

Abingdon Primary School



Friday 17th October 2025

Ms Spendlows' Welcome

Happy Friday Everyone!

What a very busy week we have had! The week started with an assembly on Black History Month and this year's theme of 'Standing Firm in Power and Pride'. We looked at some inspirational figures including Ade Adepitan, William Robinson Clarke and Malorie Blackman.

Our LKS2 children took part in Greek Workshops to support their learning – more about this below!

All week, classes have been concentrating on Design & Technology and have been creating and making a selection of things across the school. Some of the creations show a few future designers and engineers in our midst!

Thank you to all who came to our 'Thumbs Up Friday!' this morning. The children love showing you the work they have been producing and are so proud of their books and work!

Next week we have our annual fundraising film night on Wednesday. Ms Flanders has sent out a Classdojo with all the details. Please sign up before the morning of Wednesday 22nd October to secure a place. The children will all get a drink and a snack (either a hotdog or vegetarian option).

Have a wonderful weekend!



This Week's Roundup

Forest Schools- The next session of Forest Schools is on **Thursday 16th October** and is for **Y5 Kestrels and Y1/2 Squirrels**.

Greek Workshops

Our LKS2 children took part in Greek workshops this week to help support and enhance their learning on the subject. They engaged in role play to re-enact scenarios and investigate artefacts from the era.

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	
Wed 22nd	Film Night (see attached flyer)
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 and read!)
Fri 5 th	Christmas Fayre 3.30 – 5pm
Thurs 11 th	Reception Nativity 9.15am
Fri 12 th	KS1 nativity 9.15am
Tues 16 th	LKS2 Christmas Singalong 9.15am
Wed 17 th	UKS2 Christmas singalong 9.15am
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 child/class of week:

Reception: Zayna



KS1: Foxes

LKS2: Falcons

UKS2: Merlins

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

Golden Broom:

Y3/4 Kites



Attendance: Our Whole School attendance this week is: 96.47%

The following classes all got over 96% this week: Reception Badgers, Y2 Foxes, Y3 Falcons, Y3/4 Kites, Y5 Merlins, Y5 Kestrels, Y6 Ospreys – they will all get an extra playtime next week.

The class with the highest attendance was Y2 Foxes with 99.3%!

Foxes spun the wheel to win 'Games afternoon'. Mrs Marsden will let you know which afternoon this will be.



Certificate winners:

Badgers: Mohammad

Y1/2 Squirrels: Lilly-Rae

Y2 Foxes: Owen

Y3 Falcons: Oliver

Y3/4 Kites: Annabelle

Y4 Owls: Alfie

Y5 Merlins: Nyla

Y5 Kestrels: Sebby

Y6 Ospreys: Lexi

*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

