

# Abingdon Primary School



Friday 23rd January 2026

## Ms Spendlow's Welcome

Happy Friday Everyone!

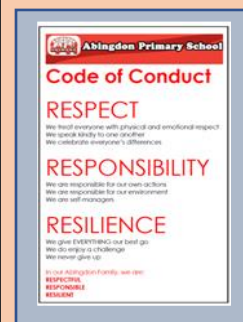
The week started off with a visit from Music for Schools Foundation. This foundation works with schools to offer peripatetic music lessons. The children were introduced to a number of instruments such as the clarinet, saxophone, flute and trumpet. What a very creative start to the week!

On Tuesday, our after-school dance club showed off all their hard work in a showcase performance at Reddish Vale High School. The children performed beautifully and really enjoyed the experience of performing on a stage. Well done to you all!

Just a reminder that we have our celebration assemblies on a Friday afternoon, and although we love to celebrate the achievements of the children in school each week, we also feel that it is important to celebrate any achievements from out of school activities. So, if your child(ren) are part of clubs and groups where they have received recognition in some way, please let us know so that we can celebrate it as a whole school.

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

Ms Spendlow

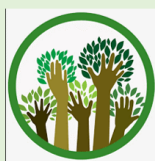


## This Week's Roundup

**Forest Schools-** Forest School next week will be on Thursday 29th January with Y5 Merlins and Y1/2 Squirrels.

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

## Music for Schools Assembly



Dance Club  
Performance at  
RVHS

### 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

February	
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup>	Thumbs-up Friday 8.45 – 9.15am
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> Half-term	
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup>	INSET Day
Tues 24 <sup>th</sup>	Whole School Return
Tues 24 <sup>th</sup>	Vision Screening for Reception Children
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup>	Rotary Club Speaking Competition
Thurs 26 <sup>th</sup>	DEAR 8.45 – 9.15am
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup>	Freddy Fit Day
March	
Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup>	World Book Day
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup>	Film Night (info nearer the date)
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 20 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Residential to Robinwood
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup> & Thurs 26 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Consultation Evenings
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup>	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 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. Hot chocolate will resume on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January



## Lunchtime child/class of week:

Reception: Anaya



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:

# Reception Badgers



**Attendance:** Our Whole School attendance this week is: 94.9%

The following classes all got over 96% this week: Y1/2 Squirrels, Y2 Foxes, Y3/4 Kites, Y5 Merlins, and Y6 Ospreys - they all get an extra playtime next week.

The class with the highest attendance was Y5 Merlins, with a near perfect 99%!

Merlins spun the wheel to win 'Games Afternoon!' Mrs White will let you know which afternoon this will be.



## Certificate winners:

Badgers: Zayna

Y1/2 Squirrels: Ivey-Jayne

Y2 Foxes: Robyn

Y3 Falcons: Sabrina

Y3/4 Kites: Annabelle

Y4 Owls: Isaac

Y5 Merlins: Rosie

Y5 Kestrels: Aisha K

Y6 Ospreys: Charlie

*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.