

# Term 3.2 Newsletter

## 2024-25



# The End of the Year Edition

# Thank You

To our **#teamabbey** families,

As we approach the end of the academic year, we would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere gratitude for your unwavering support throughout the year. It has been a pleasure to work alongside you in fostering an environment where our pupils can thrive and flourish.

We hope that this summer presents you with a wonderful opportunity to create lasting memories together as a family, perhaps through cherished moments such as those you might capture in a memory jar.

Reflecting on the past year, we are delighted to have shared several remarkable events, including the Colour Dash, the Change Maker Festival, and our enjoyable Summer Fair. Additionally, our Sports Day was met with great enthusiasm and success, showcasing the remarkable spirit of our pupils.

Enclosed within this newsletter, you will find the key dates for the upcoming academic year. Please note that while we strive to adhere to these dates, they may be subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances such as adverse weather conditions or alterations in venue. We appreciate your understanding regarding any necessary adjustments that may arise.

We would like to remind you that pupils are scheduled to return to school on [Wednesday, 3rd September.](#)

In closing, may we wish you and your family a very happy and fulfilling summer together. Thank you once again for your continued partnership and support.

Warm regards,

**Mrs. Windle and Mr. Askham**

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# Colour Dash

Our annual Colour Dash event proved to be another resounding success. We were delighted to once again host this vibrant occasion at our school, and it was truly heartening to witness the enthusiasm and enjoyment shared not only by our pupils but also by you.

The Colour Dash has become a hallmark of our school community spirit, fostering camaraderie and collective participation. Seeing families come together, cheering for their children as they made their way through a spectrum of colours, reinforces the values of teamwork and support that we strive to instil within our pupils..



# Sports Day

We were delighted to see many of you in attendance, cheering on our young athletes as they participated in various events, from traditional races to team games. The spirit of friendly competition and camaraderie was evident throughout the day, significantly contributing to the positive atmosphere.



# Staffing

As we prepare to move into the 2025-2026 academic year, we would like to take this opportunity to inform you of some important staffing changes within our school.

At our Main Site, we would like to extend our best wishes to Miss Tapp, who has begun her maternity leave. We are sure you will join us in wishing her all the happiness and joy during this special time. Additionally, we would like to inform you that Miss Day will also be leaving us for maternity leave in early September. She will, however, return for a short period, and we appreciate her ongoing commitment during this transition.

We are pleased to welcome two new members to our Lower School team: Mr Purshouse and Miss Gallagher. We are delighted to have them join us and are confident that their skills and enthusiasm will greatly benefit our students.

At the Horizon Site, we are excited to announce the arrival of Miss French and Miss Allen, who will be joining us in preparation for the departures of Miss Binnie and Miss Wilson, also due to maternity leave. Furthermore, we are thrilled to welcome back Mrs Keens to our team; her experience and dedication are an invaluable asset to our school community.

As always, our primary goal is to ensure continuity and stability for our students throughout these changes. We are committed to providing the highest quality of education and support during this time. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

# Contacting Staff

## Contacting staff

As within the last newsletter we continue to encourage our staff to have a good work / life balance at all times. This means that they will not return your call/ email/ seesaw message after working hours so please be aware of that. Could I also request that you continue to send in messages that are routed in kindness rather than anger. Nobody in our school community is perfect and we understand how frustrating it can be when your child is upset however a problem or worry is best sorted with a positive enquiry rather than a shout so please be kind at moments of stress and anxiety. The Schools Yellow pages over the next few sections of this newsletter

## See Saw

Please ensure that you are checking your SeeSaw Accounts for updates from your class team and from the school. We have included Class contact details over the coming pages.

## Our Feathers of Thanks

We want to also thank the many of you that have sent in your feathers of thanks

You Can Access Our Yellow Pages [here](#)

# The year ahead a reminder

## School Calendar 2025/26: [Abbey School](#)

August 2025								
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September 2025 (22 days)								
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October 2025 (18 days)								
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November 2025 (20 days)								
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December 2025 (15 days)								
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January 2026 (20 days)								
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March 2026 (20 days)								
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April 2026 (14 days)								
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May 2026 (15 days)								
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June 2026 (22 days)								
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July 2026 (14 days)								
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Bank Holidays 1  
 School Holidays 1  
 Inset Days 1

The little book of

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# Key Dates

## 2025-26

All the dates you need for the new  
school year ahead. . . .  
and how you can be part of it!



# Our Year Ahead together

We are delighted to share with you our Third "Little Book" of Key dates for 2025-26. The book has been well received by our families last year and we wanted to continue with this.

Don't forget, you are also part of the same House as your child and at whole school events we want you to cheer along for your house with your child.

A small disclaimer: Some events may be added to the calendar if more opportunities arise from our community links.

Similarly, we may have to reschedule or cancel events due to extenuating circumstances. We will of course, always update you if this is the case.

