



Abingdon Primary School

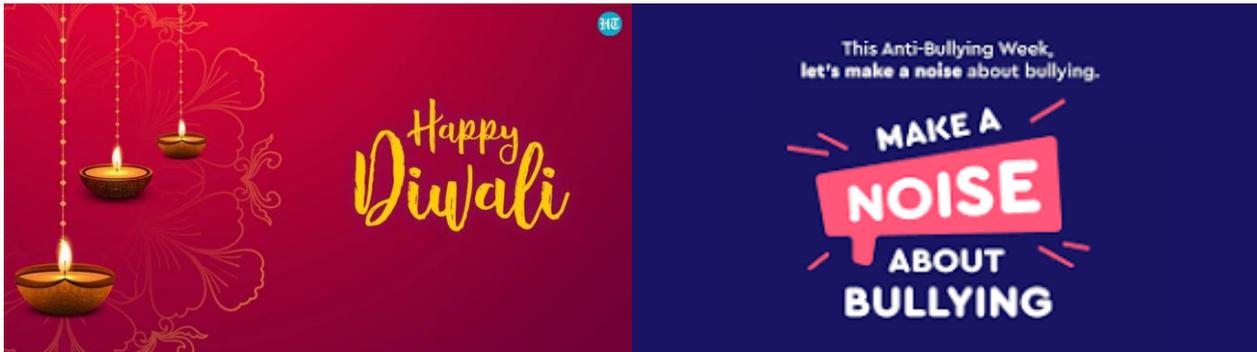
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Newsletter Friday 10th November 2023



Dates for your diary:

- Monday 13th November** – Antbullying Week begins – 'Odd Socks Day'
- Friday 17th November** Children in Need Day – spots or yellow for Pudsey!
- Friday 24th November** – Own Clothes – Bring chocolate for the Christmas Fayre
- Friday 24th November** – Nasal Flu immunisations
- Friday 1st December** – Christmas Fayre – NO AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS
- Tuesday 5th December** Choir performing at Festival of Choirs 7.30pm
- Tuesday 19th December** – Reception Christmas Performance 9.15am
- Tuesday 19th December** – Christmas Dinner
- Wednesday 20th December** – KS1 Christmas performance 9.15am
- Monday 18th December** - Year 5 Air Raid Shelters
- Thursday 21st December** Year 6 Air Raid Shelters
- Thursday 21st December** Christmas parties
- Friday 22nd December** – Finish for Christmas
 - Christmas jumper day/outfit/accessories
 - NO AFTERSCHOOL CLUB

Thank you to all the parents and carers who came to parents'/carers' consultations this week. We hope that you all got the information you needed about how your children are settling into the new academic year. The spring meetings will be more progress driven sharing how your children are learning and progressing through this academic year.

It has been a very eventful week, with the children taking part in both Diwali and Remembrance activities to celebrate both events which take place this weekend. Today we held a minutes silence remembering all who have given their lives to protect and defend our country and world. In assembly this afternoon, each class shared some of their Diya lamps for Diwali.

We have another busy week, next week, with anti-bullying and Children In Need. The children will be 'Making a Noise' about standing up to bullying and making sure that they know how to report it.

Weekly Wellbeing Challenge:

There has definitely been a turn in the weather lately, and it is definitely feeling a lot more autumnal. With the nights drawing in and the temperatures dropping, I am going to revert to my favourite form of escapism – Movies! Pile on the sofa, turn the lights off and have a family movie night. Shut out the world for a couple of hours and escape to a different realm!

If you are going to either a Diwali or a Remembrance celebration this weekend, make sure you wrap up warm!

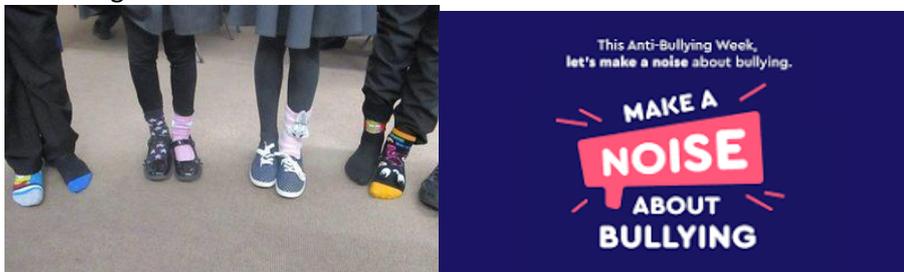


Remembrance Day

Today, at 11am, we remembered those who have given their lives to defend our country. A minute's silence was observed and the children sang a song to recognise the sacrifices made.

Antibullying Week

Next week is National Antibullying Week. We will be taking part all week. The theme this year is 'Make a noise' – encouraging bystanders to speak out against bullying. We always join in with the rest of the country for Odd Socks day (Mon 13th) – please wear uniform (no donation required) and then the children will be doing different activities in their classroom at the appropriate level about bullying and 'making a noise'. As always, I am sure it will be a great week.



Pottery Club – more!

