



Ab Kettleby Primary School

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End of Summer Term Roundup!

Dear parents and carers,

Reflections of the year

Here we are at the end of yet another academic year - the end of my 5th year - and it has been packed with so many wonderful events and memories made for our children to enjoy. Our teachers have raised the stakes once again with a focus on improving "Writing for Pleasure" and the impact is evident: spellings have improved, handwriting has improved, presentation has improved and we are seeing some quality pieces of writing being achieved. We continue to strive to try new ways to engage our pupils and ensure they leave our school the best they can possibly be.

Year 6 Goodbyes

On that note, we are sad to be saying our goodbyes to our wonderful Year 6 team. I first met these children when they were in Year 1 as I looked around the school in February 2021, to see if it was somewhere I would like to work. They sold the school to me and look at them now - confident young people who have made incredible progress over the years and have worked tirelessly this year towards their final SATs. They all bring something unique to the Year 6 team; they all have their individual strengths (from origami skills to newly found acting skills!); all show strong values and I know they are all ready to embark on their next chapter in life.

Hello New EYFS

As we say goodbye to our Year 6, we say a warm welcome to our new EYFS children - 11 of them! We are delighted to be full again in EYFS and with two having siblings already in school, and one with a sibling from a previous year, we are pleased to be welcoming eight brand new families to our small but mighty team.



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Staffing Structure 2026/2027

We are also pleased to say we don't have to say goodbye or hello to any staff this year as we have no changes for 2026/27! The staffing structure will be:

The Hive - Year 4,5,6

Miss Barlow will continue as our Lead Teacher and teacher in the Hive alongside Miss Oliver.

Honey Bee - Year 2,3

Mr Dash will continue as teacher of Honey Bee Class Tuesday to Fridays and Mrs Lee will teach on a Monday. Miss Moxham will continue to support Honey Bees. Please bear these working days in mind when sending Dojo messages to Mr Dash - if it is an emergency, please contact the office as messages will not be read and actioned on non-working days.

Bumble Bee - EYFS,Y1

Miss Bray will continue as teacher of Bumble Bee Class and will be supported by Mrs Gent in the mornings.

Mrs Lee will support across the school in Bumble Bee, Honey Bee and The Hive from August, covering the teachers when they have their planning and preparation time.

SENCO

Mrs Jones continues to work hard to help support children with special educational needs. She has been pivotal this year in supporting our teachers; ensuring interventions take place to narrow the gaps and remove barriers to learning and evaluates the impact of these. She has supported parents when dealing with the Special Educational Needs Assessment Team and offers advice when needed. We are very proud of her as, on top of being SENCO for 3 schools (Ab Kettleby, Somerby and Buckminster) she also has successfully completed her National Professional Qualification for SENCOs which is an 18-month leadership qualification covering whole school SEND strategies and advocates for inclusive school cultures.

Estates

The Trust Estates team continue to support improvements to our lovely school. This year alone, they have improved the entrance/car park; added CCTV, updated our internal lights to LED; fenced areas for safety; will oversee the running track works in the summer and have lots more planned for 26/27 to keep us compliant and looking good!

Uniform

School uniform is really important part of life at Ab Kettleby Primary School. It promotes a sense of pride, a sense of belonging and maintains an equality, all of which positively contributes to the wellbeing of children. From time to time, incorrect uniform tends to creep into our school (e.g. incorrect hair accessories or sock colour, incorrect jewellery or logo shoes/trainers on non-PE days). We need parents to help us maintain our high expectations and double check the correct uniform is being worn for school and for PE days. As a reminder, the full uniform can be found on our website:

<https://www.abkettleby.org/page/?title=School+Life+and+Term+Dates&pid=29>

Attendance and Punctuality

This is just a reminder to all parents of the statutory guidance which came into force as of August 2024, regarding the importance of good attendance, punctuality, and penalties for unauthorised absences. The learning day is so full, that even one day off school can cause gaps in children's knowledge and understanding and this can have a negative effect on their self-esteem and mental health. Our aim is for children to attend school 96% as a minimum, this gives leeway for genuine sickness, which may occur, in the academic year.

