



ABBOT'S LEA SCHOOL

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Dear Families,

**Ref: Key Diary Dates and essential information ahead of Term 6
(Monday 1 June – Friday 17 July 2026 – 1:00pm)**

I write to you at the end of Term 5, and ahead of the busy and exciting final Term 6, which is always a special time in school, filled with opportunities to celebrate achievements, enjoy shared experiences and prepare for the next stage of our students' journeys.

In this letter, you will find key diary dates, events and important information to support you and your child throughout the last term.

As this is the last Key Diary Dates letter of this academic year, may I please draw your attendance to the information at the bottom of this letter regarding uniform.

This is important for all families as from September 2026, all students will be expected to wear our new PE kit and there are changes to our KS5 formal uniform for the most senior students.

Date	Activity	Notes
Monday 1 June	Return to school	All students return to school
Monday 1 June	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
Monday 1 June	Reception profile assessment window	For students of Reception Age, teacher will begin to assess against Early Learning Goals. The students will not notice any difference to their day. The outcomes will be shared with families via letter once each child's profile is complete
Thursday 4 June	College taster visits – Y9+	Local colleges will be visiting students on site at ALS to talk about college life and what they offer. All students from Year 9 and above will attend these sessions

Friday 5 June	<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 – Mozambique</p> <p>KS3 assembly - Australia</p> <p>KS4/5 assembly - Fiji</p>
Monday 8 June	Reception Height, Weight, Vision and Hearing screening	NHS nurses will visit site to complete these checks
Tuesday 9 June	<p>PLAN A for secondary sports day</p> <p><i>(please note if the weather is bad on this day we will make a decision to cancel it early that morning and post it on social media. If this happens we would move to “plan b day”</i></p> <p>All Secondary students to wear PE kits</p>	<p>Families are welcome to come and watch their child compete on Sports Day as follows:</p> <p>9.30 – 10.30 – Fiji, Tasmania, Samoa, PNG, Malawi, Christmas Island.</p> <p>13.00 – 14.00 – Botswana, Madagascar, Kenya, Cape Verde, Australia, New Zealand</p> <p>Any families joining us for the afternoon session are welcome to take their children home with them at 2pm (please inform your transport provider of this).</p>
Wednesday 10 June	<p>Primary Sports Day</p> <p>All Primary students to wear PE kits</p> <p>Packed lunches/hot boxes will be served to all students who normally have school dinners</p>	<p>9.30 – 10.30am – Mozambique, Peru, Brazil (in the event of bad weather, races will take place in the hall)</p> <p>1 – 2pm – Ireland, Wales, Portugal, France, Spain, Italy, Canada, USA.</p> <p>These classes will enjoy a Sports Day “stay and play” where our activities will focus on gross motor skills.</p> <p>Any families joining us for this afternoon session are welcome to take their children home with them at 2pm (please inform your transport provider of this).</p>
Friday 12 June CHANGE TO ROUTINE	<p>Annual Awards Ceremony</p> <p>No coffee morning</p> <p>Packed lunches/hot boxes will be provided</p>	<p>Secondary Department: 9.30 – 10.15 – KS3 10.30 – 11.15 – KS4 11.30 – 12.15 – KS5</p>

	<p>to all students who normally have school dinners.</p>	<p>Any families attending afternoon sessions are invited to take their children home with them at the end of the respective sessions below (please inform your child's class teacher and cancel your child's transport provider for that afternoon):</p> <p>Primary Department: 12.30 – 13.00 – Brazil, Peru, Mozambique</p> <p>Families only: 13.15 – 13:45 – Families of Ireland, Wales, Portugal, France, Spain, Italy, Canada and USA</p> <p>This will be a special screening of the filming of our awards where all of our youngest students will be celebrated. Please note that this is a session for families only and the students will not be required to attend, as they are known to struggle with formal events.</p>
<p>Tuesday 16 June</p>	<p>Secondary Sports Day Plan B</p> <p>Please note – this will only go ahead if the weather prevented us running sports day on 9 June</p> <p>If this date is needed, Secondary students are all asked to wear PE Kit</p>	<p>Families are welcome to come and watch their child complete on Sports Day as follows:</p> <p>9.30 – 10.30 – Fiji, Tasmania, Samoa, PNG, Malawi, Christmas Island.</p> <p>13.00 – 14.00 – Botswana, Madagascar, Kenya, Cape Verde, Australia, New Zealand</p> <p>Any families joining us for the afternoon session are welcome to take their children home with them at 2pm (please inform your transport provider of this).</p>
<p>Wednesday 17 June</p>	<p>Outdoor Adventure Activity Day</p> <p>All students participating on this day should wear their PE Kits</p>	<p>Botswana, Kenya, Madagascar, Seychelles, Cape Verde, Peru, Brazil and Mozambique</p> <p>Students will enjoy a range of outdoor activities led by an external company</p>
<p>Wednesday 17 June</p>	<p>12pm – 2pm Transition Event for families of new starters</p>	<p>This is for families of students due to join ALS in Transition Week 2026 or September 2026</p>
<p>Thursday 18 June</p>	<p>Outdoor Adventure Activity Day</p> <p>All students participating on this day should wear their PE Kits</p>	<p>Fiji, Tasmania, Malawi, Christmas Island, PNG and Samoa</p> <p>Students will enjoy a range of outdoor activities led by an external company</p>

