



# Axminster Community Primary Academy Newsletter

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## This Week

A huge thank you to everyone who took part in and supported our PTFA Sponsored Run! The event was a fantastic opportunity for our pupils to demonstrate their resilience and community spirit while raising vital funds for the school. We are grateful for the energy and enthusiasm shown by all our pupils and families. Please return forms by Wednesday to enter your child in the prize draw.

This week, Hawks and Eagles had an immersive experience with Clive Pig in a fascinating workshop focused on the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings. The children engaged deeply with history through hands-on activities that brought this period to life. The workshop culminated in a whole-school storytelling session that captivated pupils and staff alike, enriching our curriculum and sparking a love of history. Thank you Clive!

We were delighted to welcome Kate from OPAL for a review of our OPAL play areas. It was wonderful to celebrate the progress made over the last two years. Our play areas are now buzzing with engaging activities that promote creativity, collaboration, and physical activity. Thank you for all the recent donations enhancing the area.

We are pleased to report real progress with Lexia and PowerUp programmes in Year 6. Pupils are showing strong engagement and development in key literacy and numeracy skills. To support this progress, we encourage all parents to aim for their children to spend 20 minutes on these programmes at least three times a week as part of their home learning.

Please note that next week is a four-day week, with school finishing on Thursday for the Easter holidays. We will be celebrating Easter with a special service at the Minster Church on Thursday. We warmly invite all families to join us as we walk down to the church together to mark this important occasion.

## Next Week

**Breakfast Club and After School Stay and Play club run daily**

- **MUST BE PREBOOKED AND PAID FOR BEFORE THE DAY**

**Monday**

**Tuesday**

**Wednesday**

Year 3/4/5 show - 2:30pm and 5pm - ticket holders only

**Thursday**

**Easter Service - Minster Church - walk from school at 9am**

Guitar lessons

NO VIOLIN UNTIL 30/4/26

**Friday**

**EASTER HOLIDAY - NO SCHOOL**

**PLEASE NOTE THAT WE HAVE TO POSTPONE THE SPRING BINGO - IT WILL NOW BE ON APRIL 24th**

**This Year's Whole School Attendance**  
94.3%

**Winning Year Group**  
Year 4 98%

**Attendance Matters**



**Our Core Value this half term is:**

**Integrity**

# Our Learning this Week...

## Little Acorns

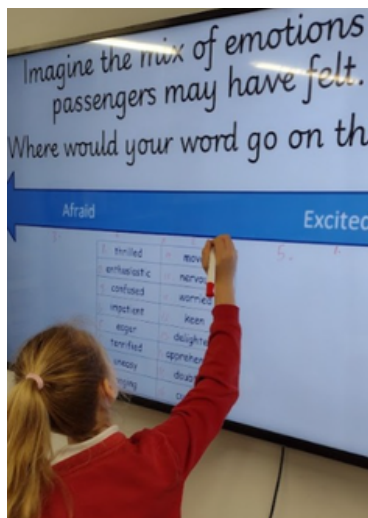
This week marks our final focus on the theme All Creatures Great and Small, with special attention on ocean animals. We've introduced a "Wiggly Jellyfish" who needs help creating repeating patterns, encouraging the children to explore pattern-making in a fun, engaging way. Outdoors, we have set up a water-themed tuff tray where children can explore sea creatures and enjoy sensory water play. We are also continuing to develop fine motor skills. The children will be helping an Easter Bunny by threading beads onto its whiskers, supporting their hand-eye coordination and control.



## Hedgehogs and Squirrels

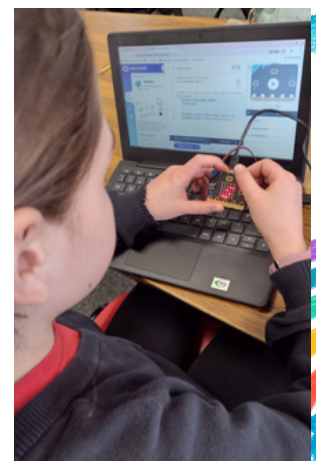
In English, we've been busy writing postcards as if we were Paddington Bear —thinking carefully about his adventures and how he might describe them. The children showed great imagination and worked hard on their sentence writing.

In Maths, we've been building confidence with our 2, 5 and 10 times tables —practising counting in multiples and spotting patterns. In Art, we've begun creating our final pieces inspired by the artist Paul Klee. The class has been exploring portraits and experimenting with shapes and colours, and we're excited to see the finished results!



## Eagles and Hawks

It's been another busy week in Eagles and Hawks. The children did a sterling job with their sponsored run on Monday, with many people smashing their record from last year. We've worked on developing our mixing and painting skills through using acrylic paints; and measuring in the real world. We've also continued honing our coding skills, using Python and micro bits - again, the children far outstripped the adults. Finally, today, we were visited by Clive Pig who regaled us with some tales from the Anglo Saxon sagas to link with our History work from this term.



## Robins and Starlings

Robins and Starlings have had a fun-filled week both indoors and out! We've been building villages inspired by Handa's Surprise using our construction toys, practicing our writing on the blackboard and creating beautiful African prints. We're hoping the sunshine continues so we can make even more use of our outdoor classroom!



## Foxes, Otters and Badgers

Year 3 have been diving deep into the world of whales, exploring a range of engaging stories before channelling their knowledge into impressive non-fiction reports. Their hard work, curiosity and growing confidence as writers has been wonderful to see! Meanwhile, Y4/5 have wrapped up their powerful narrative work inspired by When the Giant Stirred, producing some truly thoughtful and imaginative writing. They've now begun an exciting new journey into historical poetry, exploring The Windrush Child — a unit already sparking meaningful discussions and creative expression. We're so proud of the enthusiasm, effort and creativity shining through in every classroom—keep it up everyone!



