



ABBOT'S LEA SCHOOL

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Dear Families,

**Ref: Key Diary Dates and essential information ahead of Term 5
(Monday 13 April – Friday 22 May 2026)**

As we turn our attention to what's on after our Easter Holidays, I am pleased to share with you a summary of essential messages and the key diary dates for Term 5.

Attendance and punctuality

At Abbot's Lea School we believe good attendance is vital for a student to reach their full potential. This year, new governmental guidelines have been introduced.

Terminology used by the government:

PA = Persistent Absenteeism - less than 90% attendance

EPN = Education Penalty Notices - issued for unauthorised absences (including term time holidays)

Welfare checks:

School will always need to speak to families on the first day of a student's absence. For extended absences we have a duty to see your child face-to-face and let them know we care about them.

My child can't attend:

Report any absences (as early as possible) to the school office via telephone: **0151 4281161** or email: reception@abbotsleaschool.co.uk. The school's phone lines are open from 8am each school day during term time.

Fines:

EPNs have now been capped nationally at TWO fines within any 3-year period. After this, other actions like a parenting orders or prosecution have to be considered.

Being late:

If your child arrives at school after the register closes at 9.15am, the morning is considered an unauthorised absence. (**please note - this does not include where the situation was beyond the family's control – we appreciate many families rely on the smooth running of SEN transport.*)

Medical evidence:

If your child is PA, or at risk of PA, we will ask you to provide medical evidence to ensure the absence is not unauthorised.

Every child matters; every day matters:

Both families AND school have a legal duty for school attendance. We understand that students can face barriers and so we have a duty to work together to overcome these barriers. This means open and honest information sharing, without judgement. Please reach out to us if you feel we could help you.

School uniform and personal presentation

All students must wear a full school uniform (formal on the days with no PE, and PE uniform on the days when PE lessons take place).

Expectations related to the uniform and personal presentation, including hair, jewellery, etc can be found on our website under policy section:

[School-Uniform-Policy.pdf](#)

Families are asked to adhere to the expectations and support their child with compliance

Assemblies

Assemblies are facilitated by me, Mrs Tobin (Deputy Headteacher), Mrs Cartwright (Assistant Headteacher – Primary Department) and Mr Mason (Assistant Headteacher – Secondary Department).

Each week a different class will contribute to the assembly. **Based on your feedback, we have published the rota for when each class will be leading assembly (included in the above table).**

We work with high expectations that by the end of the year, most students will be able to sit through a whole assembly and listen well.

However, we recognise that this skill, like any, needs to be taught.

In order to do so, we will follow a graduated approach to full attendance in assembly for our youngest students.

We warmly welcome families to attend assemblies (with coffee morning on the same day).

However, if your child leaves assembly before the end, you are invited to leave with your child and enjoy a focussed “stay and play” session with your child.

Stay and play focus:

Our stay and play sessions will be led by a different class team each week. They will take place in the Conference room, or where weather permits, the grounds of the school.

The term ahead offers a rich blend of learning experiences, enrichment events, and opportunities for our students to further develop their skills and confidence. As always, we continue to evaluate all activities carefully to ensure they have clear purpose, positive impact,

and strong alignment with our curriculum intent. Your feedback, alongside students' voice and staff's reflections, remains an essential part of shaping and improving what we offer.

We do sometimes have opportunities that present themselves late in the day, but which are too good to miss and so, you may be contacted from your child's class team from time to time to add exciting events to the calendar below.

Wishing you and your family wonderful Easter break.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "E Tobin".

Mrs E Tobin
Deputy Headteacher

KEY DIARY DATES – TERM 5 (13 APRIL- 22 MAY 2026)

Date	Activity	Notes
Monday 13 April	Return to school	All students return to school
Monday 13 April	Curriculum guides will be sent home this week	Curriculum guides will give you an insight into the themes or topics your child will study this term
Wednesday 15 April	Preparing for Adulthood session	9.30am - 11.30am Hosted by Liverpool City Council and aimed at families of students Year 9 and over. Please see further details here: Preparing-for-Adulthood-in-Liverpool-15-April-2026-4.3.2026.pdf
Thursday 16 April	Personalised career appointments	We are pleased to invite you to book a 30-minute appointment with our Careers Adviser. These meetings provide an opportunity to discuss your child's next steps, explore available pathways, and ask any questions you may have about further education, training, or employment options. Please note, that whilst entitled "careers support," these sessions do focus on supporting all manner of next destinations. To book an appointment please email: reception@abbotsleaschool.co.uk . More information can be found here: Invitation-to-Careers-Appointment-Thursday-16-April-2026-3.3.2026.pdf
Friday 17 April	Weekly open assemblies led by Mrs Tobin (Deputy Headteacher), Mrs Cartwright (Assistant Headteacher – Primary) and Mr Mason (Assistant Headteacher - Secondary) Assembly times: 9.30 – 10.00 Primary 10.00 – 10.30 KS3 10.30 – 11.00 KS4/KS5 Coffee morning: 9.30 – 10.30am	Primary assembly – Mrs Cartwright KS3 assembly - Botswana KS4/5 assembly - Tasmania
Tuesday 21 – Friday 24 April inclusive	Italy and Canada class swimming	More details will be shared with families via class teams
Friday 24 April	Weekly open assemblies led by Mrs Tobin (Deputy Headteacher), Mrs Cartwright (Assistant Headteacher –	Primary assembly - Peru KS3 assembly - Madagascar

