar with Hummus	Green Beans	Broccoli	Peas	Carrots and Broccoli	Mushy Peas
Dessert Fresh fruit, selection of low-fat yoghurts and homemade puddings available every lunch time	Apple and Oat Crumble with Pouring Cream Fresh Fruit	Fresh Fruit Salad  Yoghurts	Iced Sponge Cake with Custard Fresh Fruit	Homemade Rice Pudding served with Strawberry Jam  Yoghurts	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

# Ireland class







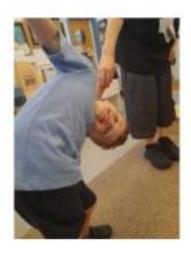














# Wales class





# Portugal class





















# Spain class





















# Canada class



# Italy class





### **USA** class





















This week we became Super Scientist. We had fun testing our senses.



# Brazil class



















# Mozambique class





















## Peru class







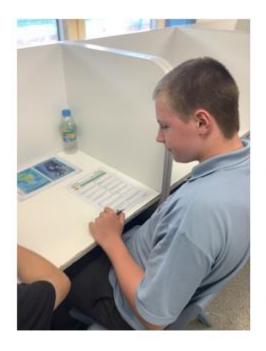








# Cape Verde class









# Madagascar class









# Botswana class











# Seychelles class











# Kenya class





# Australia class





















# Samoa class











# New Zealand class





# Tasmania class





















# Malawi class







# Fiji class







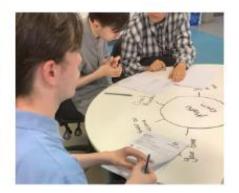




# Papua New Guinea class



























# Christmas Island class









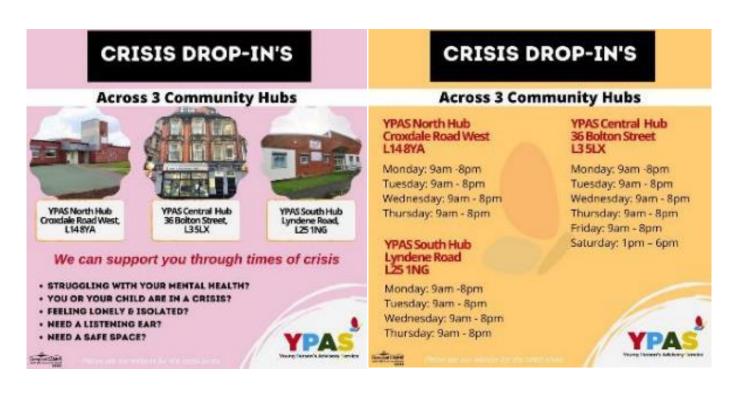


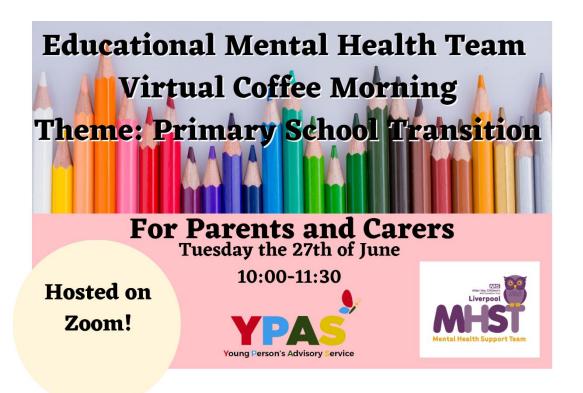
#### **Student of the Week**

Class	Student	Reason why		
		Key Stage 1		
Ireland	Amiya	For amazing interactions at the play park with her friends!		
Wales	Jacob	For brilliant communication and working hard.		
		Key Stage 2		
Canada	Jamal	For being so enthusiastic in all of his work, in particular his reading! Well done Jamal we are very proud.		
Italy	Archie	For engaging in all activities, staying positive and being happy.		
Portugal	Jaylen	For taking his time to create the characters from our new story.		
France	Thor	For engaging in challenging activities.		
Spain	Daniel	For working on his fine motor skills independently.		
USA	Oliver	For always following the Golden Rules.		
	Key Stage 3			
Brazil	Amy	For being confident in asking for help with her activities and overall using more speech when speaking to staff and friends!		
Peru	Charlie	For being very respectful to staff and peers and using his manners.		
Mozambique	Brandon	For working hard on managing his emotions in class.		
Botswana	John	For showing the class team and his fellow peers his amazing knowledge when doing general knowledge quizzes.		
Madagascar	Georgina	For accepting change and coping well.		
Kenya	Bupe	For always getting on with his work despite challenges that may arise in class.		
Seychelles	Kaiyeem	For showing excellent leaderships skills, consistently being a friend that others can lean on for support.		
Cape Verde	Lilyth	For organising and creating a leavers card for Miss Sullivan.		

