



ABBOTS FARM JUNIOR SCHOOL

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WELCOME TO AFJS!

Dear Parents/Carers,

On behalf of the whole team here at Abbots Farm Junior School, I would like to offer you a warm welcome to the AFJS family. We are all looking forward to welcoming your child and you, whether this is for the first time or you have other Farmers in your family already and have been a part of our school community for a while. We are excited to support your child over the next four years of their educational journey and working in partnership with you to support the next steps, getting to know you and your child so that together, we can ensure the time your child spends with us in school is happy, secure and successful.



We are changing the way we do things a little this year and that is why you are receiving this email rather than a posted welcome pack. The reasons for this are twofold. Firstly, we are an eco-school and always looking for ways to reduce paper usage and save the environment. Secondly, we are in the process of moving to a new online information management system which will enable us to complete a number of things electronically that we would usually ask you to return paper copies of.

The purpose of this initial letter is to give you the information you need for the following few months as your child makes the move to us and signpost you to other places that you can find information about us. At the start of July, we will contact you again to get you set up on our new school information management system, Arbor, which will then enable you to send us the necessary key information about your child in preparation for September.

For more information about life at AFJS, we have a [school prospectus which can be viewed on our school website](#) that summarises the key things you may need to know as a new member of our Farmers family. It also includes links to pages on our website for further information. You can also visit our school website <https://abbotsfarm.co.uk/> for lots of other information regarding life at school, including key policies, our curriculum, newsletters, our school blog and much more.



Abbots Farm Junior School Prospectus 2024 - 2025

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Welcome to Abbots Farm Junior School

Whether you are joining us during the academic year or at the start of the junior school journey, a warm welcome awaits you when you arrive at our school. A happy start is important for all of us and we try very hard to make the transition smooth and rewarding. We encourage parents and children to visit the school during a normal working day to see the happy and caring ethos of the school in action.



Transition Support

Between now and when your child starts here with us, we will be arranging opportunities for teaching and SEND staff from all current schools to discuss pupils and the information we receive will support us in planning for class provision for next year and beyond as we endeavour to make their time here at AFJS as enjoyable and productive as possible. We will work hard to ensure that children arriving from other schools have the best opportunity to integrate into these groups, as everyone familiarises themselves with our setting in September.

We would also very much welcome the opportunity to hear from you as parents about any support your child or your family may need. Please complete the Microsoft Form to tell us a little more about your child by clicking this link <https://forms.office.com/e/rsvsJuyCbg>

Transition Day

This year, **Wednesday 10th July** is transition day. On this day, pupils get to spend a day in their new schools/classrooms and meet their teachers and other key staff prior to starting in September. On the day, please arrive between **8.40-8.50 and bring your child to the hall doors (we will signpost it for you on the day)**. Your child will be met there by our staff and then taken to their classrooms. Please make sure that your child has a named water bottle and you have applied sun cream (we can but hope for a sunny day!).

We are able to provide a free school lunch for your child on the day if they would like one.

- **If you are coming over from Abbots Farm Infant School** please order your meal on Stir Select as usual.
- **If you are coming from another school** please email admin2421@welearn365.com ASAP to tell us your dinner choice OR if you will be bringing in a packed lunch.

The options on that day will be

- **Roast turkey**
- **Veggie Pastry Pie**
- **Jacket potato with cheese and/or baked beans**
- **Hot pasta with tomato sauce**
- **Baguette with cheese, tuna mayo, egg mayo or ham**

If your child would prefer to bring a packed lunch, please send them with one on the day.

At the end of the day, please collect your child from the school playground at **3:00pm**. This will give parents the chance to meet their child before the rest of the school finishes.

Welcome meeting for parents

We are holding an **information evening** at school on **Wednesday 10th July** (the same day as transition day) starting at **6pm**. This will be an opportunity for parents to meet key staff, listen to us share our curriculum vision and learning opportunities and to ask questions about ongoing support. After this meeting, we will also upload slides and any other useful information to our 'New to Year 3' page on our website <https://abbotsfarm.co.uk/parents/new-to-year-3-info/> for your reference. Last year's information is currently on there but will be updated after the meeting and as new documents are created or shared.

