



# Abingdon Primary School

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## Newsletter Friday 8th December 2023



### Dates for your diary:

- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December** – Pantomime for all children in school  
**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**

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- Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January** – INSET DAY – Children NOT in school  
**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January** – Children return to school

The year seems to have flown by and this December is proving no different! The school is bustling with activity across the year groups with our younger children preparing for their Christmas performance, our choir performing carols, Years 5 & 6 still to visit the Air Raid Shelters in Stockport, school Christmas dinner and parties and the arrival of a pantomime for the whole school next week.

On Tuesday evening our choir performed at St. George's Church at the Festival of Carols. The children sang beautifully and our own Sophie DC in Year 6 read part of the Nativity readings to the whole congregation. It was quite a late night, but our children were delightful and represented our school as they always do. Well done to all the children, and thank you to the parents for their support!



A huge well done to Olivia B in Falcons for passing her ISTD Grade 1 modern dance exam with a distinction star!  
Maybe we will see you on Strictly in the future!!



### Year 5 and 6 Cake Sale



Thank you to all of those who bought a cake this week at our cake sale. We have raised over £250 towards our school trip to Stockport Air Raid Shelters! Your continued support is much appreciated.

### Weekly Wellbeing Challenge:

Christmas is often seen as a magical time of year, but for some it can also be a very stressful time of year. Remember what truly counts. Children will remember times spent with parents/carers/family longer than they will remember who bought them what. Please be kind to yourselves and remember to be kind to others!



### Pantomime

We will be having a travelling pantomime coming into school on Wednesday morning to perform to the whole school. The children will enjoy the delightful traditional tale of Cinderella.

### Mrs Murray's Christmas Stall

Starting from Monday, Mrs Murray will be opening her Christmas gift stall at breaktime. All items will be £1.00. Children will be able to bring in their money, choose an item and pay for it, then Mrs Murray will take the product away and wrap it ready to give back to the children ready for Christmas!

### NumBots and Time Table RockStars



There are two brilliant apps, which school purchase each year. – Numbots and TTRS. Both can be used at home and we would love them to be used more! Numbots is for our KS1 children (Reception will get a log in in the Spring term) and is a great way to practise fluency of numbers. Times Table Rockstars is a great way for Y2 onwards to practise their times tables. All the children should have logins – the login is the same for both apps. Even just 10 minutes a day on an app like this can really boost children's confidence, number recognition and fluency with numbers – and although it is screen time, you know they are doing something worthwhile and educational.

### Christmas Fayre

Thank you once again for supporting this year's Christmas Fayre. We are delighted to report that we made a magnificent £1209.42. Thank you once again to all our stallholders, staff and children for helping to organise and run the stalls; and thank you for the raffle donations and your support in attending.

### Dogs on School Property

We would like to remind all parents and carers that dogs are not allowed on school premises. This includes dogs on leads, dogs being carried, or even in a buggy. Thank you for your support in this matter

### Breakfast Club Timings

Just a reminder that breakfast club does not open until 07.45am. We are beginning to see children arriving earlier than this. The staff are not responsible for the children until 07.45am, therefore the children are not supervised before this time and are still the responsibility of parents.

### Parking!

Reddish Vale Start Well Nursery next door have politely asked us to remind parents about not parking in their car park. The car park attached to the nursery is for their employees and visitors, and on occasions, there are no parking spaces for them at critical times. They will be closing and locking their gates between 8.30 and 9.00 am and 2.30 and 3.20 pm.

### 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 to only do this on a Friday after Christmas. Their birthday will still be celebrated in the class on the day of the birthday 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](mailto: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.

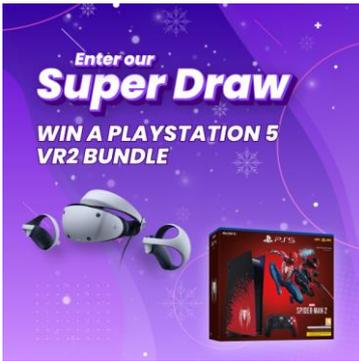
<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/>

Last week, one of our parents won £8.10!

### **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: Y2 Foxes with 97.5%**

They have won 'Own clothes Day!' as a special treat from the wheel, as well as an additional 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 – Hareem, Badgers – Hunter-Cold, Hedgehogs – Oscar, Squirrels – Reuben, Foxes – Rishi, Falcons – Rosie-Lou, Kites – Toby, Owls – Coltan, Kestrels - Toby, Merlins – Ruby, Hawks – Ryan, Ospreys – Sami

### 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: Robyn  
Reception Otters: Rory  
Year 1 Hedgehogs: Hussayn  
Year 1/2 Squirrels: Omari  
Year 2 Foxes: Violet  
Year 3 Falcons: Eddie

Year 3/4 Kites: Roman  
Year 4 Owls: Rocco  
Year 5 Kestrels: Harry  
Year 5 Merlins: Archie  
Year 6 Ospreys: Edward  
Year 6 Hawks: Caitlin

### Golden Broom

Year 5 Kestrels 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 5th September	INSET
Wednesday 6th September	Back to School
Friday 20th October	Finish for half term holiday
Monday 30th October	School returns
Friday 22nd December	Finish for Christmas

### **Spring term**

Monday 8th January 2024	INSET
Tuesday 9th January	School returns
Friday 9th February	Finish for half term holiday

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February  
Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March

School returns  
Finish for Easter

### Summer term

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April  
Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May  
Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May

School returns  
May Day Holiday  
Finish for Whit holiday

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June  
Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July  
Monday 29<sup>th</sup> July  
Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> July

School returns  
Finish for summer holidays  
INSET  
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.**