Key Stage 4			
Australia	Justin	For having an excellent year in Australia class and being such a positive soul to be around.	
Tasmania	Lucas	For trying extremely hard in lessons this week, he has also shown a great improvement in regulating his own emotions and asking staff for help when required.	
Samoa	Levi	For being so caring to all his friends.	
New Zealand	Arshia	For having an amazing week and being a lot more independent in and around school.	
Key Stage 5			
Malawi	Daniel	For being an amazing member of the class and always giving 100% effort!!	
Christmas Island	Lewis	For being an amazing example to all students and always being kind, respectful and thoughtful to everyone around him throughout the year.	
Fiji	Kyle	For an excellent 11 years at Abbot's Lea always following the golden rules and never giving upon himself and others.	
PNG	Alex	For excellent sportsmanship and participation in last week's sports day and for showing fantastic support for his peers in the awards assembly! Well done, Alex.	

#### **Young Person's Advisory Service Liverpool**





# Schools Summer Season '23

21 June-31 Aug 3 September 2023

A series of displays showcasing art work created by school children and young people.

The season kicks off with the 11th dot-art Schools exhibition featuring over 70 winning artworks from primary and secondary pupils, followed by Inspiring Young Artists a display of work created by ten local primary schools who have been working with artists and completing their Arts Award, finally there will be Ripples from the Pool, art work by secondary schools inspired by visits to the Walker Art Gallery and interactions with local artists.

Dot-art Schools exhibition 21 June 2023 - 2 July 2023, open Tuesday-Sunday

Inspiring Young Artists 8 July 2023 - 23 July 2023, open Tuesday- Sunday

Ripples from the Pool 29 July 2023 - 3 September 2023, open Monday-Sunday

Check out our whats on page to find out more and see what events are on over the summer - liverpoolmuseums.org.uk/whatson



FREE Walker Art Gallery William Brown Street Liverpool L3 8EL liverpoolmuseums.org.uk

# Young people over 14 we need your help!





You are invited to meet with school nurses from Liverpool to talk about how we can improve our service. Come and join us at the Life Rooms, Walton (Evered Avenue, Walton, L9 2AF) on **Wednesday 28 June 2023** from 4pm to 5pm.

If you would like to come along, please email the school nurse team: <a href="mailto:snadminteam2.mcft@nhs.net">snadminteam2.mcft@nhs.net</a> with your name and contact details. You can bring a parent or carer if you want, they can drop you off or wait in the building for you. There will be snacks and drinks. Please let us know if you have additional needs or dietary requirements when you email us.



Date: 9 June 2023

Dear Parent or Guardian

The Summer HAF programme starts on the 24<sup>th</sup> July and there are lots of great activities happening over the school holidays. Children and young people, from reception to age 16 (including year 11 leavers), who are eligible for benefits related free school meals, will be able to access hundreds of activities throughout the summer holidays including specific provision available for children with SEND or additional needs, at no cost. There's a great range of activities across the city including boxing, football, music, dance, cycling, cooking, discos, films, basketball, arts and crafts, drama, bbg's, water games, trips out and much more! Every day there will be a range of fabulous meals available with many schemes holding family events as well.

To find out where your nearest scheme and all the details of what is on click on this link - <a href="https://merseyplay.com/summer-haf-holiday-activities-food-2023/">https://merseyplay.com/summer-haf-holiday-activities-food-2023/</a> or visit <a href="www.Merseyplay.com">www.Merseyplay.com</a> and click on the Summer HAF link.

When you have chosen an activity, you will need to contact that organisation to book a place. Each organisation will have either a telephone number, email address or online booking system. If your child has any additional needs or dietary requirements then please discuss this with the organisation when you book. There is no central booking system so please read the details of the programmes on the website and ring the providers directly.

- If you want to know how to register or how to check if your child is eligible for free school meals then please click on the link https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals
- You will need your national insurance number or an asylum seekers support number.
- If you are struggling with the cost of living then please click; https://www.liverpool.gov.uk/cost-of-living/
- If you're more than 10 weeks pregnant or have a child under 4, you may be entitled to get help to buy healthy food and milk. Click on the link to find out how to register <a href="https://www.healthystart.nhs.uk/">https://www.healthystart.nhs.uk/</a>
- If your child is not eligible for benefits related free school meals you may be eligible for support with childcare costs - https://www.gov.uk/childcare-calculator

Liverpool City Council is working with Mersey Play Action Council, Sutton Croft and the local schools, voluntary and community organisations, and childcare providers to deliver the Summer HAF programme. The programme is funded by the Department for Education.

The Liverpool Family Information and SEND Directory also provides a wealth of useful information and support for families - <u>LFISD</u>.

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Under Clare's Law, you have the right to:

- -Make an application to the police requesting information about your current or ex-partner, because you are worried they may have been abusive in the past and believe they may pose a risk to you in future.
- -Request information from the police about the current or ex-partner of a close friend, neighbour or family member, because you are concerned that they might be at risk of domestic abuse in future.

This is called the 'right to ask.' You have a right to ask the police no matter if your enquiry relates to a heterosexual or same-sex relationship, as long as you are aged 16 or older. You also have the right to ask about a partner regardless of your (or your neighbour, friend or family member's) gender identity, ethnicity, race, religion or other characteristics.

