

Abingdon Primary School



Friday 13th February 2026

Ms Spendlow's Welcome

Happy Friday Everyone!

Well, we are officially halfway through the academic year! This has been a very busy half-term for all our children and staff. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for all of their hard work these past six weeks.

After half-term we are delighted to welcome back Miss Walton to school. She is returning from her maternity leave and will be joining Mrs Brett in Y4 Owls.

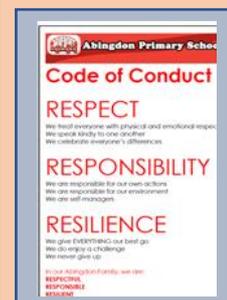
Attached to today's newsletter is an information leaflet from Stockport NHS for parents on how to manage common childhood illnesses and when to seek medical advice.

Stockport's Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme is running again this half term, making sure eligible children can enjoy fun, active days with a healthy meal included, from skateboarding and quick cricket, to building bug hotels and sensory play. To check if you are eligible and how to book places please go to the web page below.

<https://educationstockport.uk/Article/183340>

Remember that Monday 23rd February is an INSET Day for teachers only. Children return to school on Tuesday 24th February! It just leaves me to wish you all a fabulous half-term break!

Ms Spendlow



This Week's Roundup

Forest Schools- Forest School after the break will be on **Thursday** 26th February with Y5 Merlins and Y3/4 Kites.

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

Girls' Football Tournament

On Thursday a group of our girls competed in a football tournament held at The Cliff training ground with the MU Foundation. There were eleven teams competing and our girls came ninth overall. (Unfortunately, we did lose a player to injury – we hope you recover soon Lexi!!)

The girls had a good time and upheld the standards of our values throughout. Well done girls we are so proud of you!

Olivia in Year 5 (and her football team) took part in the filming of an M&S advert and got to meet England footballer Jill Scott.

Look out for our celebrity when it airs!!!!



Girls' Football Tournament



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 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	
	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 authorise 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.



Lunchtime child/class of week:

Reception: Ryan



KS1: Foxes

LKS2: Kites

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:

Y1/2 Squirrels



Attendance: Our Whole School attendance this week is: 95.5%

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

Two classes had the highest attendance this week. They were Y3/4 Kites & Y6 Ospreys with 97.5%!

They both spun the wheel with Kites winning 'Games Afternoon!' and Ospreys winning 'Whole Class Hot chocolate'. The teachers will let you know which afternoons these will be.



Certificate winners:

Badgers: Tommy

Y1/2 Squirrels: Abeeha

Y2 Foxes: Edith

Y3 Falcons: Asal

Y3/4 Kites: Hasnain

Y4 Owls: Essie

Y5 Merlins: Michelle

Y5 Kestrels: Darcie-Leigh

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/>



February's Super Draw brings back a firm favourite - and this month one of your supporters could win a Luxury City Break worth £1,000 (or £1,000 cash!) Whether you want to hit the West End for a weekend, see the architecture and nightlife of Barcelona, sample the art and food of Florence, or soak up the culture in Paris, this prize is simply not to be missed!

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