



Abingdon Primary School

Friday 17th January 2025

Ms Spendlows' Welcome

What a wild week we have had!! The week started with a whole school trip to Chester Zoo where the children saw an abundance of wild and exotic animals, from elephants and rhinos, to red pandas and snow leopards.

I would like to thank all the staff and volunteers, for their help and time on the day; and especially the children who made me so proud with their behaviour throughout the day.

How do you follow a week like this? Well EYFS have a very exciting visit next week by the police talking about how they help us in the community. We have swimming for Yr 3 & 4, and forest schools is continuing across school.

Although we have already relaunched the TT Rockstars across school, next Friday will see a TT Rockstars day, for the children to show their skills off and enjoy some old school rock music!

Have a fabulous weekend everyone!



This Week's Roundup

Forest School

Forest schools is for Merlins and Foxes next Thursday

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.

Chester Zoo

What an amazing day we all had on Monday! The children were fantastic – so well behaved and just so interested in all the animals that they saw. Thank you to all the staff - taking the whole school out is no mean feat! And also thank you to the parents who volunteered to come with us – we could not have done it without you!



Rockstar Day!

We have had this on the dates for a while but Friday 24th January is our relaunch day for Times table Rockstars (TTRS) to engage the children in to going on it as much as they can! We are all dressing like a Rockstar and on the day, there will be exciting events as well as time on TTRS and other times table activities. Please help your child to be able to go on TTRS at home as much as possible – 10 minutes a day is perfect!

Here's a few ideas for costumes:



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 to 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	
Wed 22nd	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 go 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:

Reception: Hadi & Isabella E

KS1: Squirrels

LKS2: Kites



Golden Broom:

Year 3
Falcons



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

There was 1 class over 96% this week! - Year 1 / 2 Hedgehogs

They were also the class with the highest attendance at: 96.7%.

They have won own clothes day. Miss Cleary will let you know which day this will be.



Certificate winners:

Badgers: Cassius

Y1 Squirrels: Marshall

Y1/2 Hedgehogs: Aysha

Y2 Foxes: Viola

Y3 Falcons: Oscar M

Y3/4 Kites: Darcie

Y4 Owls: Olivia

Y5 Merlins: Faye

Y6 Ospreys: Bradley

Y6 Hawks: Mia

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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/>

