

Abbey's Friday Bulletin



This Week's News

Friday 9th
January
2026



Wishing the whole Abbey Primary community a happy and healthy new year! We are looking forward to making new targets and lots of memories!

Nursery and P1 admissions

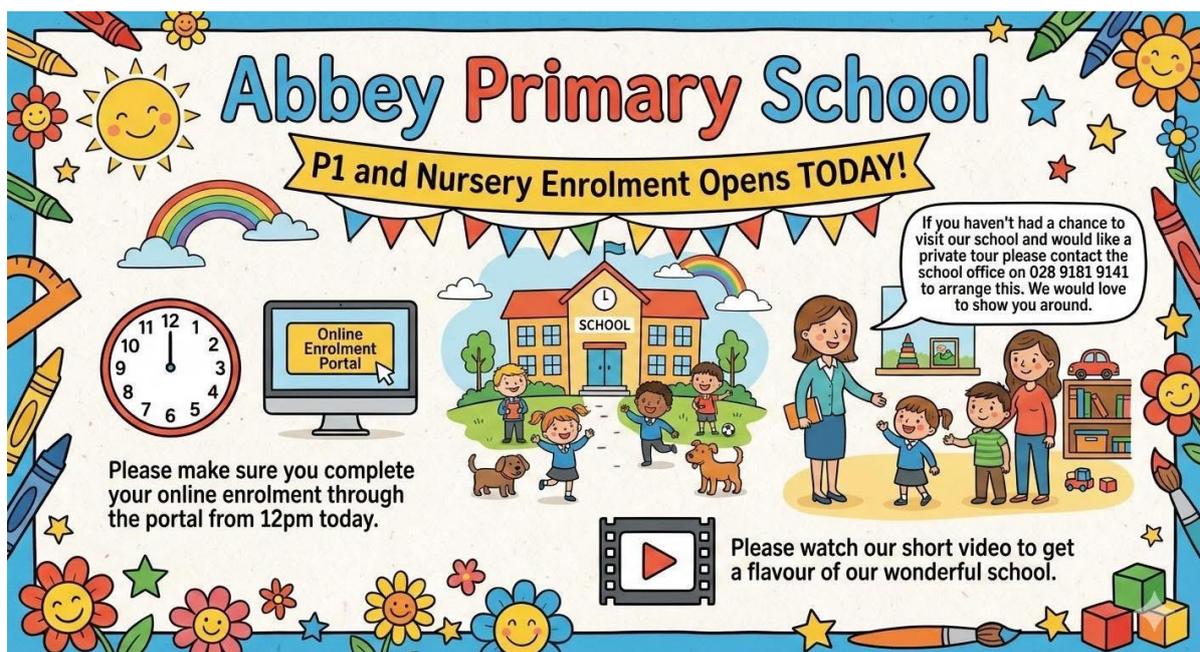
The portal for admissions for September 2026 opened on Wednesday. You can access it via this link:

<https://connect.eani.org.uk/parent/>

If you wish to have a tour of our school, please contact the school office.

Alternatively, please watch our wonderful school video here:

https://youtu.be/TAhgVNa0Z4Y?si=D2QZ1a_6d-W7hpXz



Important January Dates

- Wednesday 7th - 21st Admissions
Portal is open for Preschool and P1.
- Week beginning Monday 12th - Speak out, Stay safe week
- Week beginning Monday 19th - Kindness Week
- Friday 23rd - Fair Trade Coffee Morning
- Monday 25th - PTA Guess the Teacher
- Wednesday 28th - Cool for School Photography (Individual/family)



Staying Safe Online.

We know how exciting it can be for children to play online gaming or use social media apps, especially with new devices received as Christmas gifts. As part of our internet safety programme delivered in school, we want to highlight the guidelines around these apps and platforms.

Age Restrictions for Social Media Platforms

13 is the minimum age for account holders on these social media sites and apps.



X (formerly Twitter) Facebook Instagram Pinterest Messenger
TikTok Discord Snapchat Twitch Yubo
Reddit YouTube BeReal WhatsApp

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16 is the minimum age for account holders on these social media sites and apps.



Nintendo Online Account Vimeo
Tumblr
18 is the minimum age for account holders on these social media sites and apps.
Xbox Live Account PSN Online Account



Dinners are £3.10 per day.