Children are required to be in school at 8:40am, when learning starts. Arriving after this time may disadvantage your child as they will miss the introduction of the first learning task, cause unnecessary anxiety and affect their self-esteem. Our gate opens at 8:40am and will be closed at 8:55am. Anyone arriving after 8:55am will need to report to the office and will be marked as late.

Class Dojo - Message Sharing

Please can you ensure if you need your child to be collected by someone else, or are picking them up at an earlier time, that you inform the office rather than using Class Dojo. Once the children are in school, class teachers rarely get a chance to check Class Dojo messages - they only usually check messages before the start of school and once children have left. We have missed a number of messages this term as a result of parents sending them to teachers on Class Dojo and teachers not reading them in time.

Music Provision Summer 2027

Leicestershire Music Services has offered to support children in The Hive for another year of music tuition. For the 26/27 academic year this will take place in the Autumn Term of 2026 and children will be taught how to play the guitar.

Mr Price will continue with weekly small group sessions, which parents can pay for if their child is interested to develop their guitar playing further. If you are interested in this, please let the office know.

Parent Voice

Thank you so much to all parents who took the time to complete the recent Parent Voice. We strive to continually improve our offer to you as families and take every comment seriously and appreciate all comments, positive or otherwise. A strong relationship between school and parents is crucial to ensure a child thrives educationally, socially and morally.

Wraparound Care / After School Clubs

As you know last year, we tried to offer wraparound care through an external company and sadly had to end the contract. Our amazing class teachers do a great job of delivering after school clubs and our two local child minders Julie and Catherine do a great job in supporting out of hours care if needed. After school clubs will be on offer Monday, Tuesday and Thursdays 3:15-4:15pm and a clubs letter will be sent out as soon as we return in the autumn term.

End of year reports

I hope you have enjoyed reading your child's end of year reports as much as we enjoyed writing them. Each and every one of our children have made great progress, not just academically but emotionally, socially and morally and each and every one of them bring something special to our Ab Kettleby family and is a valued member of our small, but mighty team. We are proud of all of them.

Thank you FOAKS

Another incredibly successful year for FOAKS and heartfelt thanks go out to our FOAKS team of organisers and the generosity of our families who endlessly support FOAKS events. The summer fair was again the pinnacle of our year, and it was great to see families past and present support it. This event takes an enormous amount of time and effort to put together: from the sponsorships; the bookings; the preparation; the advertising; the buying of food and drink; the set up and clear up and so much more, and all efforts have not gone unnoticed by us all here at Ab Kettleby Primary School. The event itself this year raised over £2700!

I would like to give a special mention to Helen Lowe and Ashleigh Kerr who have successfully led FOAKS for the last five years and two and half years, respectively, and have both made the difficult decision to step down this summer. Helen and Ashleigh's energy and passion have shone through (as well as the invaluable help from their husbands!) and as a result of the hard work of these two in the driving seat, supported by the whole team, they have raised enough for us to finally have our long-awaited running track - an incredible £17,826!! Ladies, you have been incredible and your shoes will be hard to fill - thank you from us to you.

Work on our running track starts in July and it is a perfect time for someone new to take the reins and start a new FOAKS project for us all to aim for. FOAKS AGM will take place in September and more information will be sent out nearer the time.

Yearly Planner 2026-2027 and INSET DAYS

We will spend one of the August inset days planning more events for 2026/27 and will send that out to our families early in the Autumn term so you can get dates in the diaries. Please note the dates of the 5 inset days are as follows:

Monday 24th August 2026
Tuesday 25th August 2026
Friday 27th November 2026
Monday 4th January 2027
Tuesday 5th January 2027

Happy Summer!

My final thanks go to our fabulous team, who continue to strive for high standards, excellent teaching and above all provide a safe and inspiring place to learn. It is time for them to put their feet up and take a well-earned break from school life to spend time with their own families and re-charge the batteries.

On behalf of my team at Ab Kettleby, we would like to wish our families a safe and happy summer break and we look forward to welcoming you all back on Wednesday 26th August 2026.

Andrea Brown
Headteacher