



Abbey's



Friday
4th September
2026

Friday Bulletin

OUR WEEK AT ABBEY PS!

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

Welcome Back to Abbey

We are delighted to welcome all of our children and families back for another exciting year at Abbey. We hope everyone enjoyed a restful summer and are feeling ready for a new term filled with learning, friendships and lots of memorable moments.



WELCOME TO THE ABBEY FAMILY!

You might notice some new faces in Abbey this year! We are delighted to welcome some fantastic new staff. Please join us in welcoming our new Vice Principal, Head of Nursery and P4 teacher.



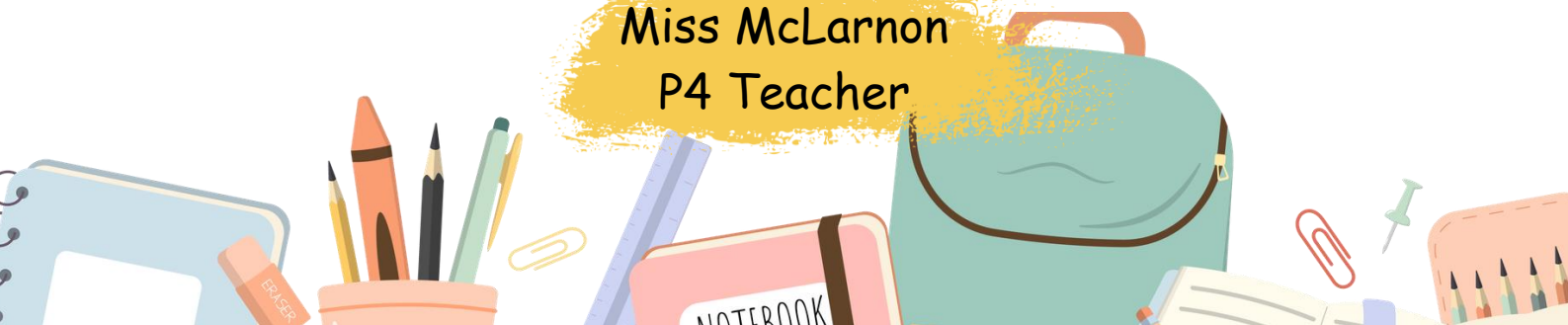
Mrs Wilson
Vice Principal



Mrs Jones
Head of Nursery



Miss McLarnon
P4 Teacher



YEAR GROUP SPOTLIGHT

What we have been up to in P3?

P3 boys and girls have settled back into school brilliantly. We have been having lots of fun getting to know our new classmates through lots of fun activities and playtime. We are starting our new topic 'Pets'.



YEAR GROUP SPOTLIGHT

What we have been up to in P3?

P3T have had a great time getting to know their new friends. They have even created beautiful self-portraits.



P3W have been enjoying meeting everyone in their new class! We have enjoyed playing in our new ABL groups. We love the Lego!



BACK TO SCHOOL

P2

See what some of our other year groups have been up to...





P5



REMINDERS



Start and Finish Times



P1 - P7: School begins at 8:45am

Children should wait in their line for their teacher.

P1: Finish at 12PM (September)

P2 and P3: Finish at 2PM

P4 - P7: Finish at 3PM

**Whole School:
Finish at 2PM on Fridays**



REMINDERS

Sparkles and Waiting Club

Breakfast Club begins at 7:45am.