All dinners must be booked via ParentPay **by 8.30am** for the current day, preferably the night before.

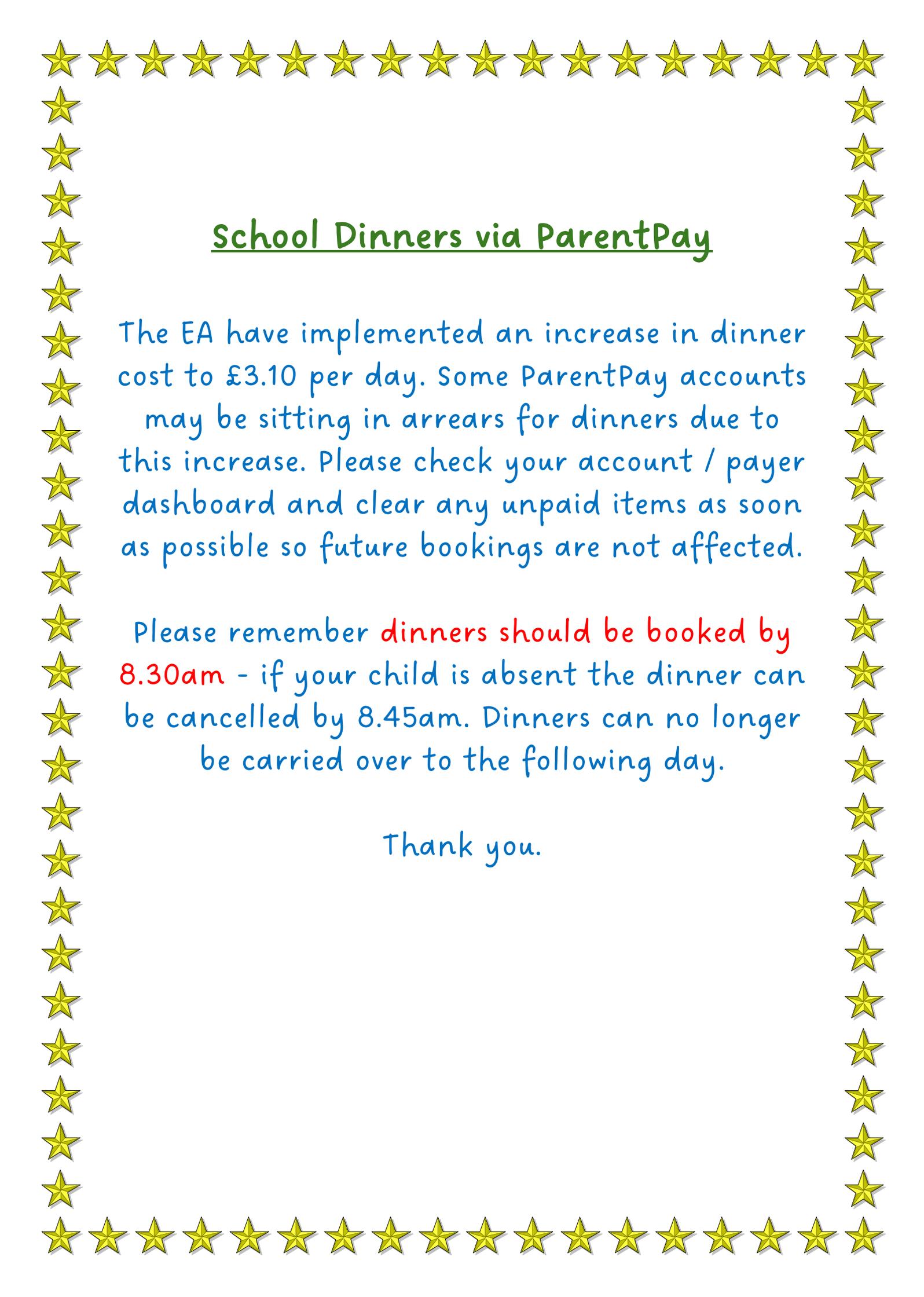
Cancellation with full refund must be done by parents via ParentPay.