You also have the 'right to know'. This means that if police checks show that your current or ex-partner has a record of violent or abusive behaviour, and they believe you may be at risk, they may decide to proactively share that information with you. If you're worried that your current or former partner has been abusive or violent in the past, Clare's Law was created to formally give you the right to find out.

An individual may be able to apply for a disclosure request by visiting a police station, phoning 101 or contacting your local police via email.



Date: 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2023

Dear Parent / Guardian,

#### We're looking to find parents to take part in a paid research project

We're reaching out to help find **parents who might like to take part in a research project** that is happening from June to August this summer.

The researchers are looking for parents to do a confidential interview for an hour (telephone or videocall), and anyone who takes part will be given £50. They are looking at how Liverpool City Council provide support to families and want feedback from parents on what they might need.

The interviews are being undertaken by an independent organisation called Define, who have been commissioned to understand what parents might need and what they think about services to support children in Liverpool. Their job is <u>only</u> to listen to parents' opinions and make recommendations for services based on this and they do not share details of anyone who takes part.

If you are interested in finding out more, please email <a href="mailto:info@define.org.uk">info@define.org.uk</a> or call 0208 346 7171 by 31st July 2023 and ask to speak to Julie Taylor about the Liverpool Parents project. If you contact them there is no obligation to take part but they will explain more and you can decide if you would like to.

Your support is very much appreciated.

Matt Ashton

Director of Public Health Liverpool City Council



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16 June 2023

**Dear Families** 

#### Ref: Attendance

I wish to share with you an update about students' attendance at Abbot's Lea School.

This year we have led a number of attendance meetings between Key Stage Leaders and those families who, at times, faced some challenges with getting their children to school each day.

Feedback from these meetings has been very positive, with families finding this a supportive process.

In fact, 59 students have improved their attendance this year. For the effort that has gone into this by school staff, families and our wonderful students themselves - I thank you.

Of particular delight this year is the improvements we have seen in the attendance of our girls.

Girls are a minority group in our school, for reasons which I largely attribute to the current diagnostic criteria, but maybe that's for another research article! With this in mind, we put a lot of effort into ensuring that our girls feel they belong well in our school. I am delighted to report, that our girls' attendance has increased dramatically this year.

Some things that families have reported as being helpful in improving their child's attendance are:

- If you are unsure whether your child is well enough for school or not, send them in. If
  a child is simply too ill to be in school we will ring you and will even support with helping
  your child get home again.
- If you keep your child off and they feel well enough for school before the end of the school day – bring them in. If transport is a barrier, please contact us and we will do our best to help.
- If your child has a medical appointment, please enquire as to whether this can be at the very start or very end of the day.
- Each week is made up on 10 attendance sessions. Each morning and afternoon is counted as a separate session. Therefore, better to be late than absent! If life throws you a curveball in the morning; get into school as soon as you can. We are here to help!
- Equally, if you need to attend an appointment in the afternoon, please come into school first. Every session counts!
- If you are struggling to get your child into school, share this with us and never be embarrassed. We will always try to help.

As we finish this school year, we will be categorising your child's attendance into excellent, good or for improvement. We will be transparent and share this with you and we will continue with our attendance meetings, starting again in September.

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8 June 2023

**Dear Families** 

#### Ref: Safety Net - Be Online Aware

The Brain Charity has launched a new programme called SafetyNet and its aim is to educate adults and children with a neurological condition and their parents/carers.

Alistair Barfield is an autistic adult working with The Brain Charity as a Media Literacy trainer, and will be hosting free training sessions.

The sessions cover several topics including staying safe online, common scams to look out for, the issues surrounding fake news and ways in which neurodivergent people may be particularly vulnerable online.

Keeping autistic people safe online is Alistair's passion, as an autistic person himself, he understands the pitfalls and vulnerabilities when interacting with people online.

The sessions are fun and interactive using technology to engage and demonstrate the difficulties with staying safe online. They can be delivered anywhere in the Merseyside region at a time and date to suit, the sessions can even be held in The Brain Charities Centre and are flexible and can be tailored to specific needs.

There is a special session taking place at The Brain Charity Centre on Norton Street L3 8LR on Thursday, 13th July 17:00-18:30 that is dedicated just to parents of neurodivergent children and teenagers.

The link to sign up has gone live and is available to book right now https://www.thebraincharity.org.uk/event/safetynet-for-parents/?\_event\_occurrence\_id=2949

If you have any questions about their courses please call The Brain Charity on 0151 298 2999

Yours sincerely

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Miss L McComasky PA to Headteacher and Clerk to Governors



BE ONLINE AWARE
with The Brain Charity's SafetyNet course



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# **BE ONLINE AWARE**

#### with The Brain Charity's SafetyNet course

Free media literacy and digital awareness training covering:

Fake news and how to spot it

Online safety, fraud and scam awareness

Conspiracy theories and misinformation

Finding reliable online news

The basics of Google Documents, printing and email

Using the internet to save money

Improving online confidence

Safe use of social media

Free for anyone who has a neurological condition or cares for someone who does. We provide devices to use - just bring yourself!





Email safetynet@thebraincharity.org.uk
or call 0151 298 2999 and ask for Suzanne or Ali.

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# 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





#### LOCATION:

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