

# Abbey Hey Primary Academy

## Termly timetable of English Events 2025-2026

Autumn Term		
September 2025		
1st – 15th September	Return to School	Welcome a new class with engaging stories and encourage reading for pleasure. <u>Back to school Reading for Pleasure transition activities.</u> <u>Starting Nursery and Reception wellbeing activities</u>
8 <sup>th</sup> September	International Literacy Day	<u>International Literacy Day</u> was set up by UNESCO and is celebrated around the world on the 8 <sup>th</sup> of September. The aim of International Literacy Day is to remind people of the importance of literacy and its vital role in ensuring that everyone achieves their full potential.
13 <sup>th</sup> September	Roald Dahl Story Day	<u>Roald Dahl Story Day</u> takes place on Roald Dahl's birthday – 13 <sup>th</sup> September – and is a chance to celebrate the work of one of children's books' greatest storytellers.
September - November	500 Words Competition	The <u>500 Words Competition</u> is the UK's largest story-writing competition for primary-aged children. The aim of the competition is to get children of all abilities and backgrounds to use their creativity and imagination to write a story that they would love to read themselves.
October 2025		
1 <sup>st</sup> – 31 <sup>st</sup> October	Black History Month	<u>Celebrate Black History Month all Year Round.</u>
2 <sup>nd</sup> October	National Poetry Day	A whole school opportunity to encourage pupils to

		make, experiences, share and enjoy poetry. The theme for 2025 will be <b>Play</b> .
6 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> October	Libraries Week	Celebrate the important role libraries play in our schools and communities, and encourage children to explore and engage with their school library and reading spaces.
<b>November 2025</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup> – 30 <sup>th</sup> November	Non-fiction November	This annual celebration of factual materials is a celebration of reading for information, to expand knowledge, and to explore individual interests. This year, the theme for Non-Fiction November is <b>Why Don't You? (Hobbies and Leisure)</b> .
<b>December 2025</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup> – 31 <sup>st</sup> December	Christmas and the Festive Season	End the autumn term with celebrations focused on Christmas, Hanukkah and the mid-winter festive holiday. <b><u>Hot topic: winter wonderland and links to seasonal resources</u></b>
<b>Spring Term</b>		
<b>January 2026</b>		
TBC	Wicked Writers: Be the Change writing competition	This annual competition challenges students aged 9 to 14 to write persuasively about a positive change they would like to see. Fully supported by classroom resources, there are also fantastic prizes on offer.
<b>February 2026</b>		
TBC	National Storytelling Week	A week-long celebration of stories – spoken or written – encouraging creativity and self-expression enabling children to tell their own stories. <b><u>National Storytelling Week</u></b> - curriculum-linked resources

		and events from early years through to KS3.
<b>March 2026</b>		
5 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	World Book Day	Join with us for this annual celebration of authors, illustrators, books and the joy of reading. <a href="#"><u>World Book Day: events, news and resources</u></a>
<b>Summer Term</b>		
<b>June 2025</b>		
June 2026	National Writing Day	An annual celebration of the power of writing creatively, inspiring people of all ages and abilities to try writing for fun and self-expression. <a href="#"><u>Resources, research and insight for National Writing Day</u></a>
June – July 2026	Transition Preparation	Explore reading and book-based activities to support pupils as they make the move from primary to secondary school <a href="#"><u>Anchors and Sails: Year 6 to 7 transition activities</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Books for big change: transition to secondary school</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Tales from the Inner City by Shaun Tan – literacy transition project</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Cosmic - an intergalactic literacy transition project</u></a>  Plus, discover ideas that can be kicked off in the classroom and shared with families to hook pupils into literacy for pleasure activities that will keep them reading and writing through the summer.
<b>Summer Holidays:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#"><u>Summer of Literacy: activities to sustain literacy enjoyment into the holidays</u></a></li> </ul>		