



Abingdon Primary School

Friday 12th September 2025

Ms Spendlows' Welcome

Happy Friday Everyone!

I am expecting that you all may have some very tired children this evening, having now completed their first full week of school! Again, I would like to say how proud I am of how well the children have returned to school this year, and how well our new children have settled. This week saw the return of Forest Schools with the children enjoying the outdoors with Mr Rowe. Swimming also started back this week for our Y5 children, and will continue through this term.

On Wednesday 24th September we would like to invite you to visit your child's new classroom to both meet their new teacher and to see the work that they have started this term.

Wellbeing Challenge: To go for an autumnal walk and see how many colours are in nature



This Week's Roundup

Forest Schools- The next session of Forest Schools is on Thurs 18th September and is for Y6 Ospreys and Y2 Foxes

On Forest school days we ask that the children bring in Wellies and waterproofs (if you have them) They should come to school in their PE kit – but should bring uniform/spare shoes (if no wellies) to change into in case they get wet. Please do not wear own clothes.

The dates and classes on the Forest School timetable were muddled up last week – the new one is opposite!

If you do not have any wellies please let the class teacher know as we may be able to source some for you

We always have a call out for Forest School bits and bobs – so over the summer if you have any wooden crates, logs, large branches, any waterproof sheeting or anything you think might be useful let us know in September!!!

Forest School dates Autumn term 2025-26



Thursdays

11 th Sept	Y6 Ospreys & Y2 Foxes
18 th Sept	Y6 Ospreys & Y2 Foxes
25 th Sept	Y5 Merlins & Y2 Foxes
2 nd Oct	Y5 Merlins & Y1/2 Squirrels
9 th Oct	Y5 Kestrels & Y1/2 Squirrels
16 th Oct	Y5 Kestrels & Y1/2 Squirrels
23 rd Oct	Rec
Half term	
6 th Nov	Rec
13 th Nov	Rec
20 th Nov	Rec
27 th Nov	Y3 Falcons & Y4 Owls
4 th Dec	Y3/4 Kites & Y4 owls
11 th Dec	Year 3/4 Kites & Y3 Falcons
18 th Dec	None

Attendance

If your child's attendance drops below 95%, you will be receiving a call/ message from the class teacher. This is to help families and children improve attendance and to ensure that every child has the full opportunity of a full education.

School Uniform

Most children look so smart again this week in their uniform. It is lovely to see in whole school events. Thank you! (Please make sure names are on items!!)

Almost all children do wear school uniform, however some children are still wearing different jumpers/t-shirts and it does force them to stand out. (which lots of them don't want!) **If you are struggling financially to purchase a school jumper/white polo shirt or any PE kit please contact Mrs Bertrand** (claire.bertrand@abingdon.stockport.sch.uk)

Can we please remind children that sports clothing should only be worn on PE days. Our school uniform is black/grey trousers/shorts/skirt; white polo shirt, red gingham dress, red cardigan/sweatshirt, black shoes. Our school PE kit is black shorts/leggings, white polo shirt.

Attendance Awards

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

For the Autumn term, the prize is £50 supermarket voucher – just in time for Christmas!

Study Bugs

Studybugs 

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

September	
Wed 24 th	Open evening to meet new teacher (more info to follow)
Thurs 25 th	KS1 parents reading and phonics workshop
Fri 26 th	MacMillan Coffee Morning
Mon 29 th	Harvest festival – please bring an item of long-life food to donate (e.g. can, jar, packet)
October	
Thurs 2nd	Reception parents reading and phonics workshop
Fri 17th	Thumbs Up Friday!
Wed 22nd	Film Night (more info to follow)
Fri 24 th	Half term
November	
Fri 7th	Own clothes – Bring a bottle for the Fayre
Fri 14th	Children in Need Own clothes day
Fri 21 st	Own clothes – Bring a filled paper bag for the fayre
Fri 28th	Own Clothes – Bring chocolate for the fayre
December	
Thurs 4th	DEAR (drop everything a read!)
Fri 5 th	Christmas Fayre 3.30 – 5pm
Fri 19th	Finish for Christmas Wear something Christmassy!

Please see below for our term dates. We cannot authorised term time holidays, so please check the dates.

Abingdon Term Dates 2025/2026

Autumn Term

Monday 1st September – INSET Day

Tuesday 2nd September – INSET Day

Wednesday 3rd September – Whole school return.

Friday 24th October – Finish for Half Term

Monday 3rd November – INSET Day

Tuesday 4th November – Whole school return

Friday 19th December – Finish for Christmas

Spring Term

Monday 5th January – Whole school return

Friday 13th February – Finish for Half Term

Monday 23rd February – INSET Day

Tuesday 24th February – Whole school return

Friday 27th March – Finish for Easter

Summer Term

Monday 13th April – Whole school return

Monday 4th May – May Bank Holiday

Friday 22nd May – Finish for Half Term

Monday 8th June – Whole school return

Friday 24th July – Finish for summer

Monday 27th July – INSET Day

Celebrations

Hot Chocolate!

Each week the teachers choose children who have gone 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.

Hot chocolate will take place each week on the Monday morning after assembly.



Lunchtime class of week:

Reception: Elsie C

KS1: Foxes

LKS2: Owls

UKS2: Merlins



Golden Broom:

Yr1/2 Squirrels



Attendance: Our Whole School attendance this week is: 96.8%

The following classes all got over 96% this week: Reception Badgers, Yr1/2 Squirrels, Y3 Falcons, Yr3/4 Kites, Y4 Owls, Y5 Merlins, Y6 Kestrels.

The class with the highest attendance was Y3/4 Kites with 99.6%!

Kites will get the reward of 'Sweet Treat Friday!'. This will take place next Friday



Certificate winners:

Badgers: Ayeza

Y1/2 Squirrels: Jibran

Y2 Foxes: Abeeha

Y3 Falcons: Kye

Y3/4 Kites: Reuben

Y4 Owls: Kobe

Y5 Merlins: Skylar

Y5 Kestrels: Kirana

Y6 Ospreys: Ahmad

*Respect,
Responsibility,
Resilience*

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/>



Win a £1,000 Aldi Gift card

You will receive one entry into this draw for each weekly ticket that you have. Buy more tickets for more entries

