



Abbey Primary School Newsletter

July 2026 Gorffennaf

Right of the Month

Article 31: You have the right to relax and play

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Annwyl / Dear Parents/Carers,

As we reach the end of another busy and rewarding academic year, we would like to take a moment to celebrate the many achievements of our pupils and thank our families for their continued support.

This year has been filled with success, growth, and memorable experiences. Our pupils have worked incredibly hard in their learning, making excellent progress across all areas of the curriculum. From classroom achievements to sporting events, educational visits, creative performances, and community projects, our pupils have embraced every opportunity with enthusiasm and determination.

We are especially proud of the positive attitudes, resilience, kindness, and respect shown by our wonderful pupils throughout the year. These values help make Abbey Primary School such a special place to learn and grow.

None of this would be possible without the dedication of our staff and the ongoing support of parents and carers. Working together, we have created a nurturing environment where every child can thrive.

Thank you for being part of another wonderful year at Abbey. We wish all our families a safe, happy, and restful summer break and look forward to welcoming everyone back for another exciting year ahead.

Year 6

As another school year comes to an end, we bid a heartfelt farewell to our amazing Year 6 pupils. They have been outstanding ambassadors for Abbey Primary School, consistently demonstrating kindness, responsibility, and a strong sense of community.

During their time with us, they have grown into confident, capable, and resilient young people who are well prepared for the exciting opportunities and challenges that lie ahead in secondary school. We are immensely proud of all they have accomplished, academically, socially, and personally, and we are confident they will continue to achieve great things in the years to come.



On behalf of all the staff, I would like to thank our Year 6 pupils for the positive impact they have had on school life. They leave with our warmest wishes and will always hold a special place within the Abbey family.

Good luck, Year 6. We are so proud of you, and you will be greatly missed!

Staff Goodbyes

At the end of this academic year, we say goodbye to two valued members of our EYAC team as they embark on exciting new chapters in their careers.

Mrs Laura Bray-Milton, who has been part of the Abbey family for nearly 10 years, will be leaving to begin her studies towards a degree in Occupational Therapy. Throughout her time at Abbey, Laura has made a tremendous contribution to the school community and has had a positive impact on the lives of so many children and families.

Mrs Lil Humphrey, who has worked at Abbey for nearly four years, will be leaving to undertake a PGCE as she pursues her ambition of becoming a teacher. Lil has been a dedicated and caring member of the team, and we know she has a bright future ahead in education.

While we will greatly miss both Laura and Lil, we are incredibly proud of them and all they have achieved. On behalf of everyone at Abbey Primary School, we thank them for their commitment, hard work, and support over the years, and we wish them every success and happiness in their future studies and careers. They will always be part of the Abbey family.

INSET Days

A polite reminder that the final INSET Day for this academic year is **Monday 20th July**. As previously communicated, we will also have two INSET Days on **Tuesday 1st September** and **Wednesday 2nd September**. Pupils return to school on **Thursday 3rd September**.

Heroic Parents

As a school community, we are immensely proud to recognise the extraordinary actions of several Abbey Primary parents who have recently demonstrated exceptional courage, selflessness and compassion in life-threatening situations.

Many of you may have seen the BBC News story highlighting how two of our parents played a crucial role in helping to save the life of a three-year-old boy at Bryngarw Country Park. Alongside another rescuer, they responded immediately to an emergency situation, helping to administer life-saving CPR until paramedics arrived. Their calmness, bravery and determination undoubtedly gave the young child the best possible chance of survival.

We would also like to recognise Mr Morgan, who recently displayed tremendous bravery at Aberavon Beach when he attempted to save the life of a man in difficulty. In a situation where others may have stood back, Mr Morgan instinctively stepped forward to help. We are equally proud of his two children, whose quick thinking and maturity saw them seek assistance from a nearby family and alert the Coastguard, playing an important role in the emergency response.

While the circumstances of these incidents were very different, they all highlight qualities that we value deeply at Abbey Primary School: courage, kindness, resilience and a willingness to help others when they need it most.

These parents and children have shown that heroes are often ordinary people who choose to act when faced with extraordinary situations. They have set a wonderful example for our pupils and demonstrated the strength and character that exists within our school community.

On behalf of everyone at Abbey Primary School, I would like to express our heartfelt admiration and gratitude to all those involved. We are incredibly proud to call them members of our school family.

Summer Reading Challenge

Visit your local library and find out a huge programme of events and activities to enjoy throughout the summer.

Find out what's happening and start planning your visit by clicking the picture.



Read to the Beat!

The 2026 Summer Reading Challenge is Read to the Beat, delivered by The Reading Agency in partnership with public libraries and powered by Universal Music Group UK. The theme inspires children to explore the connection between stories and songs, discovering how reading and music both ignite imagination and creativity. This year's Challenge is brought to life with illustrations by award-winning author and illustrator, Harry Woodgate, and will launch on 20 June in Scotland and 4 July in England and Wales.

And finally...

A huge thank you to our incredible **PTA** for another fantastic year of hard work, dedication and support. Through your tireless fundraising and the wonderful events and experiences you've organised, you've made a real difference to the lives of our pupils.

Your time, enthusiasm and commitment are truly appreciated, and our school community is so fortunate to have such an amazing team. Thank you for everything you've done this year - we couldn't do it without you!

Confirmed dates for your diary

Date	Activity/Event
Tuesday 14 th July	Rock Steady Concert in school hall
Friday 17 th July	LAST DAY OF ACADEMIC YEAR for PUPILS
Monday 20 th July	INSET DAY
Tues 21 st July to Wed 5 th August	FOOD & FUN (8:30am to 12:30pm every day)
Tues 1 st Sept and Wed 2 nd Sept	INSET DAYS
Thursday 3 rd September	Pupils return after the summer holiday

Thank you for taking the time to read my July newsletter, and for your continued support throughout the year. Your encouragement and partnership mean a great deal to me, our staff and, most importantly, your wonderful children.

I would like to wish all of our families a happy, safe and enjoyable summer holiday. Thank you for all that you do to support Abbey Primary School, and I look forward to welcoming everyone back in September for another exciting year of learning and success.

Yours faithfully,



Mr. K. M. Hodder
(Pennaeth/Headteacher)