

Abingdon Primary School



Friday 13th March 2026

Ms Spendlow's Welcome

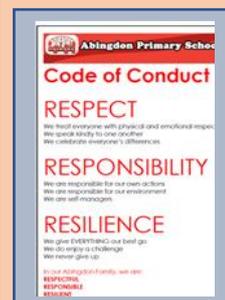
Happy Friday Everyone!

'Curiosity' and 'resilience' have been our words of the week. The week began with an assembly on 'Resilience' and how we can bounce back from set-backs and face problems with confidence and in a calm manner. This week has also been British Science Week, with the theme being 'curiosity'. Our KS1 children have been curious chemists; LKS2 have been curious about critters, and UKS2 have been curious about the Cosmos. The children have engaged in a number of activities around their chosen subject and the KS2 children took part in a live 'Horrible Science' lesson streamed by the BBC.

We have been sent a 'Children's Toothbrushing Guide' by the Reception Starts team and have attached it to this newsletter for all parents to see. Tooth decay is the leading cause of hospital admissions for children aged 5-9 – and good habits start early. The guide shares: When and how to brush young children's teeth; practical tips to build brushing into home routines; other ways to maintain children's oral health and is fully inclusive for families of children with SEND.

Next week sees our Y6 cohort go on the annual residential trip to Robinwood, they will have a fabulous time – let's hope the weather is kind to them!

Ms Spendlow



This Week's Roundup

Forest Schools- Forest School next week will be on **Thursday** 19th March with Reception Badgers.

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

Easter Chick Sale.

Our annual sale of Easter chicks with chocolate eggs is back! They are currently on sale from the school office for £2. All proceeds go to Francis House Hospice.



British Science Week!



Cricket Enrichment Day



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On Thursday the children had the opportunity to try out their cricket skills. Despite the weather, everyone had a fabulous time!

Parents Evening

Parent Consultations are on the last week of term before Easter. Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26th. Bookings are all now open. If you are wanting a specific slot please book early to avoid disappointment.

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!



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

March	
Wed 18th – Fri 20th	Year 6 Residential to Robinwood
Friday 20th	Red Nose Day – Own clothes/red noses etc - £1
Wed 25th & Thurs 26th	Parent Consultation Evenings
Fri 27th	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: Willow



KS1: Foxes

LKS2: Falcons

UKS2: Ospreys

The classes named all get an extra playtime as a reward for lining up nicely and following the core values at lunchtime.

Golden Broom:

Y6 Ospreys



Attendance: Our Whole School attendance this week is: 95.6%

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 next week.

The class with the highest attendance this were Y5 Merlins with a fantastic 98%!

Merlins spun the wheel winning 'Whole School Hot Chocolate!' Mrs White will let you know which afternoon this will be.



Certificate winners:

Badgers: Isabelle

Y1/2 Squirrels: Ava

Y2 Foxes: Jaxon

Y3 Falcons: Jacob

Y3/4 Kites: Renae

Y4 Owls: Ollie

Y5 Merlins: Henry

Y5 Kestrels: Linkon

Y6 Ospreys: Rocco



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/>



It's time to put your feet up with a cuppa while the robots take care of your gardening and spring cleaning! somebody could win this amazing Home Robot Bundle in the March Super Draw - and make spring cleaning a breeze! You could be taking home a Roomba 405 Plus combo vacuum and mop for carpets and hard floors, and a Lawnmaster Ocumow to keep the garden under control - all while you focus on the important things! Of course there's always the £1,000 cash alternative too - or you can choose to go green, and plant 1,000 trees!

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