Children on Free Meals do not need to book through the App

Monday 12th - Friday 16th January 2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Oven-baked Fish Goujons with Lemon Mayo	Traditional Savoury Mince	"Lunch Bunch" Chicken Curry with Freshly Baked Mini Naan Bread	Roast Chicken with Stuffing & Gravy Fresh	Beef Burger with Tomato Ketchup
Diced Carrots & Garden Peas Crispy Herb Diced Potatoes or Mashed Potatoes	Broccoli & Roasted Butternut Squash Mashed Potatoes or Roasted Potato Wedges	Garden Peas & Sweetcorn Steamed Rice or Baby Potatoes	Selection of Vegetables in Season Oven-baked Roast Potatoes & Mashed Potatoes	Baked Beans, Coleslaw & Salad Chipped Potatoes or Baked Potato
Flakemeal Biscuit & Melon Wedge	Chocolate & Pear Sponge Cake & Custard	Date Krispie & Orange Wedge	Vanilla Ice Cream Roll & Peaches	Strawberry Yoghurt & Chopped Fruit

If anyone has any allergies, or changes to allergies, please contact the school office.



School Dinners via ParentPay

The EA have implemented an increase in dinner cost to £3.10 per day. Some ParentPay accounts may be sitting in arrears for dinners due to this increase. Please check your account / payer dashboard and clear any unpaid items as soon as possible so future bookings are not affected.

Please remember **dinners should be booked by 8.30am** - if your child is absent the dinner can be cancelled by 8.45am. Dinners can no longer be carried over to the following day.

Thank you.

After School Activities

MONDAY

- Junior Choir P4 3-4pm **Restarting 2nd February**
- Senior Choir P5-P7 3-4pm **Restarting 2nd February**
- *Ards Academy Football P1-P3 2-3pm **Restarting 12th January**
- P4-P7 3-4pm **Restarting 12th January**
- *Theatrics P1-P3 2-3pm **Restarting 12th January**
- P4-P7 3-4pm **Restarting 12th January**

TUESDAY

- Scripture Union P4-P7 3-4pm **Restarting 20th January**
- *Spike Lego P2 & P3 2-3pm **Restarting 13th January**
- P4-P7 3-4pm **Restarting 13th January**
- Abbey Hockey at Londonderry Park - All involved have been informed

WEDNESDAY

- *Monkeynastics P2 & P3 2-2.45pm **Restarting 14th January**
- *Tag Rugby P2 & P3 2-3pm **Restarting 14th January**
- P4-P7 3-4pm **Restarting 14th January**
- *Primary Hockey P2 & P3 2-3pm **Restarting 21st January**
- P4-P7 3-4pm **Restarting 21st January**

THURSDAY

- Nature Rangers P5 group informed 3-3.45pm **Starting 15th January**
- Science Club P5 group informed 3-3.45pm **Starting 15th January**
- Abbey Dance All involved have been informed via Seesaw

FRIDAY

- P6 & P7 Football at Londonderry Park - All involved have been informed

***Clubs ran by an outside agency**

PRIMARY HOCKEY!

AFTER SCHOOL HOCKEY



Primary Hockey is back at Abbey!

Our after school sessions will cover the basic skills of hockey; dribbling, passing and receiving as well as building up to small sided games! Sessions are perfect for beginners as well as club players and focus on having fun while playing hockey!

P2/3 - WEDNESDAYS, 2-3PM:

21ST, 28TH JANUARY
4TH, 18TH & 25TH FEBRUARY
11TH & 18TH MARCH

| £31.50 |

P4-7 WEDNESDAYS, 3-4PM:

21ST, 28TH JANUARY
4TH, 18TH & 25TH FEBRUARY
11TH & 18TH MARCH

| £31.50 |

Hockey sticks can be provided, but we recommend children have their own mouth guard & shin pads for sessions. Spaces are limited in each programme. Please include your child's name, school and year group in emails!

PLEASE EMAIL PRIMARY.HOCKEY@OUTLOOK.COM



Abbey

Primary School

Term 2



Lego

P2 - P3 + P4 - P7

Tue 13 th Jan
Tue 20 th Jan
Tue 27 th Jan
Tue 3 rd Feb
Tue 10 th Feb
Tue 17 th Feb
Tue 10 th Mar
N/A

Tag Rugby

P2 - P3 + P4 - P7

Wed 14 th Jan
Wed 21 st Jan
Wed 28 th Jan
Wed 4 th Feb
Wed 11 th Feb
Wed 18 th Feb
Wed 11 th Mar
Wed 18 th Mar

Session 1 - (2.00pm-3.00pm each week)

Session 2 - (3.00pm-4.00pm each week)

To secure a place for your child you must enrol online via www.burnskillsschool.co.uk. This is very easy and straightforward. Click 'secure your place' at the top of the website. Then scroll down to find your child's school and the correct activity to enrol.

