

# Abingdon Primary School



Friday 10th October 2025

## Ms Spendlows' Welcome

Happy Friday Everyone!

It has been a lovely week at Abingdon this week. The children are in the full swing of their curriculum topics and writing/maths units and we have seen lots of fantastic work. Across the school we are working on handwriting and we have seen some lovely examples this week. Next week is a very busy, but exciting, week in school with it being DT week and Ancient Greece workshops taking place for our Lower Key Stage 2 and to top it all off we look forward to seeing you all next Friday at our first 'Thumbs Up!' event of the year.

Sadly, this week has seen some property stolen from our school grounds. We have contacted the police and they are well underway with their investigations. Please can I remind parents that bikes and scooters are brought and left on the school premise at the risk of their owners and I would advise everyone doing so to also bring a bike lock to deter thieves.

Today is World Mental Health day, which the children have looked at in classes. Just a little reminder to take some time to look after your own mental health. Remember the 5 ways to wellbeing and try to do one of them this weekend to give yourself a boost! It just leaves me to wish you all a fabulous weekend!



<https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/our-work/public-engagement/world-mental-health-day>



## This Week's Roundup

**Forest Schools-** The next session of Forest Schools is on **Fri 17th October** and is for Y5 Kestrels and Y1/2 Squirrels – this is a change of day

## Driveway

As a matter of Health and Safety, please can we remind parents to keep to the pavement when walking down the driveway to before or after school club or the office. Please do not walk down the middle of the drive.

## Halloween Raffle

We are holding our annual Halloween raffle. Tickets are now on sale on school spider or by bring £1 per strip to the office. The raffle will be drawn in Children's assembly on the last Friday of half term. The prizes are Trick or Treat buckets filled with treats!



### 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.



### 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



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

| October    |                                                      |
|------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| Fri 17th   | Thumbs Up Friday!                                    |
| Wed 22nd   | Film Night (more info to follow)                     |
| Fri 24th   | Half term                                            |
| November   |                                                      |
| Fri 7th    | Own clothes – Bring a bottle for the Fayre           |
| Fri 14th   | Children in Need Own clothes day                     |
| Fri 21st   | 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 5th    | Christmas Fayre 3.30 – 5pm                           |
| Thurs 11th | Reception Nativity 9.15am                            |
| Tues 16th  | LKS2 Christmas Singalong 9.15am                      |
| Wed 17th   | UKS2 Christmas singalong 9.15am                      |
| Fri 19th   | Finish for Christmas<br>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 1<sup>st</sup> September – INSET Day

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September – INSET Day

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September – Whole school return.

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October – Finish for Half Term

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November – INSET Day

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November – Whole school return

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Finish for Christmas

### Spring Term

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January – Whole school return

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February – Finish for Half Term

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February – INSET Day

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February – Whole school return

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March – Finish for Easter

### Summer Term

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April – Whole school return

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May – May Bank Holiday

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May – Finish for Half Term

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June – Whole school return

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July – Finish for summer

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July – INSET Day

# Celebrations

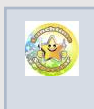
## Hot Chocolate!

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 child/class of week:

Reception: Archie



KS1: Squirrels

LKS2: Owls

UKS2: Kestrels

The classes named all get an extra playtime as a reward for lining up nicely and following the core values at lunchtime.

## Golden Broom:

# Rec Badgers



**Attendance:** Our Whole School attendance this week is: 95.4%

The following classes all got over 96% this week: Reception Badgers, Y3 Falcons, Y3/4 Kites, Y5 Merlins, Y5 Kestrels – they will all get an extra playtime next week.

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

Kites spun the wheel to win 'Sweet Treat Friday'.



## Certificate winners:

Badgers: Andrew

Y1/2 Squirrels: Lillie-Mae

Y2 Foxes: Kai

Y3 Falcons: Thea

Y3/4 Kites: Laiba

Y4 Owls: Summer

Y5 Merlins: Ellie D

Y5 Kestrels: Mitchell

Y6 Ospreys: Nhyiraba

*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 an iPhone 17 Pro!**

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

