



AWICKFORD school is celebrating receiving a full house of 'goods' from its latest Ofsted report.

Inspectors praised the leadership, teaching and early years provision at Abacus Primary, as well as the behaviour and goal achievements of its pupils.

The school's work on pupils' personal development and welfare, meanwhile, was 'outstanding'. The report said: "The

headteacher, ably supported by staff and governors, has ensured that good standards have been maintained since the previous inspection.

"Despite many changes to the staff over the past 18 months, the school has been well-led, and pupils are making good progress in their learning.

"The school makes good provision for developing pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural develop-

ment. Parents were supportive of the school and held it in high regard, the inspectors added. Good relationships between home and school were established in the early years and maintained throughout the children's progress.

In order to be graded 'outstanding' at its next inspection, the school would need to make five changes, the report concluded.

Middle leaders were underused and more support could be given to pupils

with special educational needs.

And teachers were asked to challenge pupils more in maths lessons, to give more opportunities to write at length and to use pupil assessments more effectively.

Headteacher Heidi Daniells said: "We are pleased the inspection team has highlighted our many strengths. We will address the areas for development through our school improvement plan."



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