



# Abingdon Primary School

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## Newsletter Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2023



### Dates for your diary:

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November** – Parent Consultation Evening

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November** – Parent Consultation Evening

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November** – Own Clothes - Bring a bottle for the Christmas Fayre

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November** – Antibullying Week begins

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November** Children in Need Day – Clothes to be confirmed!

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November** – Own Clothes – Bring chocolate for the Christmas Fayre

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November** – Nasal Flu immunisations

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December** – Christmas Fayre – **NO AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS**

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December** Choir performing at Festival of Choirs 7.30pm

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December** – Reception Christmas Performance 9.15am

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Dinner

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December** – KS1 Christmas performance 9.15am

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December** - Year 5 Air Raid Shelters

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December** Year 6 Air Raid Shelters

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December** Christmas parties

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December** – Finish for Christmas

- Christmas jumper day/outfit/accessories

- **NO AFTERSCHOOL CLUB**

Welcome back to our second half-term. I hope that you all had a restful half-term break as this half-term is very full-on in school!

We have our KS1 and EYFS Christmas productions to look forward to. There are lots of celebrations including Diwali and Remembrance Day next week. Own clothes days are back, in return for donations for our Christmas Fair. We have 'Anti-Bullying Week' coming up w/c 13<sup>th</sup> November, and our Upper Key stage 2 children will be visiting the Stockport Air raid shelters to support the recent learning they have been doing about WWII. Then we have the fun festivities leading up to Christmas, including the Christmas Fayre, Christmas lunch and Christmas parties! A very busy end to 2023!!

### **Weekly Wellbeing Challenge:**

I just wanted to say, that whatever your plans are for this weekend, whether you are going to an organised bonfire, celebrating at home with your own fireworks, or staying cosy indoors, please take care and be safe. Remember to look after your pets!



### **Halloween Raffle**

Thank you for supporting our Halloween and Bonfire night sweet raffle . The 21 winners have all taken their prizes home today. We raised over £100 which will go towards extra curricular activities. A big thank you to the staff who donated sweets and Mrs Bertrand for organising!



### **Healthy Eating workshops**

This week Year 5 and 6 had some healthy eating workshops. They were run a company called Employee Volunteering. In the session, they discussed different types of food, why some foods are healthier than others and the food groups they belong to. They then had a go at making their own healthy sandwich! They all had a fantastic time.



### **Pottery Club**

We are holding a pottery club at lunchtimes for KS1 children currently. If it is a success we will possibly roll it out to other year groups. It is run by an outside agency rather than school staff, so there is a cost. The children had a lovely first session this week.



### **Reading Café**

We had a book corner competition last half term – a bit of fun amongst the teaching staff. It was judged by Mr Saunders, one of our Governors and Owls won! Well done to Mrs Brett and Mrs Whitehead, but also a huge thank you to all our staff who created lovely areas for the children to relax and read in. Mrs Brett and Mrs Whitehead won a little prize each -but the class won a Reading café and we held it yesterday! Hot chocolates, marshmallows and lots and lots of books!



### **Free School Meals**

A reminder that families can apply for Free School Meals via this link: <https://www.stockport.gov.uk/free-school-meals/apply-school-grants-free-school-meals> - all you need is your NATIONAL INSURANCE NUMBER. If your child has just gone into year 3 they will no longer be on Universal Free School Meals, so if you think you might qualify please apply as soon as possible.

Even if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2, it is beneficial to apply for Free School Meals as your child can

also access a range of other benefits and school help supplement some additional provision for you and your child(ren).

If you would prefer to apply using a school computer/internet, that is no problem and we can arrange a private area with a computer for you to apply. Just ask at the office, call 0161 480 4531 or email [admin@abingdon.stockport.sch.uk](mailto:admin@abingdon.stockport.sch.uk).

### **School Uniform**

The children look so smart this week. Thank you all for your support with this, looking smart and being ready with all the right things make such a difference to learning.

Please make sure **names are in all items of clothes** – especially cardigans/jumpers and coats! It is impossible to find lost items without this.

White polo shirt

Red cardigan/jumper – with or without logo (**NO other jumpers**)

Black/dark grey trousers/shorts/skirts/pinafores

Black shoes or all black trainers (no colour variations accepted)

### **PE Kits for PE days**

White t-shirt and black shorts/joggers with school jumper. (**NO other jumpers/PE kits!**)

### **School Lottery**

For those families new to school, we have a school lottery that is run by the website below. Every ticket sold provides much needed funding for our school.

If you would like to take part please do sign up using the link below. Thank you.

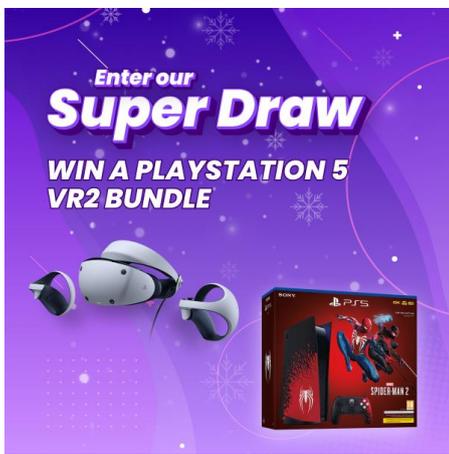
<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/>

Last week, one of our parents won £6.90, and kindly donated it back to the school fund. Thank you!

