APRIL 2026 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have lots going on in school, the children have started to plant seeds and beans. Michelle has been making lots of changes in the allotment area as you leave the school. We will be celebrating David Attenborough Day and World Bee Day. On the 15th May Abena Oppong-Asara our MP will be visiting the school. On Saturday 16th May we will have a Stay and Play when we will be planting seeds and focusing on 'growing'.

Gill

Controlled access entry

We are sure you have all noticed that we have to 'buzz' visitors into the school. I would like to thank you for your understanding whilst we try to understand the best way of making the system work for us all.

Attendance

For many of our children this is their last term at Abbey Wood Nursery School. Most will be moving to reception. We will start to do transition meetings with their new schools and wherever possible arrange visits.

You can help your child by arriving at school at 9am so they are ready to start the day. It is also important that their attendance is over 90%, this will really help them to settle into their new school and make friends.

Reminder—Primary school place

If your child is moving to reception in September, you should have heard which school they are going to, on the 17th April. If it is not the school you wanted, please come and talk to Gill about the process to appeal the place. Please also inform the class which school your child is going to. It will help us to make the transition process easier for them.

Library and Mural

We were fortunate to have both the Library and the Mural opened last term. We will be adding photos to our website for anyone who missed the celebrations.

We have made another change to the borrowing from the library and now Wednesday will be the day for all children/classes to change their books.

Snacks before and after school

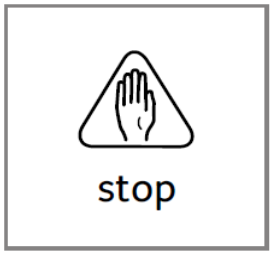
A kind reminder about treats. Please don't give your child sweets and/or crisps before school and at pick-up time. If you must, please wait until you are out of the school site. Sugary snacks can affect children's energy and focus, but you can start a habit of sweets after school that may last the next 14 years or more! Greenwich is 4th in London for childhood obesity—27.3% of 11 years are now obese. Save them for once a week/special occasions. Please help us to help the children develop healthy choices.

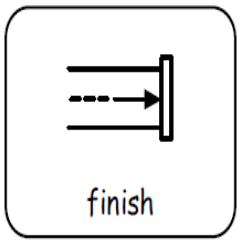
Food Bank Vouchers

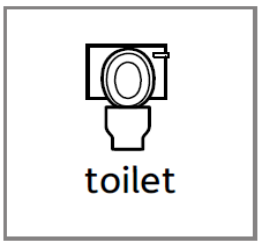
We know that times can be challenging, and we want to make sure that no family goes without essentials. If you are facing difficulties and need support with food bank vouchers, please don't hesitate to reach out. We are here to help and can arrange something for you—just speak to us in confidence.

Symbols we use at Abbey Wood

When talking to children with social communicational difficulties, it is always important to reduce the number of words we use, to the key words: 'Gill - car - finished'. Usually we would support parents to talk and expand the language and number of words that parents introduce to children.







Screen time

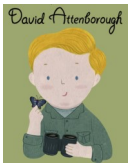
New guidance for under fives :

https://beststartinlife.gov.uk/screen-time-under-5s/

Screen time includes television as well as phones and tablets. Children who spend time on screens can struggle to remain focused on activities and games. It can also impact their communication skills.

Diary dates for your calendar

8th May **David Attenborough Day**—dress up as an animal



14th May **School photos**

16th May **Stay and Play** from 10am to 11.30am

20th May **World Bee Day**

25th May - 29th May **Half term break**

10th June **Caterpillars** arrive

19th June **INSET day** - school is closed for children

10th July **Cardboard Box Day** - join us for a morning of making and playing with cardboard boxes. If you have any large boxes delivered before this it would be great to have them—we will be able to go an adventure!