The pottery club wanted to show off some of their finished articles. A huge well done to all the children that have been taking part over the last few weeks.



Save the Date

Our Annual Christmas Fayre will be on Friday 1st December at 3.30 – 5pm. We do ask for donations – today was bring a bottle for the tombola (we can accept any time before the 24th November!) and Friday 24th is a donation chocolate for the chocolate tombola. If any families have business or know anyone that would like to donate a prize for our raffle, we would very much appreciate that too. If you would like a stall, to sell small business items please speak to the office. And lastly if you would like to volunteer to run a game/activity/refreshments on the day – (even if it is for a half hour!) we would also be very grateful! (please contact:

angela.kerrigan@abingdon.stockport.sch.uk)



Jumpers

We are seeing a bit of an increase in hoodies and other non-uniform jumpers, particularly on PE days. Please refer to the uniform list below. Teachers will offer spare uniform jumpers to children who come wearing different jumpers. Please also put your child's name on their jumper, we have another big pile of unnamed jumpers forming- which will be disposed of at the end of the term.

Snacks

After Christmas, we will be rolling out a healthy snack initiative in school. We wanted to give you plenty of warning as we have seen an increase in unhealthy snacks at playtime. Our local authority advisors tell us that there is a huge increase in dental decay and obesity in children and as a community we should all work together to tackle it. This is what we want it to look like:

In the morning, the children will continue to have bagels – these are from the National Schools breakfast programme and are nutritionally balanced. They are served with a small amount of margarine.

At snack time, the children will be able to bring a *normal sized* snack, but please ensure that it is fruit, or low sugar snack. Examples might be food like – cheddars, sreen, raisins, crackers etc (crisps, sweets, chocolate will not be allowed)

At lunch time Taylor Shaw provide us with nutritionally balanced low sugar hot meals, if you are bringing a packed lunch please look at the sugar content and the amount of food within the lunchbox.

Afternoons – KS1/Rec children have free fruit (national scheme)

Water should be in all bottles.

We will sometimes have rewards that are food/sweets – however, these are very occasional, which models the idea of everything in moderation.

Some children bring in sweets for their birthday and we will be asking parents not to do this after Christmas. It also relieves the pressure on other families who feel they have to do the same. Their birthday will still be celebrated in the class of course - as all children's birthdays are.

Please also remember that we are a nut free school – no nuts or nut products should be brought in as snacks/lunch including snacks like peanut butter.



As a school, many of us are parents ourselves and understand the frustrations around snacks. However, we want the best for the children in the school and if everyone works towards following this after Christmas, the children will take to it very quickly and smoothly.

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.

School Uniform

Thank you all for your support with uniforms, 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.

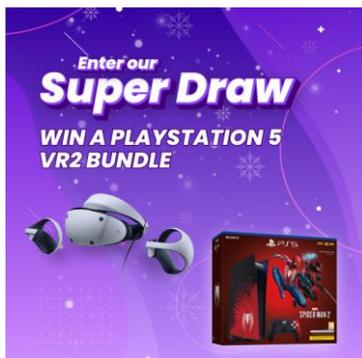
<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/>

Last week, one of our parents won £8.70, 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 25th!

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>£1 per ticket</p>  <p>That's right, unlike many other lotteries, our lottery tickets are only £1 per week.</p>	<p>Help us do more</p> <p>For every ticket you play, 76% goes to our school and prizes.</p> 	<p>£25,000 grand prize</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: **Y3/4 Kites with 97.3%**

They have won 'Own Clothes Day!!!' as a special treat from the wheel, as well as an extra play. The class teacher will let you know when this will be.

No other 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 where the children have their lunch, they also receive a prize from the 'Gold Box'.

Otters – Finn, Badgers – Kai, Hedgehogs – Lexi, Squirrels – Zaviyaan, Foxes – Gabriel, Falcons – Esmae, Kites – Lolicia, Owls – Hallie, Kestrels - Madison, Merlins - Faith, Hawks –Lama, Ospreys – Finley

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: Daoud
Reception Otters: Theo
Year 1 Hedgehogs: Harper
Year 1/2 Squirrels: Evie
Year 2 Foxes: Oliver
Year 3 Falcons: Olivia B

Year 3/4 Kites: Mitchell
Year 4 Owls: Henry
Year 5 Kestrels: Mia
Year 5 Merlins: Olivia
Year 6 Ospreys: Thomas
Year 6 Hawks: Izzy

Golden Broom

Year 1/2 Squirrels 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 4th September	INSET
Tuesday 5 th September	INSET
Wednesday 6 th September	Back to School
Friday 20 th October	Finish for half term holiday
Monday 30 th October	School returns
Friday 22 nd December	Finish for Christmas

Spring term

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

Summer term

Monday 15 th April	School returns
Monday 6 th May	May Day Holiday
Friday 24 th May	Finish for Whit holiday
Monday 10 th June	School returns
Friday 26 th July	Finish for summer holidays
Monday 29 th July	INSET
Tuesday 30 th 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.