



Abingdon Primary School

Friday 10th January 2025

Ms Spendlows' Welcome

Happy New Year, and welcome back to everyone! We hope that you all had a restful break and managed to spend quality time with family and friends. I would like to say a huge 'Thank you!' to all our staff and families for their resilience and hardiness this week in our Arctic conditions. Thankfully, the weather is set to improve over the weekend and into next week.

We start next week with a bang! We have our whole school trip to Chester Zoo, and I for one am very excited!! There have been a number of messages sent out over this past week with details for you; but the main points to remember are that children need to be in school from 08.30am as the coaches are hoping to leave as close to 09.00am as possible. We can't wait for late attendees and there will be no classes open in school that day. The next important thing to remember is clothing. Although it is predicted to be a balmy 7 degrees, we still need children to wear warm clothes – coats, hats and gloves and comfortable shoes. And don't forget packed lunch for those bringing their own!

We will share some of the photographs from the trip next week!

Have a lovely weekend everyone.



This Week's Roundup

Forest School

Forest schools is for Ospreys and Foxes next Thursday

This week's forest schools' sessions were like a scene from Narnia! Everyone braved the cold for a short time to build fires and explore in the wintery conditions and make snow bases.

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.

Bible Encounters



Mrs Fraser from Bible Encounters joined us today for an assembly all about 'The Lost Sheep'.

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



Attendance Awards

Each term we put all the names of the children who have over 96% attendance into a draw. The winning name receives a supermarket voucher for their family. It is just a little way for us to say thank you to you for getting your children into school so regularly. Good luck for the Easter draw!

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

January	
2 nd & 3 rd	INSET days
Mon 6 th	Children return to school
Mon 13 th	Chester Zoo visit – all classes
Wed 22 nd	People who help us – Police visit to reception
Thurs 23 rd	Dental Toolbox visit for Reception
Fri 24 th	TimesTable Rockstars Day – Dress like a rock star!
February	
Fri 7 th	Thumbs up Friday
Fri 14 th	Finish for Half term

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Celebrations

Hot Chocolate Winners!

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 class of week:

This will start again next week!



Golden Broom:

Year 2
Foxes



Attendance: Our Whole School attendance this week is: 94.3% ↓

There were 2 classes over 96% this week! - Ospreys and Merlins

However, the class with the highest attendance was: Merlins with 97.8%.

They have won film time.



Certificate winners:

Badgers: Lillie-Mae

Y1 Squirrels: Ava

Y1/2 Hedgehogs: Daoud

Y2 Foxes: Thea

Y3 Falcons: Ahmed

Y3/4 Kites: Alfie

Y4 Owls: Nyla

Y5 Merlins: Rocco

Y6 Ospreys: Alfred

Y6 Hawks: Harry H

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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.

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

