

Abingdon Primary School



Friday 24th October 2025

Ms Spendlows' Welcome

Happy Friday Everyone!

Well here we are at the end of our first half-term, and what an amazing half-term it has been! There has been lots of amazing learning going on across the classes, supported by visits and visitors!

Some of our children have already represented our school at sporting events such as the athletics competition recently. Our football team hosted St. Elizabeth's after school for a friendly match last week, and although the result was not in our favour, the boys enjoyed putting their training skills into action. And of course, we all took part in Freddy Fit on Wednesday.

This year we have become a 'Primary Red' school, working with the MUFoundation. Already we have had a visit from Fred The Red and have signed up to work with 'The Book Project' where each child will receive 2 free books to keep three times over the year. Some of our Year 5 children are training to be our next leaders, with a leadership programme over the next year. Some of our school council members are also going to become part of the Eco Reds programme, hopefully making our school more Eco friendly, and putting a spotlight on the environment and how we can help protect it.

Just a reminder that the first day back after the half-term break is a teacher INSET day. **The children are due back into school on Tuesday 4th November.**

It just leaves me to wish you all a wonderful half-term break!



This Week's Roundup

Forest Schools- The first session of Forest Schools after the break will be on **Thursday 6th November** and is for **Reception Badgers**.

Film Night

Thank you to everyone who supported 'Film Night' this week. We hope the children enjoyed the film and had a fun time. We raised a whopping £625 for our school fund. This goes towards any Educational Visits, extracurricular events etc

MUFoundation Leadership Programme

Four Y5 children attended their first session on the MUFoundation leadership programme on Thursday at Old Trafford. They took part in three workshops to enhance their refereeing skills, their first aid skills and their game playing skills. They represented the school amazingly and made us so proud!



Freddy Fit

Film Night!



MUFoundation Leadership Day

Football Team News

Well done to our football team who beat St Paul's 1-0 here at Abingdon on Thursday night. Amazing result!

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>)

Halloween Raffle

Thank you to everyone who bought Halloween Raffle Prizes. The raffle was drawn this morning and all the prizes went home today. We raised just about £150!! Again this will go to extracurricular events through School Fund. Thank you!!!



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 24 th	Half term
November	
Mon 3 rd	INSET Day – No children in
Fri 7 th	Own clothes – Bring a bottle for the Fayre
Mon 10 th	Odd Socks Day – Anti-bullying Week
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

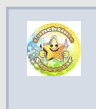
Hot Chocolate!

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



Lunchtime child/class of week:

Reception: Kayson



KS1: Squirrels

LKS2: Owls

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:

Y1 / 2 Squirrels



Attendance: Our Whole School attendance this week is: 95%

The following classes all got over 96% this week: Y3 Falcons, Y4 Owls, Y5 Kestrels – they will all get an extra playtime the first week back.

The class with the highest attendance was Y5 Kestrels with 99.6%!

Kestrels spun the wheel to win 'Art Afternoon'. Mr Crone will let you know which afternoon this



Certificate winners:

Badgers: Willow

Y1/2 Squirrels: Isabella E

Y2 Foxes: Aseda

Y3 Falcons: Kye

Y3/4 Kites: Oliver

Y4 Owls: Alfie

Y5 Merlins: Alfie

Y5 Kestrels: Elsie

Y6 Ospreys: Nhyraba

This week we had 'Children's Assembly', so all of our certificate winners were nominated by their peers.

*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