	<p>Primary) and Mr Mason (Assistant Headteacher - Secondary)</p> <p>Assembly times: 9.30 – 10.00 Primary 10.00 – 10.30 KS3 10.30 – 11.00 KS4 and 5</p> <p>Coffee morning: 9.30 – 10.30am</p>	KS4/5 assembly - Samoa
Tuesday 28 April – Friday 1 May inclusive	Italy and Canada class swimming	More details will be shared with families via class teams
Friday 1 May	<p>Weekly open assemblies led by Mrs Tobin (Deputy Headteacher), Mrs Cartwright (Assistant Headteacher – Primary) and Mr Mason (Assistant Headteacher - Secondary)</p> <p>Assembly times: 9.30 – 10.00 Primary 10.00 – 10.30 KS3 10.30 – 11.00 KS4 and 5</p> <p>Coffee morning: 9.30 – 10.30am</p>	<p>Primary assembly – Brazil</p> <p>KS3 assembly – Kenya</p> <p>KS4/5 assembly - PNG</p>
Friday 1 May	ADHD clinic	Our in-house ADHD clinic is led by Alder Hey and is for students already diagnosed with, and medicated for ADHD. If you wish to find out more about whether your child might be able to benefit, please contact your child’s class team
Monday 4 May	BANK HOLIDAY	SCHOOL CLOSED TO STUDENTS
Tuesday 5 – Friday 8 May inclusive	Spain and Portugal class swimming	More details will be shared with families via class teams
Tuesday 5 – Friday 8 May inclusive	Outdoor learning week	We have so many exciting activities in store for our students and will be making good use of our beautiful grounds!
Tuesday 5 May	Year 8 – 11 Catch up vaccinations	Please note that this is an NHS initiative, but we host the programme here on site
Friday 8 May	<p>Weekly open assemblies led by Mrs Tobin (Deputy Headteacher), Mrs Cartwright (Assistant Headteacher – Primary) and Mr Mason (Assistant Headteacher - Secondary)</p> <p>Assembly times: 9.30 – 10.00 Primary 10.00 – 10.30 KS3 10.30 – 11.00 KS4 and KS5</p> <p>Coffee morning:</p>	<p>Primary assembly – Mozambique</p> <p>KS3 assembly – Seychelles</p> <p>KS4/5 assembly - Malawi</p>

	9.30 – 10.30am	
Monday 11 May	Functional Skills Maths exam	Students in KS4 and KS5, where applicable, will complete their Functional Skills Maths exam
Monday 11 May	Online concert	This is 3/3 concerts that students will watch online this year. This music concert features Daisy Evans & Polly Gibbs
Tuesday 12 May	Functional Skills Reading exam	Students in KS4 and KS5, where applicable, will complete their Functional Skills Reading exam
Wednesday 13 May	Functional Skills Writing exam	Students in KS4 and KS5, where applicable, will complete their Functional Skills Writing exam
Thursday 14 and Friday 15 May	Functional Skills Speaking, Listening and Communicating exam	Students in KS4 and KS5, where applicable, will complete their Functional Skills Speaking, Listening and Communicating exam on either Thursday 14 May or Friday 15 May
Tuesday 12 – Friday 15 May inclusive	Spain and Portugal class swimming	More details will be shared with families via class teams
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Wednesday 20 May	Diversity in sports day	We are hosting our Diversity in Sports day with students studying a range of sporting champions who overcame adversity. Students will have the chance to play different sports, gaining an insight into how some disabled sportspeople experience the world
Thursday 21 May	Quidditch Day!	An immersive Harry Potter-themed PE event merging physical activity with fantasy. Students will be organised into Hogwarts houses, with adapted "muggle" Quidditch rules, and tournaments with brooms, hoops, and soft balls.
Friday 22 May CHANGE TO ROUTINE	No assembly or coffee morning	End of term