PTA event

Please take the time to have a look at the letter from our PTA, which have attached to the end of this letter. It includes an invite to our annual family **BBQ and Summer Fair** at school on **Friday 14th July** at **6:30pm**, which is always a great event and would be a brilliant way for you to meet other members of the Abbots Farm Junior School community – it would be great to see you there! It would also be great to have some new PTFA members join us from September to enable us to continue the great fundraising work our PTA does! 😊

Your child's first day in September

While it feels like it is still a long way away, September will soon be here! We will share more information at the parents welcome meeting but to help you and your child prepare, here is a little bit of information that you may find useful about what will happen on that first day.

On the first day, we ask that you arrive at school between 8:50 and 8:55, which is after the rest of school will have made their way into class. We ask Y3 parents to come onto school site and wait with their children for the Y3 team, who will come out onto the playground to greet the children, line them up and bring them into school.

At the end of the first day, we will bring the children out a little earlier, to enable them to get used to the routine without all the other children around. Please come onto the **playground closest to the road at 3pm** and we will bring the children out to meet you. They will be dismissed one at a time once we know where the adult is that they are going home with. A little wave across the playground to us helps us to spot where you are! 😊

Each pupil will be given a learning pack with their very own equipment – please **do not** send them in with pencil cases or **any of their own** stationery. They will **not** need their PE kit on the first day – staff will let children know their PE days in September and we ask that they bring kits in on those days then take them home again at the end of the day.

Start and end of the day routines after the first day

After the first day, all children should be in class for registration by 8:50. The gates are open from 8:40 to allow enough time for all children to arrive safely. They come straight onto school premises from either the top or bottom gate, across the playground and up the ramp to their classroom. There will be staff on the gates and stationed around school site to help children become familiar with this routine and to supervise them getting safely into school. After the very first day, parents will not come onto school site in the morning.

At the end of the day, the children will all finish at 3:20 and parents will be able to come onto the playground to wait for their children. Members of the Y3 team will dismiss the children one at a time when they have identified the adult they are going home with.

If you have any other questions or queries, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us via the admin email admin2421@welearn365.com and the relevant member of staff will get back to you. We will also keep our 'New to Year 3' page on our website <https://abbotsfarm.co.uk/parents/new-to-year-3-info/> as up to date as possible in the next few months so that you have a place to go for key information before starting here.

We cannot wait to see you and your children on the Transition Day in July and to fully welcome your whole family into our wonderful Farmers family here at AFJS as your child makes this exciting next step in their educational journey!

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G Webb', written in a cursive style.

Mrs Gemma Webb
Headteacher



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ANNUAL BBQ & SUMMER FAIR
Friday 12th July 2024 6:30-8:30pm

Dear Friends,

Our end of year BBQ and Summer Fair is open to everyone in the school community, and we would like to extend a warm welcome to families of children in Year 2. In addition to the BBQ, there will be plenty of stalls for everyone to enjoy and a very reasonably priced licensed bar.

Our PTFA is run as an informal group of parents, staff and governors who work hard to raise money to provide additional resources for pupils at the school. Over the past year, we have given the school £3,000 to pay for new books for the library, a Diwali dance workshop, T-shirts for the choir and a James Brunt Land Art experience for all pupils. We also paid for everyone to watch a Christmas theatre production in the school hall. From September, we want to make a large contribution towards the cost of the Forest School sessions which are a big hit with the children.

We appreciate that you all lead busy lives and we are grateful for any support that is offered. At our AGM in the autumn term, we elect our trustees and we are keen to get some new members on board. We are always in need of additional helpers at events and it's a great way for you to get involved with the school community. If you are interested in helping us in the future, you will be made to feel most welcome. Please complete the Microsoft Form by clicking the following link <https://forms.office.com/e/Hx2wZEH4ma> to provide us with your contact details or alternatively, send us an email at pta2421.c@welearn365.com.

Easyfundraising is a big fundraiser for the school and it's so easy for parents and friends to raise free donations when they shop online. Easyfundraising has over 8,000 shops and sites that will donate to us at no extra cost to you, including lots of big-name retailers such as John Lewis, Argos, Uswitch, eBay, M&S, Just Eat, Booking.com, TUI and confused.com. Sign up to support us using this link – <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/abbotsfarmjnr/> or scan the QR code on our fantastic new banner at the front of school!

We have joined up with Rugby Lotto, a weekly lottery run by Rugby Council, to raise much needed funds for the school. Supporters have the chance to win up to £25,000, so why not give it a go? Go to www.RugbyLotto.org and search for Abbots Farm.

Many thanks for your support and we look forward to seeing you soon.

Best wishes

Caroline Warneck

On behalf of

Abbots Farm Junior School PTFA

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