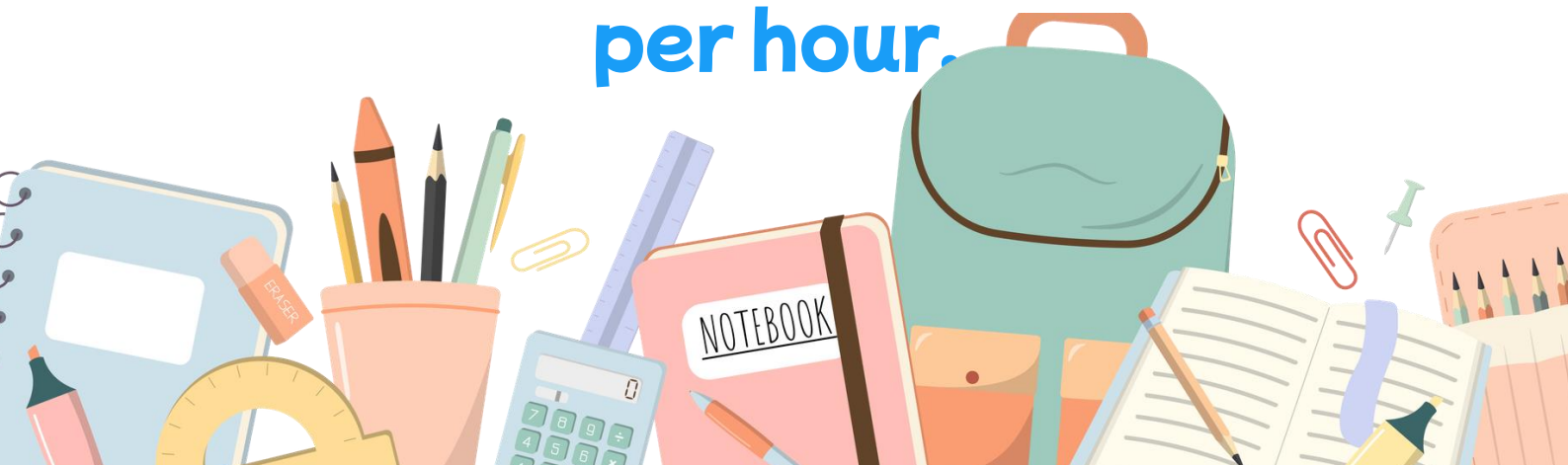
Last entry is 8:30am.

Breakfast Club is £2.50.

**Waiting Club runs from 2:00pm -
4:00pm.**

**Sparkles runs from 2:00pm -
6:00pm.**

**Please book via ParentPay - £3.50
per hour.**



REMINDERS



Facebook



An Update On Our School Facebook Page

This year, Facebook will be used solely for information rather than photos of children or staff. This is to ensure the safety of our children and staff due to the rapidly changing world of AI.

We will continue to update Facebook regarding events or reminders about school. Please see Seesaw and the Friday Bulletin to celebrate weekly achievements of our wonderful pupils.

Further information on the communication policy.

Thank you for your continued support!



Seesaw is a fabulous resource for home-school communication!

Seesaw will be used for whole school notifications and class specific notifications. We will also use it to celebrate the achievements of our pupils.

If you need to contact your child's teacher, please avoid using seesaw messaging for this purpose. Seesaw will not be monitored throughout the school day and therefore some urgent messages will be missed.

If something is urgent and is needing to be passed onto the class teacher, please phone the school office.

During out of office hours please email
info@abbeyprimary.newtownards.ni.sch.uk

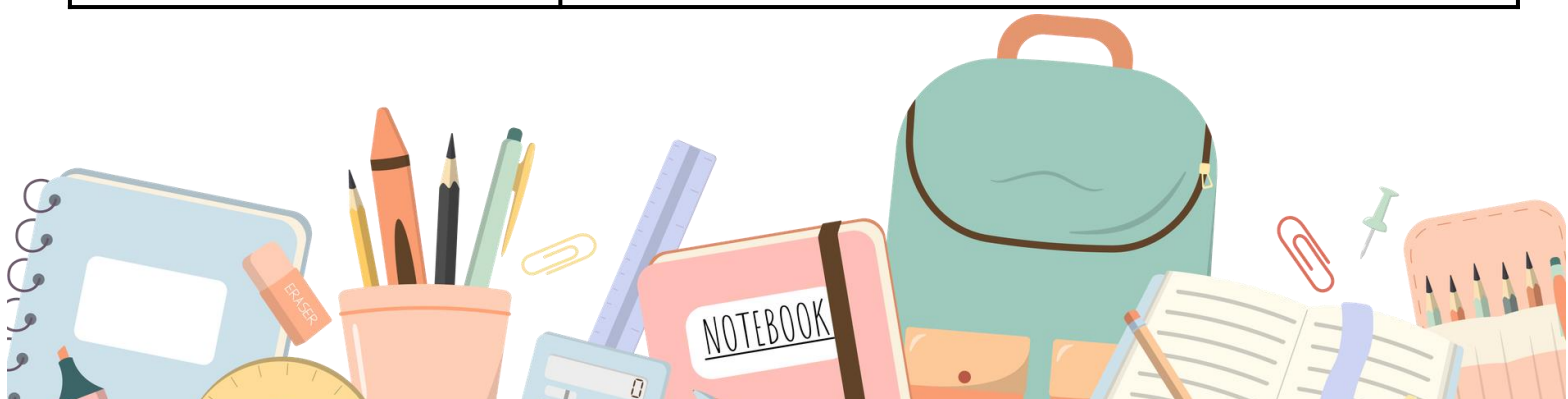
For absences, please send a written note or complete the Jot Form on the Abbey App.



