

Hello May



What a scorching start to the Summer Term!

This week may just be a small 'pocket of sunshine', however it is already evident that it can bring so much joy!

It has been the most idyllic experience for our Year 5 pupils, who have embarked on an adventure to camp under canvas. Fuelled by hours of sunshine, we have had perfect weather conditions to pitch up and enjoy an action packed twenty four hours of outdoor activities. From camp fires and archery, to team work navigating the Spiders Web, our Year 5 pupils have been literally buzzing as they embraced another of our Abbots Green experiences.

From pitching up on the field to making laps.

Today as a school we have marked a new occasion on our school calendar - Purple day.

In order to support our local community, we have been raising the awareness of the relay for life. We have shown the importance of our purple values, being open-minded as well as optimistic as we come together to run the purple daily mile. Accessorised by ribbons in our own individual way, we have poignantly marked this occasion with pride.



As well as this all tuck donations today will be sent straight to Cancer Research. For more information [Relay For Life Bury St Edmunds 2025 | Cancer Research UK](#)

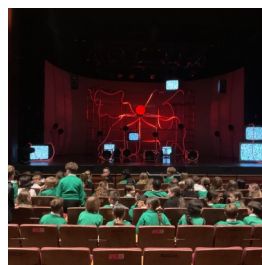
A little closer to home, our pupils have been spotted out in the community, radiating the importance of our rainbow values on the Moreton hall estate. It has been wonderful to hear that many of our pupils have given up their own time to litter pick. Following the growth in shops and

amenities, the pride that we have in school has been spread beyond the school gates. Well done Rhys and Alfie to name a few!



From kind hearts, to pig hearts! This half term, our Year 6 pupils have immersed themselves in a book called Pig Heart Boy being brought to life onto the stage at Norwich theatre. As our pupils watched hooked, gripped and even in tears, we continue to be incredibly proud of the efforts that all our staff go to, to ensure that these wonderful experiences bring our learning to life.

With a taste of the summer term, potentially for just a week (in terms of weather) this month we can already feel the warmth and joy that this time of



Additional headlines

Watch out for our Year 4 pupils with their festival bands firmly around their wrists! This is a great creative way that our pupils are determined to use to ensure they can recall all times tables up to 12! We love to stop and check in on those tricky one that we need to practise on our brightly coloured bands.



Parent Survey

You will have seen this week a link to our annual parental survey. Thank you already to over 56 families that have responded, we very much aspire to obtaining the voice of all our families. Surveys will be open until Friday 16th May 2025.

Staffing Changes

We're thrilled to be sharing that Mrs Richards is expecting her first baby in October, Mrs Richards will of course remain teaching in Italy class until the end of this academic year.

Headlice

We have had a number of incidents of headlice over the past few months. Please can we ask ALL families to be vigilant and check your children's hair regularly - regardless of the length of hair. It can be quite frustrating when your child is the child that keeps getting headlice over and over again. Treatment doesn't need to be expensive - wet combing with a fine toothed comb can be effective.

Summer uniform

It has been great to see pupils wearing their summer uniform so early in the year. Please continue to wear this with pride paying particular attention to socks that must be plain white, grey or black only. See <https://abbotsgreenacademy.co.uk/uniform>

We would also like to remind children that hair accessories must be minimal, there is no requirement for large bows, flowers or bright clips to be in our hair.

Sunglasses

Whilst the weather is hot, we recommend pupils to bring a named sunhat with them to school each day. Sunglasses are not encouraged, this week we have had a few pairs that have been lost or broken.

Attendance

Our whole school attendance has improved from 95.2% last month to 96.9%. This month the class with the best attendance is Australia.

At this time of year we're aware that many of our families consider whether to take children out of school for family holidays, this is not encouraged (nor will it be authorised). We strive for attendance in school, every day. Any missed day is a missed learning day. Please see our policy for further guidance .

Volunteers

We love to welcome parents into our school community. If you wish to spend time in school on a regular basis, and even have an hour or two spare each week, we we'd be keen to develop a team of parent 'Reading Champions'. Just a small amount of time each week to come and work alongside a year group to hear our children read would bring great support to many of our pupils. Please follow this link: <https://candidate.unitysp-careers.co.uk/148372USP>

Lunchtimes - did you know?

We're currently trialling a new lunchtime timetable. Pupils now have a smaller period of time in the hall (20 minutes) however with a longer playtime of 40 minutes for lunch, pupils CAN remain in the hall to continue eating on our 'Overflow tables'. We look forward to meeting our Talk Team over the next few weeks to refine and improve our lunchtimes for all.

Parking Reminders

Please can we remind you all again to park respectfully and safely; it is really important that we set good examples to our children and follow rules/laws. Yellow zigzag lines on a road indicate areas where stopping, waiting, or parking is prohibited. These markings are commonly found near schools, hospitals, and police stations to ensure safety and prevent obstruction. Stopping, waiting, or parking on these lines is illegal, and penalties may apply.

Please can we ask you to refrain from stopping, waiting or parking on these yellow lines. We need to make sure that our drop off and collection times are safe for our pupils and local community. As Staff, we will be asking you to move on if you are parked directly outside the school. This applies before 8.30am and after 3.30pm.