

# Abingdon Primary School



Friday 5th December 2025

## Ms Spendlow's Welcome

Happy Friday Everyone!

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas!!

All our children are in full swing Christmas mode rehearsing for next week's performances. As I sit in my office the angelic voices of our Reception children drift through the adjoining wall and I can't help but smile.

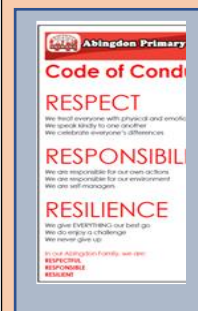
The week started with our Monday assembly looking at the meaning of Advent and the preparations that take place on the lead up to the festive period.

On Tuesday, the children took part in a Santa Run in classes and we will announce the money raised next week.

The week has ended with a Christmas treat for the winners of our recent raffle of a trip to PlayFactor with the MUFoundation. The children had an amazing morning in the soft play area and received a treat bag.

We look forward to seeing you all this afternoon at our Christmas Fayre!

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

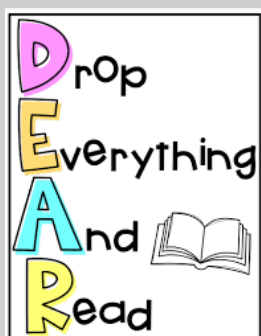


## This Week's Roundup

**Forest Schools-** The next session of Forest Schools will be on **Thursday 11th December** and is for **Y3/4 Kites and Y3 Falcons**. Remember to send your children in with **appropriate warm clothing!**

## DEAR

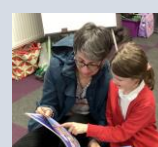
Thank you to all the parents who attended our DEAR (Drop Everything and Read) session this week. It is such a lovely event and the children really love you coming into class and hearing them read! – Even in Year 5 and 6!!!



## Santa Run



## DEAR



## PlayFactor



### 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

December	
Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup>	Reception Nativity 9.15am
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup>	KS1 nativity 9.15am
Tues 16 <sup>th</sup>	UKS2 Christmas Singalong 9.15am
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup>	LKS2 Christmas singalong 9.15am
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup>	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 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

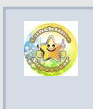
## Hot Chocolate!

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: Jaxon



KS1: Squirrels

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:

### Reception Badgers



Attendance: Our Whole School attendance this week is: 94.18%

The following classes all got over 96% this week: Y5 Merlins and Y5 Kestrels - they will both get an extra playtime next week.

The class with the highest attendance was Y5 Kestrels with 97.7%!

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



## Certificate winners:

Badgers: Amal

Y1/2 Squirrels: Hadi

Y2 Foxes: Elliott

Y3 Falcons: Thedamsa

Y3/4 Kites: Alfie R

Y4 Owls: Oliver H

Y5 Merlins: Harley M

Y5 Kestrels: Olivia

Y6 Ospreys: Alisha

*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/>



This weekend, you could win this amazing Nintendo Switch 2 gaming bundle, just in time for Christmas

This Christmas, one lucky supporter WILL win a £10,000 cash bonanza - that's £5,000 for you, and a whopping £5,000 for our school, too! What a way to spread some festive cheer!

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