DIARY DATES



From Monday 7th September	Outside agency after school activities will begin
From Monday 14th September	Teacher led after school activities will begin
Friday 25th September	School Closed - Staff Development Day
Tuesday 29th September - Friday 2nd October	P7 Interviews P7 pupils will leave school at 1:30pm.
Friday 9th October	High 5 Friday P1-P4
Week beginning Monday 12th October	NSPCC PANTS Week
Tuesday 13th, Wednesday 14th, Thursday 15th October	Nursery Interviews AM/PM
Monday 12th - Friday 16th October	Whole School Maths Week
Wednesday 14th October	Nursery Interviews PM
Friday 16th October	High 5 Friday P5-P7





DINNER MENU

MONDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER – FRIDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Oven baked fish goujons, baked beans & garden peas, chips or mashed potatoes.	Beef Chilli Taco Boat with Salsa & Cheddar Cheese, Broccoli & Coleslaw with Boiled Rice	Chicken Curry & Mini Naan Bread Baton Carrots & Green Beans Boiled Rice	Roast Turkey with Stuffing & Rich Gravy Seasonal Veg of the Day Oven Baked Roast Potatoes or Mashed Potatoes	Cheeseburger with Salad Mini Corn on the Cob & Spaghetti Hoops Chips or Baked Potato
Cheese & pesto panini with salad, baked beans, chips or mashed potatoes.	Mediterranean Chicken Pizza, Broccoli & Coleslaw with Oven Roasted Diced Potatoes.	Golden Herb Baked Chicken Baton Carrots & Green Beans Mashed Potatoes	Quorn Fillet & Pepper Sauce Seasonal Veg of the Day Oven Baked Roast Potatoes or Mashed Potatoes	Cheesy Cajun Chicken & Veggie Wrap with Salad Mini Corn on the Cob & Spaghetti Hoops Chips or Baked Potato
Strawberry Mousse & Fruit	Raspberry Jelly with Vanilla Ice Cream & Two Fruits	Lemon & Blueberry Sponge with Custard	Oaty Biscuit with Milkshake	Fruit Salad with Raspberry Yoghurt

Dinners are £3.10 per day – £15.50 for 5 days.

All dinners must be booked via ParentPay (Abbey App) by 8:30am for the current day.

Cancellation with a full refund must be done via ParentPay.

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

Children on Free School Meals do not have to book through the app.

Outbreak: If a school, nursing or child-care supports an outbreak of infectious disease, they should inform the Duty Nurse.



MOBILE DEVICE POLICY

This policy complies with current Department of Education guidance and advice.

(Circular No. 2024/14, issued Sept 2024)



**NEVER USED
NEVER SEEN
NEVER HEARD**



The 'Never Used, Never Seen, Never Heard' applies to all mobile phones, smart watches and other electronic devices.

THE RULES



All mobile phones, smart watches (and other electronics) **must be switched off** before you arrive in school in the morning.



They must be kept in your school bag throughout the day.



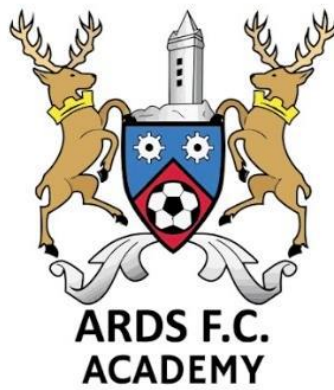
They can only be switched on again once you have **left the school grounds**.



As technology advances, we must work together to ensure that every pupil in our school is **safe and secure**.



SAFE. RESPECTFUL. RESPONSIBLE. *Together.*



We are delighted to offer your child back onto our afterschool football clubs for the new school year!

Our classes are run by UEFA licences coaches to ensure fun, learning and fundamental development within a creative learning environment!

For a 10 week block it is £45 that is £4.50 a session!