# The Year Ahead

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## 2025/26 PLANNER

### SEPTEMBER

Thursday 4th - Children return to school  
 Wednesday 10th - Coffee with the Head in the hall 9am  
 Wednesday 10th - Meet the Teacher 3.30-4  
 Tuesday 16th SEND Coffee Morning Hall 9am  
 Wednesday 17th - Phonics workshop in the hall 3pm  
 Thursday 18th - SEND PLP meetings (hall)  
 Wednesday 24th - Maths workshop in the hall 3pm  
 Friday 26th - Harvest Festival 9am  
 Sponsored obstacle course

### OCTOBER

Wednesday 1st: Film night :3.30 - 5.30pm  
 Tuesday 7th / Thursday 9th- Parents Evening 4-6pm  
 Friday 10th - Hello Yellow day - wear yellow accessories with uniform  
 Monday - Friday 13- 17th - Bikeability  
 Wednesday 15th - PTFA AGM  
 Thursday 23rd - Disco  
 Friday 24th - INSET school closed  
 Monday 27th Friday 31st Oct - Half Term

### NOVEMBER

Monday 3rd - Children return to school  
 Monday 10th - Odd socks day - wear odd socks to school today  
 Tuesday 11th - Armistice Service  
 Thursday 13th - Individual Photos  
 Friday 14th - Children in Need non uniform day - wear spots  
 Friday 21st -Flu Vaccinations  
 Friday 28th -Non-School Uniform Day and Decorate for Christmas 3.30pm (bring children to join in the fun!)

### DECEMBER

Monday 1st / Tuesday 2nd / Wednesday 3rd - Christmas Craft  
 Tuesday 9th - Little Acorns Nativity 2.45pm  
 Wednesday 10th - Reception Nativity 2.45pm  
 Tuesday 16th - KS1 Christmas Show 2.15pm and 5pm  
 Wednesday 17th - Christmas Lunch and KS2 Carols Around the Tree 3pm  
 Thursday 18th - Christmas Story Telling - Early Years + KS1 am / KS2 pm  
 Friday 19th - Christmas Service 9.30am  
 Monday 22nd - Friday 2nd Jan - Christmas Holidays

### JANUARY

Tuesday 6th - Children return to school  
 Tuesday 13th - SEND PLP meetings (hall)  
 Friday 16th - Winter Bingo 5.30-8pm  
 Wednesday 21st - Film Night - 3.30 - 5.30pm  
 Friday 23rd - M and M Pantomime  
 Wednesday 28th - KS2 Spring Concert 2.30pm

### FEBRUARY

Tuesday 3rd and Thursday 5th - Parents Evening 4-6pm  
 Tuesday 10th - Safer Internet Day  
 Wednesday 11th - Disco  
 Friday 13th - Non-Uniform Day  
 Monday 16th - Friday 20th - Half Term  
 Monday 23rd - Children return to school

### MARCH

Thursday 5th - World Book Day  
 Monday 9th / Tuesday 10th - Mothers Day Crafts  
 Monday 23rd - Sponsored Run  
 Friday 27th - Spring Bingo 5.30 - 8pm

### APRIL

Wednesday 1st - Y3/4 Show 2pm and 5pm  
 Thursday 2nd - Easter Service  
 Friday 3rd - Friday 17th April - Easter Holidays  
 Monday 20th April - Children return to school

### MAY

Monday 4th May - Bank Holiday - school closed  
 Monday 11th - Thursday 14th - Y6 SATS  
 Wednesday 20th - Disco  
 Friday 22nd - Non School Uniform Day  
 Monday 25th - Friday 29th - Half Term

### JUNE

Monday 1st - INSET day  
 Tuesday 2nd - Children return to school  
 Monday 8th/ Tuesday 9th - Fathers Day Crafts  
 Thursday 18th - Sports Day (reserve date - Thursday 25th)  
 Tuesday 23rd - Y5 STEM day at Axe Valley  
 Wednesday 24th - Class photos  
 Friday 26th - Y6 Fiver Challenge

### JULY

Wednesday 1st - Axe Valley Transition Day Y6  
 Axminster Transition Morning - whole school  
 Thursday 16th - Y5/6 Show 2pm and 5pm  
 Tuesday 21st - Leavers Service  
 Wednesday 22nd - Whole school Awards Service

We will endeavour to keep all dates as scheduled, but please note there may be changes if necessary, i.e. if events rely upon good weather. We will alert you to this as early as possible if any alterations are required.

## Safeguarding Information



Mrs Hulbert  
DSL



Mrs Elsworth  
Deputy DSL

Our safeguarding and child protection information, including our policy, can be found [here](#) on our website.



## Events

**APRIL**

**Wednesday 1st - Y3/4 Show 2pm and 5pm**

**Thursday 2nd - Easter Service**

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> - Friday 17th April - Easter Holidays**

**Monday 20th April - Children return to school**

# School Noticeboard

## Stay and Play After School Club

We are now booking spaces for After School Stay & Play via the Clubs section of your ParentPay account for children in Reception - Year 6, or by speaking to Nursery staff for Little Acorns. Places MUST be booked and paid for online. If you are not registered for these clubs please email the office to arrange this.

These are limited and are offered on a first come, first served basis.

## School Lunches

Please make sure you have booked your child's lunches via ParentPay by Thursday evening each week, even if your child is in KS1. Meal choices cannot be guaranteed if they are not booked in advance

## Lost Property

Please have a look at the lost property in the boxes at the front of school. We would love to reunite people with their things. Please could you check that your children's things are labelled with a permanent marker or label so that we can return things easily.

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