



Axminster Community Primary Academy Newsletter

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This Week

We are incredibly proud of our Year 6 pupils who have shown remarkable dedication and resilience during their assessment week. Their hard work and focus have truly shone through, and we commend them for their efforts. Well done to all our Year 6 pupils!

Our OPAL play offer continues to grow and evolve, creating even more opportunities for imaginative and active play. This week, we are thrilled to introduce new scooter boards and unveil our revamped Woodland Lodge. The children have been absolutely delighted with the new pipes, guttering, and crates, which have sparked creativity and collaboration. A special mention goes to some of our Year 6 pupils who have been busy creating a small fairy garden in the Woodland Lodge quiet area—this has quickly become a popular spot for many children. If you are able to support us by donating any items from our OPAL Bingo list, we would be very grateful. Your contributions help us maintain and enrich our play environment.

Please could we remind everyone that no dogs - unless they are registered assistance dogs are allowed on the site in any place past the fences (even if you are carrying them). Thank you for your support with this.

We have had some confusion around school jumpers - plain red jumpers and (black for Y6) are acceptable but these must not have a hood.

On Friday, the Badgers class will be holding a cake sale. Thank you in advance for your support. Your fundraising efforts are invaluable in helping us cover the deficits from trips, ensuring these enriching experiences can continue for all pupils.

Next Week

Breakfast Club and After School Stay and Play club run daily

- MUST BE PREBOOKED AND PAID FOR BEFORE THE DAY

Monday

Sponsored Run - please wear PE kit

Tuesday

Wednesday.

Thursday

Guitar lessons
NO VIOLIN UNTIL 30/4/26

Friday

Badgers Cake Sale

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

This Year's Whole School Attendance
93.9%

Winning Year Group
Year 5 97.1%

Attendance Matters



Our Core Value this half term is:

Integrity

Little Acorns

Our Learning this Week...

Robins and Starlings

Outside, we have created a dinosaur tuff tray where the children can become explorers and discover different dinosaurs through sensory play and investigation. Inside the classroom, the children will be using several dinosaur skeleton puzzles to match and complete. This encourages problem-solving, fine motor skills, and an understanding of how dinosaurs were structured. For our Reception starters, we are continuing to focus on letter recognition and letter formation. The children will be practising identifying letters and forming them correctly.

In maths this week, the children will be creating their own shapes and patterns.

It's been a busy and exciting week in Robins and Starlings! We've been exploring continents and oceans in geography, sorting and investigating different materials in science and getting creative with foil painting to make our own moons. To top it all off, we blasted off in Baby Bear's rocket and enjoyed a delicious picnic on the moon!



Hedgehogs and Squirrels

Squirrels and Hedgehogs have enjoyed lots of activities this week. We started a new circus dance in PE - we loved that the sun was shining so we performed our dances outside.

We have read the story 'Paddington at the Palace' and have been learning to write letters to Aunt Lucy in the style of a diary.

In RE we have been learning the Christian Easter Story!

Foxes, Otters and Badgers

Our pupils have been showing off their creativity and confidence through dance this half term - skills that have really shone through while practising for our Production this half term! We've also been busy developing our netball skills and it's been brilliant to get outside in the lovely weather this week. The children have loved playing matches outdoors! It's been wonderful to see such great progress in their passing, movement, and teamwork - they are really starting to play as a team and support one another on the court. Well done everyone! We are so proud of your hard work and enthusiasm!



Eagles and Hawks

In Art Eagles and Hawks have been experimenting with different media, creating a variety of layers and textures in preparation for their final pieces. Imaginative and innovative children!





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

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.



Events

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