Deadline for payment is **Sunday 11th January**. This is a great opportunity for your child and certainly one not to be missed. When in attendance we would advise that all children wear appropriate clothing with a pair of trainers suitable for indoor and outdoor. **Numbers will be limited for each session!**

Note: The total cost of the block will be £42.00 for Lego & £48.00 for Tag Rugby.

All spaces are non refundable.

Payment options: *Online*

Thanks
Aaron & Andrew
Burns Skills School

Lego - https://www.burnskillsschool.co.uk/service-page/abbey-primary-school-newtownards-2?referral=service_list_widget

Tag Rugby - https://www.burnskillsschool.co.uk/service-page/abbey-primary-school-newtownards-3?referral=service_list_widget

Ards academy afterschool football

we are delighted to offer your child back onto our afterschool football clubs for term two in the new year!

these are the start dates for our new blocks!

-castle gardens -16th
january (9weeks £36)

-abbey primary -12th
january (8weeks £32)

castle gardens is a 9 week block as we need to finish our previous block on the 9/1/2026 due to the bad weather before Christmas!

abbey primary is a 8 week block due to certain days of after christmas!

As this is our second block of the year we will be just taking payments on paypal! please ensure we use the friends and family option to save a service charge and include on the reference, child's name, parents phone number, school and year (p5)

any problems feel free to contact our schools manager dylan!
07745 672377

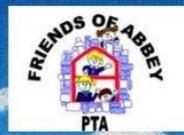


<https://www.paypal.com/paypalme/ArdsAcademySchools>

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CASH FOR CLOBBER!



COLLECTION DAY!

5th FEBRUARY 2026

Donate your **UNWANTED CLOTHING, SHOES, BAGS & BED LINEN,**

Bag it up and bring it in!



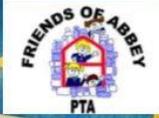
Clothes can be left in "The Mill" from **8:15**

Cars can drive into the school from **9:15**

Drop off your bags on the **5th February morning!**



Friends of Abbey PTA



GUESS THE TEACHER COMPETITION!

Can you guess the teacher?
from their childhood photos?

Sheets out **Monday 26th January**

Collected **Friday 30th January**

Winners Announced
Week of **2nd February**

PLUS!
WORD SEARCH
FOR THE YOUNGER YEARS

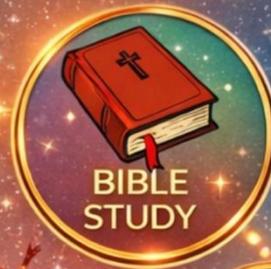


COG youth

EVERY FRIDAY FROM 9TH JANUARY

P4 to P7 | 6:30-8pm

Y8 to Y14 | 8:15-10pm



JOIN US FOR
WORSHIP, BIBLE STUDY
& LOADS OF FUN!



Church of God, 10a Zion Place,
Newtownards, BT237ER



What's On

Newtownards Library January 2026 - Children's Activities



Lego & Storytime

Sat 10 Jan 2:00pm-3:00pm

For ages 4+ (booking & adult supervision essential)

Winter Nature Explorers

Sat 24 Jan 11:00am-12:00pm

For ages 4+

Find out how animals adapt to winter and create your own natural bird feeder (booking & adult supervision essential)

Storytime & Craft

Tues 27 Jan 3:30pm-4:30pm

For ages 4-8 (booking essential)

Wednesday Bookworms

Wed 28 Jan 4:00pm-5:00pm

Junior book group for ages 8-11 (booking advised)

Reading '*Dream Weavers: Chaos of the Fun Fiend*' by Annabelle Sami

Rhythm & Rhyme

Every Tuesday 10:30am-11:00am

Songs & rhymes for ages 0-4 and carers

Junior Colouring Club

Every Friday after school

Bring a friend or make new friends as you colour or do jigsaws

For more information on any of the above:

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