



Axminster Community Primary Academy Newsletter

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This Week

This week is Science Week! Our school has been buzzing with excitement as pupils immersed themselves in a variety of hands-on science experiments and STEM activities. From curious investigations to creative problem-solving, our children have explored the wonders of science with enthusiasm and curiosity. These enriching experiences not only deepen their understanding of scientific concepts but also inspire a lifelong love of discovery. On Thursday, Year 6 enjoyed a STEM workshop with Colyton Grammar school. The children developed their problem solving and communication skills. Huge thanks to the staff and pupils who facilitated this workshop - a great opportunity for our children.

We have just completed our assessment week for Years 1 to 5, and we are incredibly proud of the resilience and effort demonstrated by all our pupils. These assessments help us understand each child's progress and tailor our teaching to support their learning journey effectively. Well done to everyone for their hard work and positive attitude!

We are excited to be further developing our OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) provision to enhance play opportunities for all pupils. To enrich our play environment, we are kindly seeking donations of the following items:

Planks of wood / Guttering / Toy dinosaurs / Toy cars

If you have any of these items that you can donate, please bring them to the school office. Your support helps us create a stimulating and imaginative play space that promotes creativity, collaboration, and physical activity.

Huge thanks to the PTFA for our fantastic Mothers Day Craft sessions this week. The children really value these opportunities and they are amazing fundraising moments. Thanks for giving up your time and making this possible.

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.

Thursday

Guitar lessons
Violin Club

Friday

Foxes Cake Sale

This Year's Whole School Attendance

94.3%

Winning Year Group

Year 1 95.7%

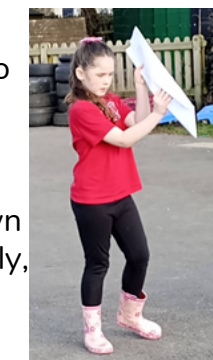
Attendance Matters



Our Core Value this half term is:

Integrity

We started our week with a little science experiment, trying to create rain from clouds. We talked to the children about how rain is made — how water evaporates, condenses into clouds, and eventually falls back to the ground as rain. The children were so fascinated! We then created a rainbow by adding more colours into our experiment.



Hedgehogs and Squirrels

We've had a fantastic Science Week! The children have been busy asking lots of curious questions and exploring the world around them. One of our favourite activities so far has been looking at zoomed-in images of everyday objects and trying to guess what they might be. The children loved sharing their ideas and thinking like real scientists! We explored the question: "How do you make the best paper aeroplane?" Everyone worked incredibly hard to design and make their own paper plane. We then tested them to see how far they could fly, carefully measuring the distance each one travelled. We were amazed by the results, and our winning aeroplane flew an impressive 108 mm!

Eagles and Hawks

Eagles and Hawks have really got into the swing of British Science Week this year. We've investigated Murphy's Law by seeing if toast really does always land butter side down, we've mapped the blind spots in our optic nerves, we've asked curiosity questions such as 'Why do we have fingernails?' and Year 6 got to spend time with Colyton Grammer, building different electrical circuits. Using the soldering iron seems to have been the highlight!



Foxes, Otters and Badgers

This half-term in Computing, our fantastic Foxes, Badgers and Otters have been exploring the world of HTML coding! They've been learning how websites are built and discovering the language behind the internet. This week, the children have taken their learning even further by starting to design their very own websites using HTML. From adding text and headings to thinking about layout and design, they've shown brilliant creativity and problem-solving skills. We've been incredibly impressed with their effort, teamwork and determination as they support each other and experiment with their ideas. Well done everyone – we can't wait to see how your websites develop!





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



Events

MARCH

Thursday 5th - World Book Day

Monday 9th / Tuesday 10th -

Mothers Day Crafts

Monday 23rd - Sponsored Run

Friday 27th - Spring Bingo 5.30 -
8pm

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