### **Win a PS5/VR2 prize bundle!**

We are thrilled to introduce our biggest EVER Super Draw prize: A HUGE PlayStation bundle, consisting of not only a Limited Edition Spider-Man 2 PS5 console (disc edition, of course) – undeniably the hottest console of the year – but also the BRAND NEW PlayStation VR2 Virtual Reality headset, which ALSO comes bundled with Horizon: Call of the Mountain, for an unforgettable Virtual Reality gaming experience! With our new Super Draw, there are exciting new flexible way to play – so get your tickets now ready for the big draw on November 25<sup>th</sup>!

Our new Super Draw gives people new and exciting ways to play – instead of committing to weekly tickets, supporters can choose to just buy tickets for the Super Draw week, meaning more flexibility and less commitment, whilst still supporting ABINGDON PRIMARY SCHOOL. Existing supporters can even choose to TOP-UP their tickets just for this weekend's draw!



### How the lottery works

<p><b>£1 per ticket</b></p>  <p>That's right, unlike many other lotteries, our lottery tickets are only £1 per week.</p>	<p><b>Help us do more</b></p> <p>For every ticket you play, 76% goes to our school and prizes.</p> 	<p><b>£25,000 grand prize</b></p>  <p>Match all 6 numbers and you win the JACKPOT!</p>
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**Attendance:**



- ★ The class with the highest overall attendance each week will have the opportunity to 'spin the wheel'! The wheel has lots of different choices on – some of these have been updated this year by the children.
  - ★ Each class who achieves 97% or higher each week, or who show great improvement, will have an extra playtime the following week.
  - ★ **ALL children who have over 95% attendance for the year, or who show good improvement of attendance, will receive an end of term certificate and treat.**
- Attendance monitoring includes broken weeks and lateness. You **MUST** contact school if your child is late or absent.

The class with the highest attendance this week was: **Y1/2 Squirrels with 96.4%**  
 They have won 'Bring a toy to school day!!!' as a special treat from the wheel. The class teacher will let you know when this will be.  
**No classes** had over 97% this week.

**Hot chocolate**

Each week we invite a child from each class (who is chosen for being a role model for behaviour) to come and have hot chocolate and marshmallows with the headteacher. It is definitely my favourite time of the week! It was lovely to hear today why the children were chosen.



**Gold Table**

Children are chosen by their midday supervisors for their lunchtime behaviour. Each Friday we have a ‘Gold table’ in the hall and the children sit with me and have their lunch, they also receive a prize from the ‘Gold Box’.  
 Otters – Luna, Badgers – Grayson, Hedgehogs – Theo D, Squirrels – Siena, Foxes – Athena, Falcons – Lily M, Kites – Marley, Owls – Jessica, Kestrels – Molly, Merlins – Amara, Hawks – Saanviya, Ospreys – Maggi-May

**Class Stars of the Week**

Each week children are chosen for showing our core values. We award certificates in Celebration Time each Friday. Well done to all our stars:



Reception Badgers: Evie  
 Reception Otters: Finn  
 Year 1 Hedgehogs: Bradley  
 Year 1/2 Squirrels: Ahmed  
 Year 2 Foxes: Lara  
 Year 3 Falcons: Rosie-Lou

Year 3/4 Kites: Charlie  
 Year 4 Owls: Poppy  
 Year 5 Kestrels: Madison  
 Year 5 Merlins: Saskia  
 Year 6 Ospreys: Sarah R  
 Year 6 Hawks: Sophie S

**Golden Broom**

Year 6 Hawks won the Golden Broom this week for having the tidiest classroom. Well done for setting a fantastic example to others.

The Golden Broom is awarded by Mr Bosson (Site supervisor) .



Finally, I would like to wish you all a lovely weekend, and thank you for all your support.  
 Ms Spendlow  
 Headteacher

## **Holiday Dates 2023-2024**

### **Autumn term**

Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	INSET
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	INSET
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> September	Back to School
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Finish for half term holiday
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	School returns
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	Finish for Christmas

### **Spring term**

Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	INSET
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> January	School returns
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Finish for half term holiday
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	School returns
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Finish for Easter

## Summer term

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April

School returns

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May

May Day Holiday

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May

Finish for Whit holiday

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June

School returns

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July

Finish for summer holidays

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> July

INSET

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> July

INSET

### Covid-19 advice

- Children with mild symptoms of a respiratory infection include covid-19 but are otherwise well should continue to attend school. They should stay home if they have a high temperature and are unwell, and can return to school when they no longer have a high temperature/feel well enough.
- It is not recommended that children should have a covid-19 test unless directed to by a health professional, but if a child under 18 does test positive, **they should stay off school for 3 days after the day they took the test. They can return to school after the 3 days if they are well enough.**

The isolation period for COVID-19 is 6 days with a negative LFD test (24 hours apart on day 5 and day 6). See the link below for more information

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/when-to-self-isolate-and-what-to-do/>

### **School advice is still:**

If your child is displaying any of these COVID related symptoms

-a high temperature

-a new, continuous cough

-a loss of, or change to, your sense of smell or taste

or

if your child receives a positive lateral flow test, **they should remain at home until they are feeling well again.**

**Please inform school if anyone in your child's household tests positive for Covid-19.**