We can not wait to see you this year and thank you for your continued support  
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# Term 11

# September – October 2025

Date	Whole school events/ pupil experiences	Family Invites
1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	INSET DAYS No pupils in school	
3 <sup>rd</sup> September	Pupils return to school (Normal time)	
8th September	International Literacy day -The Big Write	
11th September	Family Coffee Morning (All Sites)	10:00am-12:00pm (All Sites)
12 <sup>th</sup> September	YST Cross Country @Abbey (Selected Pupils)	
23 <sup>rd</sup> September	Football League Match (Selected Pupils)	
25th September	British Food Tasting	Family Cooking Event 4:00-5:00pm (All Sites) <b>Ticketed Event</b>
29 <sup>th</sup> September	School Photographer - Main Site (9am)	
30 <sup>th</sup> September	Adventure Challenge (Upper School) @ Rother Valley	
2 <sup>nd</sup> October	Y9 -Y14 Family Event Careers and Options	Families of Parents from Year 9 Post 16 ( <b>Main Site 10:00am - 12:00pm</b> )
	Adventure Challenge Barnsley Horizon Pupils	
4th - 10 <sup>th</sup> October	World Space Week (Theme Living in Space)	
9 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents Evening	<b>Parents Eve 4-6pm</b> Appointment options to be sent out via Seesaw
10 <sup>th</sup> October	World Mental Health Day -Pupils can wear Blue if they so wish.	
WC 13 <sup>th</sup> October	Black History Week to celebrate Black History Month - Enrichment Week	
14 <sup>th</sup> October	Boccia Competition (Selected Pupils)	
14th October	Lower School Express Phase	Lower School Families 10:00-11:00am ( <b>Ticketed Event</b> )
15 <sup>th</sup> October	Upper School and Horizon Express Phase	Upper School and Horizon Families 10:00am -11:00am ( <b>Ticketed Event</b> )
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	Pupils Break up for Half Term (Normal Time)	

# Term 1.2

## October – December 2025

Date	Whole school events/ pupil experiences	Family Invites
3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Pupils return to school (Normal Time)	
5 <sup>th</sup> November	YST Netball taster day	
7 <sup>th</sup> November	School Photographer - Horizon site	
11th November	Remembrance Assembly and Presentation	
11 <sup>th</sup> November	Maths Functional Skills Exam (Selected Pupils)	
11 <sup>th</sup> November	Family Coffee Morning	10:00am-12pm (All Sites)
12th November	Anti-Bullying Day	
12th November	English Functional Skills Exam (Selected Pupils)	
14 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need Dress Up Day Girl Power Day	
WC 17 <sup>th</sup> November	GCSE Mock Examinations (Selected Pupils)	
18 <sup>th</sup> November	Football League Match	
21 <sup>st</sup> November	Art Enrichment Day (Pupils to come dressed in old clothes)	
25 <sup>th</sup> November	Christmas Fayre Pupils can wear a Christmas Jumper if they wish	All Sites 1:30-2:30pm
26 <sup>th</sup> November	Winter Wonderland Visits for pupils	
29 <sup>th</sup> November	INSET Day No Pupils In School	
2 <sup>nd</sup> December	INSET Day No pupils in School	
4 <sup>th</sup> December	Singing in the Community	
4 <sup>th</sup> December	School Photographs (Horizon Site)	
9 <sup>th</sup> December	Upper School Christmas Show	1:30pm Start at St Thomas Community Hall - Ticketed Event
11 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Dinner	
16 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Performance Lower School - St Thomas Community Centre Horizon - at the Horizon Hub	Ticketed Event Upper School and Horizon Christmas Performances 1:30pm Start.
18 <sup>th</sup> December	Church Visit	
19 <sup>th</sup> December	Disco and House Event	
19 <sup>th</sup> December	Pupils Break up for Christmas 2:00pm	

# Term 2.1

## January – February 2026

Date	Whole school events/ pupil experiences	Family Invites
5 <sup>th</sup> January	Pupils Return to School Normal Time	
8 <sup>th</sup> January	Family Coffee Morning	Coffee Morning All Sites (10:00am-12:00)
WC 12 <sup>th</sup> January	Exam Walk Throughs (Selected Students)	
15th January	YST Dance Festival Preparation @ Take 2 Theatre (Selected Students)	
19 <sup>th</sup> January	Martin Luther King Day	
20 <sup>th</sup> January	Big Write Day	
27 <sup>th</sup> January	Holocaust Day Assembly	
3 <sup>rd</sup> February	Football League Match	
6 <sup>th</sup> February	Time to Talk Day	
9 <sup>TH</sup> February	Express Phase Whole School (Both Sites)	Parents into school 10:00-11:00am
10 <sup>th</sup> February	Functional Skills Maths Examination (Selected Students)	
10th February	Safer Internet Day	
11 <sup>th</sup> February	Functional Skills English Exam (Selected Pupils)	
11 <sup>th</sup> February	YST Dance Festival @ Take 2 In Barnsley (Selected pupils and their families invited)	
13 <sup>th</sup> February	Valentines Disco	
13 <sup>th</sup> February	Pupils Break Up for Half Term	

