



Axminster Community Primary Academy Newsletter

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This Week

We loved seeing everyone's enthusiasm during our World Book Day celebrations! It was wonderful to witness the children fully engaged in a variety of reading-related activities. This year is particularly special as it has been designated the National Year of Reading – Go All In, and we are proud to be taking part in numerous initiatives designed to inspire a lifelong love of reading in our pupils.

We are delighted to share the fantastic progress our children are making with Read Write Inc. (RWI). A huge thank you to all the families supporting their children at home—your efforts in developing fluency and sound recognition are truly making a difference. Meanwhile, our older pupils in Years 4, 5, and 6 have been working incredibly hard on Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS). We are thrilled to announce that Axminster Community Primary Academy is now ranked 2nd among the 15 local schools within a 10-mile radius, achieving a new best-ever average response time of 2.73 seconds. Well done everyone! To celebrate, Friday will be a non-school uniform day.

Our curriculum maps for this half term are now live on the school website. Please take a moment to have a look and see what your child's class will be covering. This helps you stay informed and supports your child's learning journey at home.

We have been delighted to welcome Mrs Siddiqui in the office and Becky Biggins as our new Family Support Worker this week. Becky is here to support our families and help ensure every child thrives both in school and at home. Next week Mr Williams and Mrs Weiss join the school as new TAs.

Finally, if you ever have any questions or concerns about a child or the school in general, please do not hesitate to get in touch. You can email the school office or speak directly to Mrs Hulbert, Mrs Elsworth or Mrs Biggins on the doors, or your child's class teacher at the end of the school day. We are here to support you and your family every step of the way.

Next Week

Breakfast Club and After School Stay and Play club run daily

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

Monday
Mother's Day PTFA Crafts

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Thursday
Guitar lessons
Violin Club

Friday
Non School Uniform day to celebrate Phonics and TTRS success! Well done everyone!

This Year's Whole School Attendance
94.3%

Winning Year Group
Year 4 95.8%

Attendance Matters



Our Core Value this half term is:

Integrity

We've been developing our fine motor skills by practising holding our pencils correctly and carefully following the lines. The children have shown great focus and determination as they work on strengthening those important early writing skills. In maths, the children took on a fun bridge-building challenge! Using blocks and Duplo, they worked together to design and build a bridge over a "river." They explored problem-solving, balance, stability and teamwork as they tested and improved their creations. There were some fantastic designs and great resilience shown when things didn't quite go to plan! What a fantastic week of learning Little Acorns!

We have been busy exploring the exciting world of holidays inspired by the story *What the Ladybird Heard on Holiday*. This sparked lots of imaginative conversations about where we might like to travel and the adventures we could have along the way. The children shared fantastic ideas about destinations, transport and the things they would pack for their trips!



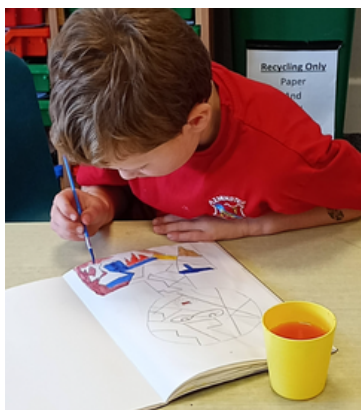
Foxes, Otters and Badgers

We have been diving into the world of fractions in Maths this week! The children have been using a range of practical resources and mathematical strategies to explore fractions in fun and meaningful ways. From fraction walls and counters to drawing models and solving tricky problems, everyone has been working hard to build their confidence.

In Year 3, the focus is on understanding what fractions are. Pupils are learning to recognise and make simple fractions such as $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{3}$ and $\frac{1}{4}$, and to understand them as equal parts of a whole. They have been sharing shapes, objects and numbers into equal groups to see how fractions work in real life. In Year 4 and 5, the learning moves a step further. Pupils explore equivalent fractions, work with fractions greater than one, finding fractions of an amount and begin adding and subtracting fractions with the same denominator. They also learn to recognise fractions in different forms and explain their thinking using mathematical vocabulary.

Hedgehogs and Squirrels

We had a wonderful time painting this afternoon. Inspired by the work of Paul Klee, we drew self portraits and then painted them. Even more impressively, we only used primary colours to mix and make the range of colours you see here!



Eagles and Hawks

A fantabulous day today celebrating World Book Day. An array of creative and imaginative costumes (thanks to all grown-ups involved) were adorned. The year 5/6 children had fun creating their stories based on 5 items - a key, a feather, a map, an old photograph and a bottle of potion. We hope that the year 6 opening of their story is not based on an Axminster teacher?!

The Evil Adventures of Mrs Jane!

In a small, isolated village, there was a beautiful school. Out the window, there was a gorgeous view of the seaside. One of the teachers, Mrs Jane, was a young, reckless woman. She did not enjoy teaching or being in the company of children. In fact, Mrs Jane once locked seven students in a hidden, dusty cupboard during lunchtime. She was an ugly soul with a mess of black knotted hair. When Mrs Jane was at school, she was treated very poorly, leading her to despise all children. The children hated her as much as she hated them.



The Year Ahead

Axminster Community Primary Academy

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

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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