Monday - Abbey Primary 7th of September

Tuesday - Londonderry Primary

Wednesday - St Finians

Friday - Castle Gardens – start date 4th of September

As this is our first block of the new year we will need the following details on the PayPal reference,

-school / child's school year ie (p5)

-child's name

-parents mobile number

Please ensure you use the friends and family option on the PayPal to save a service charge!

Any issues with booking or problems please feel free to contact our schools manager Dylan at 07745672377

<https://www.paypal.me/ArdsAcademySchools>



Theatrics



We're back for the new academic year 26/27!

WHAT DO WE DO?

Speaking of Verse and Prose

Acting and Storytelling

Mime and Improvisation

Christmas Showcase

Bangor Speech Festival

LAMDA Graded Examinations



Monday after-school:

**Spaces for P1-3
only: 2-3pm**

Starting on 7th September

✓ Confidence Building

✓ Championing Creativity

✓ Imaginative Learning

✓ Clarity of Speech

✓ Building on vocabulary

✓ Emotional Development

TO SECURE A SPACE CONTACT US AT..



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www.theatricsdrama.co.uk

COG youth

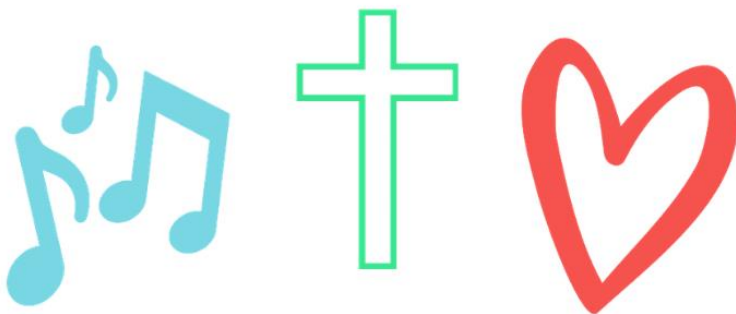
Friday Nights from 4th September to June

P4 - P7 | 6:30-8pm

Y8-Y14 | 8:15-10pm

Worship | Bible | Games | Tuck Shop

Free Entry!



KIDZPRAISE
SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday Morning
11:30-12:30

Preschool to P7
September to June



WHERE
Church of God,
10a Zion Place,
Newtownards



COG Youth
@ardscogyouth



NEWTOWNARDS
BAPTIST CHURCH

CHILDREN & YOUTH ACTIVITIES

(Term time only)



Parent & Toddler Group

Every other Friday 10.00-11.30am



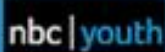
Children's Church (Nursery - P7)

Sundays 11.00am-12.15pm



Children's Meeting (P1-P7)

Fridays 6.30-7.30pm



Youth Bible Study/Youth Club (P7-Year 14)

Fridays 7.30-9.00pm / every other Saturday 7.00-9.00pm



To keep up to date
with the Activities -
scan the QR code



GRACE FREE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

BEVERLEY PARK, NEWTOWNARDS

CHILDREN'S BIBLE CLUB

FRIDAY 6:45-7:45PM

CONTACT ANDREW - 07763777505

SUNDAY SCHOOL

SUNDAY 10:30-11:15AM

CONTACT STEPHEN - 07854639102



MINIBUS
AVAILABLE

ALL CHILDREN
WELCOME

SCAN TO REGISTER



[WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/ARDSFPC](https://www.facebook.com/ARDSFPC)

Boys' Brigade and Girls' Brigade

Greenwell Street Presbyterian Church

We would love to welcome new members or anyone wanting to just try it for a night. Come along at any time!



Monday

6.15pm to 7.15pm Under 5s (Age 3-P1)
6.30pm to 8.00pm Explorers (P2-P4)
6.30pm to 8.30pm Juniors (P5-P7)
7.30pm to 9.00pm Seniors & Brigaders (Y8-Y14)



Wednesday

6.30pm to 7.45pm
Anchors (P1-P4)
Juniors (P5-P7, Y1)



@3rdArdsBB
@GreenwellStreetGB



GreenwellStreet.org

**NEW
WORKSHOP**



PARENTING UNDER PRESSURE?

Find your parenting power and
release the pressure valve

AMAZING!

Wednesday 9th September
7–8.30pm on Zoom

Call 0808 8020 400 for more
information or to book a place.

POWER