



Abingdon Primary School

Friday 2nd May 2025

Ms Spendlows' Welcome

Dear All,

Welcome back! We are currently being treated to some fantastic weather and the children have been making the most of it being outside whenever they can – please remember to send your child with a hat and put sun cream on before coming to school. In the hot weather, I sympathise that children want to wear other things, but our PE is very easy and simple – white t-shirt and black shorts. Please can you ensure the children wear the school PE kit on their PE days.



Next week sees the 80th anniversary of VE day. We are marking this in school with a 'street party' on Thursday 8th May. There will be cakes, drinks, flag waving and singing! The whole school is learning the Vera Lynn classic "We'll meet again" – so why not play it over the weekend and have a practise! The children can wear red, white and blue if they wish and we are happy for flags, face paints, hair accessories etc! Equally, please do not feel you need to purchase anything – all the children will be making flags to wave next week anyway.



This Week's Roundup

Forest Schools

Forest Schools on Thursday 8th May is **Squirrels and Hedgehogs**

Mad Science

Our half term started with a bang on Monday as 'Mad Science' came to school to do an assembly. As usual it was fast paced and exciting with lots of experiments! They are running an afterschool club in the summer term. Letters were sent out on Monday. If you are interested please contact the office.

Bible Encounters

On Thursday Mrs Fraser from Bible Encounters came to visit. She always tells a story from the Bible in an interactive, fun way and gets the children involved! This time she told the story Jesus calming the storm. It was quite an immersive experience with all the sound effects – we all felt like we were in the middle of the storm!

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Bible Encounters



Well done to Amara in Y6, who has built a scale model of the Earth, Sun and Moon at home. It is also mechanical and moves accurately to show the Earth's path around the sun! Future scientist in the making!

New Playground equipment

We have recently invested in a large amount of playground equipment – particularly for the KS2 playground this time round. This week, Mr Taylor showed the children the new equipment and talked them through how to use them, play with them and look after them so that they last longer!

The children are very excited to try out the new resources next week 😊



Attendance Awards

Each term we put all the names of the children who have over 96% attendance into a draw. The name draw wins a prize for their whole family – this is our way of saying thank you for getting the children into school!

This term the prize is £50 cinema vouchers!

Study Bugs

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If you haven't already, **please download the free Studybugs app**, or register on the Studybugs website, and use it to tell us whenever your child's ill and unable to attend school.

(<https://studybugs.com/about/parents>)



Reminders:



Please be courteous to our neighbours when parking and adhere to the double yellow lines. The Nursery/ Surestart car park can unfortunately not be used by Abingdon parents. Try parking a few roads away and walking to school.

Please bring healthy, appropriately sized snacks to school for morning break and choose packed lunch items carefully to ensure they provide a balanced diet.



Please can we remind parents that children in Years R – 4 must be collected by someone **over the age of 16**.

Dates for the Diary

May	
Mon 5th	Bank Holiday Monday
Thurs 8th	VE day celebrations – wear red, white and blue!
Fri 9th	Thumbs Up Friday – Final one of the year! – Parents from all year groups welcome as usual 😊
Mon 12th	Year 6 Statutory Assessment week – Breakfast for Y6 from 8.15 Mon- Thurs!
Fri 16th	Y6 Visit to Petty Pool
Fri 23 rd	Finish for Whit
June	
Mon 9th	Return to School
Thurs 19th	DEAR – please come into class to share a book with your child -all classes as usual
July	
Fri 4th	Summer Fayre 3.30 – 5pm NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB
Tues 15 th	Y6 performance 9.15am
Wed 16 th	Y6 performance 9.15am
Mon 21 st	Y6 Leavers Disco 5-7pm
Fri 25th	Year 6 Leavers assembly 9.15am Year 6 Roll of honour 3.25pm Finish for Summer NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

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Celebrations

Hot Chocolate!

Each week the teachers choose children who have go over and above in their behaviour. It is a pleasure to have a hot chocolate with them each week and find out what they have done.



Lunchtime class of week:

Reception: Zain & Lowri

KS1: Hedgehogs

LKS2: Owls

UKS2: Merlins



Golden Broom:

Year 4
OWLS



Attendance: Our Whole School attendance this week is: 96.3%

The following classes all got over 96% this week: Y2 Foxes, Y3 Falcons, Y3/4 Kites, Y4 Owls, Yr 6 Ospreys.

The class with the highest attendance was Y3/4 Kites with 99.2%!

Kites have won Sweet treat Friday".



Certificate winners: We have had our termly 'Children's Assembly' where our Stars of the Week are chosen by their classmates rather than teachers:

Badgers: Zain

Y1 Squirrels: Luna

Y1/2 Hedgehogs: Lexi

Y2 Foxes: Thomas

Y3 Falcons: Siena C

Y3/4 Kites: Rosie Lou

Y4 Owls: Cooper

Y5 Merlins: Lucas

Y6 Ospreys: Harry H

Y6 Hawks: Amara

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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/>

