



Abingdon Primary School

Friday 19th September 2025

Ms Spendlows' Welcome

Happy Friday Everyone!

It has been a very wet week this week and a definite drop in temperatures, but it has not stopped our children from their learning and exploring. With the weather turning autumnal, can we please remind you to make sure that your child comes to school with a coat.

Our week started with a visit from Mad Science who shared their knowledge of all things water with the children from the water cycle to how we can save water. This year Abingdon have signed up to become a Primary Red School in collaboration with the MU Foundation (sorry to other fans!) and yesterday we had a special guest in assembly – Fred the Red. The children loved meeting him and he had a large following of fans around the school!

To improve spelling across the school we are using Spelling Shed, please find attached a leaflet with more information about Spelling Shed and how you can support at home.

Next week you are invited to come in on Wednesday after school to meet your child's new teacher and to see their new classroom. Also, on Friday, you are invited to join us for MacMillan Coffee Morning. Please see the timetable attached for your child's class time.

It just leaves me to wish you all a fabulous weekend!



This Week's Roundup

Forest Schools- The next session of Forest Schools is on Thurs 25th September and is for Y5 Merlins 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!!!



Nuts and Food containing Nuts

Please can I remind you that we have children in school with severe allergies - these allergies can be life threatening. Because of this we are **a NUT FREE** school (as are most schools these days!) This includes foods containing nuts such as peanut cereal bars and of course Nutella. Please do not send any food containing nuts into school.



Harvest Festival

Next Monday morning we will have our annual harvest festival. It is an old tradition, but it useful for the children to understand where food comes from and understand that food is not always a given thing for everyone. In recent years we have done a foodbank drive and are doing the same this year. So, if you are able to donate any thing at all it would be much appreciated. We will take it all to Stockport Foodbank later that week.

Urgently needed food items

Snacks such as individually packed chocolate bars, cereal bars, breadsticks and crisps

Packets of biscuits

Tinned meat

Rice (500g bags)

Tinned tomatoes

Tinned soup

Tinned baked beans

Tinned fruit

Sanitary towels

Shampoo

Toothpaste

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)
Wed 24 th	KS1 parents reading and phonics workshop 2.45pm (change of date)
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 2 nd	Reception parents reading and phonics workshop – 2.45pm
Thurs 2 nd	NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS
Fri 17 th	Thumbs Up Friday!
Wed 22 nd	Film Night (more info to follow)
Fri 24 th	Half term
November	
Fri 7 th	Own clothes – Bring a bottle for the Fayre
Fri 14 th	Children in Need Own clothes day
Fri 21 st	Own clothes – Bring a filled paper bag for the fayre
Fri 28 th	Own Clothes – Bring chocolate for the fayre
December	
Thurs 4 th	DEAR (drop everything a read!)
Fri 5 th	Christmas Fayre 3.30 – 5pm
Fri 19 th	Finish for Christmas Wear something Christmassy!

Any new dates or changes are highlighted

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.



Lunchtime class of week:

Reception: Roman-Arthur

KS1: Squirrels

LKS2: Falcons

UKS2: Ospreys



Golden Broom:

Yr3/4 Kites



Attendance: Our Whole School attendance this week is: 96.7%

The following classes all got over 96% this week: Y2 Foxes, Y3 Falcons, Y4 Owls, Y5 Merlins, Y5 Kestrels – they will all get an extra playtime next week.

The class with the highest attendance was Reception Badgers with 99.6%!

Badgers spun the wheel to win 'Sweet Treat Friday!'. This will take place next Friday.



Certificate winners:

Badgers: Roman

Y1/2 Squirrels: Abeeha

Y2 Foxes: Hunter-Cole

Y3 Falcons: Theo D

Y3/4 Kites: Joseph B

Y4 Owls: Heidi

Y5 Merlins: Henry

Y5 Kestrels: Conor

Y6 Ospreys: Henry B

*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

