

Abingdon Primary School



Friday 9th January 2026

Ms Spendlow's Welcome

Happy Friday Everyone!

Welcome back to the Spring term! (Although the weather doesn't seem to have got the memo!!) Thank you to everyone for their patience on Monday and Tuesday morning whilst we battled the elements to get you all into school.

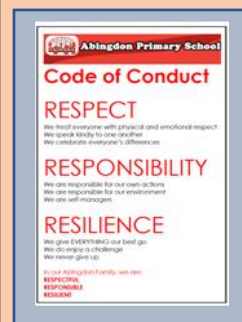
We hope that everyone had a festive break and are raring to go in what is our shortest (but no less busy) term. We still have lots of teaching and learning to fit into less weeks, but we always love a challenge!

This week we have started back with Forest School for Years 6 & 2 and our Year 3 children have started their swimming lessons. Please make sure you send your child in with the correct clothing and equipment for these activities.

Today a small group of boys attended a football tournament with Mrs Lamb and Mr Rowe at The Cliff, they were very excited leaving at lunchtime and we are looking forward to hearing how they have got on!

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

Ms Spendlow



This Week's Roundup

Forest Schools- Forest School will resume on Thursday 15th January with Y6 Ospreys and Y2 Foxes.

Please ensure that you send your child in with appropriate warm clothing that you don't mind getting dirty.

Forest School dates Spring term 2025-26



Thursdays

8 th Jan	Y6 Ospreys & Y2 Foxes
15 th Jan	Y6 Ospreys & Y2 Foxes
22 nd Jan	Y5 Merlins & Y1/2 Squirrels
29 th Jan	Y5 Merlins & Y1/2 Squirrels
5 th Feb	Y5 Kestrels & Y3 Falcons
12 th Feb	Y5 Kestrels & Y3 Falcons
Half term	
26 th Feb	Y4 Owls & Y3/4 Kites
5 th March	Y4 Owls & Y3/4 Kites
12 th March	Rec Badgers
19 th March	Rec Badgers
26 th March	Rec Badgers

Year 2 Foxes
Forest School –
Bug Hunt!



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!

The Autumn term winner, winning a £50 Asda voucher is Thomas in Y3!

For the Spring term, the prize is £50 Greene King voucher – so you can have a family meal out!

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

January	
Thurs 15 th	Deadline for Reception place applications
February	
Fri 6 th	Thumbs-up Friday 8.45 – 9.15am
Mon 16 th – Fri 20 th Half-term	
Mon 23 rd	INSET Day
Tues 24 th	Whole School Return
Tues 24 th	Vision Screening for Reception Children
Wed 25 th	Rotary Club Speaking Competition
Thurs 26 th	DEAR 8.45 – 9.15am
Fri 27 th	Freddy Fit Day
March	
Thurs 5 th	World Book Day
Wed 11 th	Film Night (info nearer the date)
Wed 18 th – Fri 20 th	Year 6 Residential to Robinwood
Wed 25 th & Thurs 26 th	Parent Consultation Evenings
Fri 27 th	Finish for Easter No After school Club

*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.

Please remember that there will be no after-school club on the last day of term.

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

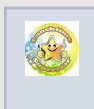
Hot Chocolate!

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. Hot chocolate will resume on Monday 12th January



Lunchtime child/class of week:

Reception: Amal



KS1: Foxes

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:



Year 6 Ospreys

Attendance: Our Whole School attendance this week is: 95.1%

The following classes all got over 96% this week:, Y1/2 Squirrels, Y3/4 Kites, Y4 Owls and Y5 Merlins - they all get an extra playtime the next week.

The class with the highest attendance was Y5 Merlins, with 98.5%!

Merlins spun the wheel to win 'whole class hot chocolate! '. They will have this one day next week.



Certificate winners:

Badgers: Zainab

Y1/2 Squirrels: Harvey

Y2 Foxes: Edith

Y3 Falcons: Lucie-Mae

Y3/4 Kites: Lottie

Y4 Owls: Alice M

Y5 Merlins: Eric

Y5 Kestrels: Ayesha

Y6 Ospreys: Sofia

*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/>



Kicking things off with our New Year Super Draw this January, we're thrilled to bring back an old favourite- one lucky supporter will win a huge £1,000 Aldi gift card (or of course, a £1,000 cash alternative.)

Stock up on groceries, Super 6 fruit and veg, and award-winning wines; or splash out on those unexpected Specialbuys in the middle aisle – who knows what you'll come home with!?

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