



Abingdon Primary School

🎄 Friday 13th December 2024 🎄

Ms Spendlows' Welcome

Thank you for all your support with the Christmas Fayre, we are very pleased to say that we raised £1282!

We have lots of lovely news in our Abingdon Family just in time for Christmas that we would like to share. Miss Walton and Mrs Butler (in UKS2) are both expecting! Miss Walton is due in April and Mrs Butler in May. We all so happy for them!

Also, lots of the classes took part in the BBC 500 Word story challenge and 2 children from our school have been shortlisted for the next round! Zaviyan in Y2 and Danica in Y6. They have been chosen for this round out of thousands of children across the country. Fingers crossed that they go even further in the competition!

Other reminders: Mrs Murray will continue to run her annual Christmas stall until Wednesday. The children can buy a £1 gift for someone in their family. The gifts will be wrapped and delivered to the children at the end of term. Just bring in £1 any time during the week.

We also have some treat bags left over from the Christmas fayre. If the children bring in £1 – they can choose one -until stocks last!!!



This Week's Roundup

Forest School

There is NO forest school next week as it is the last day of term.

Please see the dates opposite for the next terms forest school rota.

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

Nativity Performances.

This week is always the best week of the year! We love watching the children in Reception and KS1 perform their Christmas show and Nativity.

Classes watched the dress rehearsals on Monday and then the big days came on Tuesday and Wednesday.

All the children were amazing! They knew their lines, knew when to come on stage and sang just beautifully. Now we've watched the shows we know Christmas is just around the corner!

Forest School dates Spring term



Thursdays

9 th Jan	Y6 Ospreys & Y2 Foxes
16 th Jan	Y6 Ospreys & Y2 Foxes
23 rd Jan	Y5 Merlins & Y2 Foxes
30 th Jan	Y5 Merlins & Y1/2 Hedgehogs
6 th Feb	Y6 Hawks & Y1/2 Hedgehogs
13 th Feb	Y6 Hawks & Y1/2 Hedgehogs
Half term	
27 th Feb	Rec & Y1 Squirrels
6 th March	Rec & Y1 Squirrels
13 th March	Rec & Y1 Squirrels
20 th March	Rec & Y4 Owls
27 th March	Y3/4 Kites & Y4 owls
3 rd April	Year 3/4 Kites & Falcons
10 th April	Y3 Falcons



Rocksteady

We had our Christmas Rocksteady performance yesterday and it was fantastic to hear the bands and see how far they have come. If you want your child to join Rocksteady in the New Year please have a look at the attached letter.

Jolabokafloð!

Have you ever heard of Jolabokafloð? Roughly translated it means 'Christmas Book Flood' and it is the Icelandic traditional of giving and enjoying books on Christmas Eve with a cosy blanket and a tasty treat!

Our KS1 classes are holding their own Jolabokafloð on Thursday 19th December. They can bring in a cosy blanket or cushion and a book from home (or read one of the many books in our classrooms) so they can have a calm, cosy Christmassy reading session on the last day!



Attendance Awards

Don't forget that at the end of each term we put the names of all the children who have over 96% across the term into a draw so that the family can win a Greene Kings voucher! We will draw it on the last week of term and let the winners know!

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

December	
Tues 17 th	Christmas Dinner
Wed 18 th	Christmas Party day
Thurs 19 th	Christmas Jumper Day! Jolabokafloð -see info opposite – KS1 only NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB School Closes at 3.15pm for Christmas
January	
2 nd & 3 rd	INSET days
Mon 6 th	Children return to school
Mon 13 th	Chester Zoo visit – all classes

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Celebrations

Hot Chocolate Winners!

No hot chocolate today and we are not in school next Friday – so it will restart in the new year! 😊



Lunchtime class of week:

KS1 Class of the week is Squirrels

LKS2 Class of the week is Kites

UKS2 Class of the week is Merlins

Reception lunchtime star of the week is Isabella E.



Golden Broom:

Year 4

OWLS



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

There were 3 classes over 96% this week! - Foxes, Kites, Owls

However, the class with the highest attendance was: Kites again with 96.3%.

They have won a Pyjama day! Mr Taylor will tell you when it is.



Certificate winners:

Badgers: Himath

Y1 Squirrels: Elliott

Y1/2 Hedgehogs: Estee

Y2 Foxes: Theo D

Y3 Falcons: Lara

Y3/4 Kites: Linkon

Y4 Owls: Sebby

Y5 Merlins: Rory

Y6 Ospreys: Paige

Y6 Hawks: Kai

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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/>

