

NEWSLETTER

February 2026



Left Photo: Athletics Final

Below Photo: Lower School Can-Do Festival



SCHOOL TERM DATES:

16.02.26 - 20.02.26 - School Closed
23.02.26 - 27.03.26 - Spring 2
30.03.26 - 10.04.26 - School Closed
13.04.26 - 22.05.26 - Summer 1
25.05.26 - 29.05.26 - School Closed
01.06.26 - 22.07.26 - Summer 2

KEY DATES:

13.02.26 - INSET day
06.03.26 - Abbotswood Book Day
25-26.03.26 - Parents' Eve
23.04.26 - Class Photos
04.05.26 - Bank Holiday
11-14.05.26 - Yr6 SATs
01.06.26 - INSET day
22.06.26 - Yr3 Sports morning
23.06.26 - Yr4 Sports morning
24.06.26 - Yr5 Sports morning
26.06.26 - Yr6 Sports Day morning
29.06-03.07.26 - Yr4 Stubbington
02.07.26 - Whole school transition day
14.07.26 - Yr6 Performance
16.07.26 - Yr6 Performance
17.07.26 - Sports Presentation Eve
20.07.26 - Informal Parents' Eve
21.07.26 - Yr6 Leavers' Disco

Dear Parents and Carers,

And just like that, we are halfway through the school year! As usual, the children have worked incredibly hard and the staff are equally ready for a well-deserved break.

It was good to see a number of you at our 'Let's Talk About Tech' evening with Papaya Talks this week. Although I embrace technology and see its benefits, I also see its dangers. In fact, Whatsapp probably accounts for about 75% of our 'issues' within school. We look forward to working together with you to ensure that our children are kept safe online and with their phones.

As a school, we are justifiably proud of the opportunities we provide our children. Listed below are just a few examples:

- Sporting competitions and festivals - athletics, table cricket, gymnastics, a range of inclusive festivals, badminton, cross country, football (boys and girls).
- A fantastic school disco where we had a record number of attendees - the most in my 12.5 years at the school!
- Library guest readers.
- Year 5 visit to Testwood to watch their production of 'Oliver'.
- Numerous Parent Outcomes.
- ...and many more!

I hope you all have a lovely half term. On a personal note, I'm looking forward to getting out for a few long dog walks with Tommy, and hopefully hitting a Parkrun or two over the break. However you are spending your time off, I hope it's a good one. Enjoy the week and we'll see you all again on Monday 23rd February.

On another note, we have a couple of staff leavers.

- Mrs Alison Smith is leaving us today having spent 15 years at the school as both a LSA and teacher. Known for her cooking skills, Mrs Smith will be missed by everyone. Her career path is changing with a move towards tutor-based learning.
- Secondly, Mr Flood is also leaving us today. Currently on paternity leave, Mr Flood joined us as a LSA and Sports Coach in 2018. A lot of children have been asking me where he is so I know that we will have a lot of disappointed children when they hear the news. Mr Flood is entering an exciting new childcare business with his partner.

Thank you,

Mr Glenn Moore
Headteacher



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HOLIDAY MULTISPORTS CLUBS

Our Sports Coaches run a Multisport Club on some of our Inset days and during the school holidays.

Cost: £10 per child

Time: 09.00-14.00

Sign up: via the ARBOR parent app



OUR NEXT MULTISPORTS DATES:

13.02.26 - INSET day

30.03.26-02.04.26 - Easter holidays

23.07.26-31.07.26 - Summer holidays



One of our
students, Emily,
is performing in
Matilda!

Hanger Farm
17-19 Feb 2026

To book tickets,
please click
[HERE](#).

If you are able to help with
future events, and/or
would like to join the
committee, then please
email:

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Any help, big or small, is
truly appreciated!

