



Abingdon Primary School

Friday 29th November 2024

Ms Spendlows' Welcome



This Sunday is the first Sunday of Advent. And whether you are religious or not the four words on the advent candles above are very meaningful to all and over the next 4 weeks in the lead up to Christmas (in what can be a very challenging time!) I know that we all wish these things for everyone and it is a good time to reflect on that. With that in mind, if this Christmas is going to be financially difficult for you, please let Mr Cumberbatch know this week in confidence as we may be able to help in some way.



Wellbeing Challenge



One of the 5 ways to wellbeing is 'Connect'. If you don't already, try to have an evening this week with no devices - adults and children! (maybe even have a forfeit for the first person to pick theirs up!)

This Week's Roundup

Forest School

Forest School is for Year 3/4 Kites and Year 3 Falcons next week (5th Dec)

We are always on the look out for natural materials for our forest school area - large sticks, logs to sit on, crates etc if you can help please let the office know.

DEAR and Reading Challenge

Thank you to all who Dropped Everything And Read yesterday. The children always love you coming into class.

In school we have launched our Reading Challenge for 2024-25. The children are collecting stars for reading. If they read 5 times they win a star. 5 stars wins certificate and in KS2 they also win a tops trumps author card to collect. They might also win stars for book reviews, extra reading, helping others with their reading, illustrations – anything reading related!!

The children with the most stars at the end of the year will be chosen to take part in the Annual Children's Book Awards at the Town Hall – which was amazing last year!



Crucial Crew



CIST workshops



Year 6 Crucial Crew

Year 6 attended Crucial Crew this week. It is an annual event where the children learn about keeping safe – online, at home and when out and about and is run by various emergency services. The children learnt lots and had a great time this year.

CIST Christmas workshop

Christians in Schools (CIST) were with KS1 this week, learning about the Christmas story. They told the Christmas story and looked at objects and images linked to it and even finished with a song!

Christmas Fayre



Raffle tickets are on sale on school spider and via the office!

The booking for our Santa Meet and Greet at the Fayre is just about full -There may be one or two slots left in the final session – have a look and grab them quickly!

If anyone has anything they would like to donate at a raffle prize for the Christmas fair we would very much appreciate it!

We are looking forward to seeing you all at the Fayre next Friday 6th December 3.30 – 5pm!

Beat the Bell

Beat the Bell is running all the way to Christmas. If the children are in class in time when the register takes place their names goes into a jar and each week there will be a winner from each class! – The more times your name is in it – the more chance you have of winning!!!

StudyBugs



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	
Fri 6th	Christmas Fayre 3.30 – 5pm No AFTER SCHOOL CLUB
Tues 10 th	Reception Nativity 9.15am – 10.00am
Wed 11th	KS1 nativity 9.15am – 10.15am
Tues 17th	Christmas Dinner (booking to follow)
Wed 18 th	Christmas Party day
Thurs 19th	Christmas Jumper Day! No AFTER SCHOOL CLUB School Closes at 3.15pm for Christmas
January	
2 nd & 3rd	INSET days
Mon 6 th	Children return to school

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Celebrations

Hot Chocolate Winners!



Lunchtime class of week:

KS1 Class of the week is Squirrels

LKS2 Class of the week is Owls

UKS2 Class of the week is Hawks

Reception lunchtime star of the week is Roman.



Golden Broom:

Year 3
Falcons



Attendance: Our Whole School attendance this week is: *94.4%* ↓

Sadly, there were no classes over 96% this week

However, the class with the highest attendance was: Foxes with *95.5%*.

They have won some Golden time!



Certificate winners:

Badgers: *Lincoln*

Y1 Squirrels: *Aseda*

Y1/2 Hedgehogs: *Rem*

Y2 Foxes: *Hermione*

Y3 Falcons: *Jaida*

Y3/4 Kites: *Lola M*

Y4 Owls: *Lyla*

Y5 Merlins: *Nhyiraba*

Y6 Ospreys: *Alfred*

Y6 Hawks: *Damian*

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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.

This week the winner generously donated their win back to school. Thank you!

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/>