<p>Friday 19 June</p>	<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 – Peru</p> <p>KS3 assembly – New Zealand</p> <p>KS4/5 assembly - Tasmania</p>
<p>Friday 19 June</p>	<p>Art exhibition</p>	<p>Families are invited to view the artwork of students in Samoa, PNG, New Zealand, Australia as well as students studying Art for accredited learning</p>
<p>Thursday 25 June</p>	<p>Prom 2026</p> <p>6-8pm</p>	<p>A warm welcome will be extended to all Key Stage 4 and 5 students who wish to celebrate with any school leavers.</p> <p>We welcome you to enjoy some great food and dance the night away!</p> <p>Dress code – formal with no sports wear</p> <p>Tickets cost £10. Payments can be made online via the Arbor App School Shop, as the school is now cashless.</p> <p>Students will then be issued with a ticket via their class team which must be brought to the event</p> <p>Please note that families must provide transport to and from the event</p>
<p>Friday 26 June</p> <p>CHANGE TO ROUTINE</p>	<p>Last day of school for all Year 11,12,13 and 14 leavers</p> <p>Leavers’ Assembly and celebrations</p> <p>No coffee morning</p> <p>Packed lunches/hot boxes will be provided to all students who normally have school dinners</p>	<p>We hope to welcome as many families of leavers as possibly at this celebration event.</p> <p>10.30 – 11.30 – Leavers’ Assembly 11.30 – 12.30 Family gathering, hoodies, photo opportunities and refreshments</p> <p>Student leavers who wish to leave at this point are welcome to do so with their families (if this is the case, please inform transport). For any leavers who do not leave with their</p>

		families after the celebration events, a normal finish time will be in place
Friday 26 June	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
Saturday 27 June	ALS Summer Fair 12pm - 3pm	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! All funds raised will go to the ALS Charity.
Monday 29 June	For families of students remaining at, or joining ALS in 2026-27 Virtual Meet the Teacher meeting 3:45- 4:00pm	Please use the Teams link that will be sent to you and join this brief meeting to put a face to a name and hear important messages for the academic year 2026-27
Tuesday 30 June	Merseyside SEND sports event All students participating on this day should wear their PE Kits	Secondary students who have signed up will be representing Abbot's Lea School at this event. Information can be found here: Merseyside-SEND-Sports-Event-Tuesday-30-June-2026-10.3.2026.pdf
Wednesday 1 July	Gulliver's World Visit	For students in Ireland, Wales, France, Portugal, Italy, Spain, Canada, USA< Brazil, Australia and New Zealand. All information can be found here: Day-Trip-Gullivers-World-Park-in-Warrington-Wednesday-1-July-2026-29.4.2026.pdf
Friday 3 July	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 Year 6 Leavers Assembly 10.00 – 10.30 KS3 10.30 – 11.00 KS4 and 5 Coffee morning: 9.30 – 10.30am	Primary assembly – Year 6 Leavers Assembly KS3 assembly – Mr Mason KS4/5 assembly - Mr Mason

Monday 6 July	School reports will be sent out this week via email	
Monday 6 – Wednesday 8 July	Functional Skills exams resits	If your child is resitting an exam, we will contact you to discuss this with you
Thursday 9 July CHANGE OF ROUTINE	Final day in current class set up Non-uniform day	It's party day! Each class will enjoy a day of celebrations to mark the final day in their current class team Packed lunches/hot boxes will be provided to all students who normally have school dinners.
Friday 10 July	INSET day	The school is closed to all students
Monday 13 – Friday 17 July	Transition week	The students will be based in their next year's classes to enjoy a week of themed activities and team building and help the school team assess compatibility for learning. If any changes to grouping occur as a result, the families will be advised.
Friday 17 July 1pm	School finishes at 1pm	Transport window will open from 12.30pm, with all students to be collected by 1pm please.

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 day.

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](#)

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.

Yours sincerely



Mrs E Tobin
Deputy Headteacher