# Term 2.2

## February – March 2026

Date	Whole school events/ pupil experiences	Family Invites
23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Pupils return to school (Normal Time)	
WC 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	GCSE/BTEC Mock Examinations	
3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Football League Match	
5 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day - Come dressed as a character from your favourite book	
6 <sup>TH</sup> March	YST Girl Power Day 2	
WC 9 <sup>th</sup> March	British Science Week	
12 <sup>th</sup> March	Family Coffee Morning	10:00am-12:00pm (All Sites)
17 <sup>th</sup> March	YST Shooting Stars Girls Football Tournament @Millmoor Juniors (Selected Pupils)	
18 <sup>th</sup> March	EID Ceebration	
20 <sup>th</sup> March	Red Nose Day (Donate £1)	
25 <sup>th</sup> March	Family Easter Egg Hunt	All Invited taking place at Abbey School Main Site 2:00pm-3:00pm
27 <sup>th</sup> March	House Event PM	
27 <sup>th</sup> March	Pupils Break Up For Easter	

# Term 3.1

## April – May 2026

Date	Whole school events/ pupil experiences	Family Invites
13 <sup>th</sup> April	Pupils return to school (Normal Time)	
15 <sup>TH</sup> April	World Art Day	
16 <sup>th</sup> and 17 <sup>th</sup>	Exam Walk thoughts and Functional Skills Resits (Selected Pupils)	
17 <sup>th</sup> April	Family Coffee Morning	10:00am-12pm (All Sites)
21 <sup>ST</sup> April	Earth Day	Earth Day Community Event 2:00pm-3:00pm
23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Forrest Schools Eve	4-6pm (Ticketed Event) Main Site
28 <sup>th</sup> April	YST MATP Day	
4 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday	
7 <sup>TH</sup> May	VE Day	
7 <sup>TH</sup> May	BTEC Sport Exam (Selected Students)	
11 <sup>th</sup> May	GCSE Lit Paper 1	
12th May	GCSE Biology Paper 1	
12 <sup>th</sup> May	Football League Match	
13 <sup>th</sup> May	National Numeracy Day dress as a Rock Star TT Rockstar competition	
14 <sup>th</sup> May	GCSE Maths Paper 1 Non Calculator	
14 <sup>th</sup> May	Parents Eve	4-6pm (All Sites) Appointments sent Via Seesaw
15 <sup>th</sup> May	Heritage Day - Come dressed to represent your Heritage	
18 <sup>th</sup> May	GCSE Chemistry Paper 1	
19 <sup>th</sup> May	GCSE Lit Paper 2	
20 <sup>th</sup> May	YST Upper School Athletics at Herringthorpe Stadium	
21 <sup>st</sup> May	English Language Paper 1	
22nd May	House Event	
22 <sup>rd</sup> May	Pupils break up for Half Term (Normal Time)	

# Term 3.2

## June – July 2026

Date	Whole school events/ pupil experiences	Family Invites
1 <sup>st</sup> June	Pupils return to school (Normal Time)	
2 <sup>ND</sup> June	Physics Paper 1	
3 <sup>rd</sup> June	GCSE Maths Paper 2 Calculator (Selected Pupils)	
5 <sup>TH</sup> June	GCSE English Language Paper 2 (Selected Pupils)	
3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Eid Party - Come Dressed to Impress	
8 <sup>TH</sup> June	GCSE Biology Paper 2 (Selected Pupils)	
9th June	Functional Skills English (Selected Pupils)	
9 <sup>th</sup> June	YST Adventure Challenge Primary @ Rother Valley (Selected Pupils)	
10 <sup>TH</sup> June	GCSE Maths Paper 3 Calculator (Selected Pupils)	
12th June	GCSE Chemistry Paper 2 (Selected Pupils)	
15 <sup>th</sup> June	GCSE Physics Paper 2 (Selected Pupils)	
15 <sup>th</sup> June	National Sports Week Begins	
16 <sup>th</sup> June	Whole School Bowling	
17 <sup>th</sup> June	Courage Day	
18 <sup>th</sup> June	My Personal Best Day	
19 <sup>th</sup> June	Change Maker Summer Fair	1:30pm-2:30pm Abbey School Main Site Families invited (Ticketed Event)
23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Nexus MAT sports Day Primary	
25 <sup>th</sup> June	RSE Day	
26 <sup>th</sup> June	Y11 Leavers Date and Prom 6:30-9:00pm	
3 <sup>rd</sup> July	PRIDE Day (Sponsored Colour Dash)	1:30pm-2:30pm Abbey School Main Site Families invited (Ticketed Event)
3rd July	YST Adventure Challenge -Horizon @Rother Valley	
9th July	Parents Evening and meet the new class teacher Appointment options to be sent	Parents Eve 4-6pm Horizon Oasis and Main Site
6 <sup>th</sup> July - 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Transition Weeks Begin - New School Year Begins	
17 <sup>th</sup> July	House Event	
17 <sup>th</sup> July	Pupils break up for Summer (Normal Time)	



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