



# Axminster Community Primary Academy Newsletter

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## This Week

It was so lovely to see so many of you at parents' evening, and we are particularly grateful for the positive feedback regarding our new Arbour booking system. The streamlined approach has clearly made scheduling appointments more convenient for our families. As we continue to enhance our communication methods, I want to emphasise the importance of ensuring you receive Arbour emails in your inbox. We are in the process of transitioning all our communications to this platform, which will become our primary method of staying in touch with our school community.

Our Year 6 pupils have demonstrated remarkable dedication during their mock SATs week, showing tremendous commitment and effort in their preparation. Their hard work and resilience are truly commendable. We are also thrilled to highlight our pupils' outstanding performance in Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS). Our school has achieved an impressive average of 2.77 seconds, ranking 4th among 30 local schools. We are tantalisingly close to 3rd place, missing it by just 0.1 seconds - a testament to our pupils' mathematical skills and determination.

Reading has been a real focus this week in National Story Telling week. We have enjoyed lots of buddy reading and have been thinking about the power of stories. We have also assessed our phonics for next half term and are so pleased that so many pupils are making great progress in their reading, developing speed and confidence that will serve them well throughout their educational journey. Please keep reading their books at home - paying real attention to the speedy green words on the inside front cover. Your child should be able to read these at a glance (they shouldn't need to Fred talk them).

## Next Week - 9th February...

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

### Monday

Toddlers in the hall 9-10.30

### Tuesday

Safer Internet Day

PTFA meeting 3.30pm - please come to the office to join us

### Wednesday

Discos -

Nursery 2.30 - 3

KS1 3.45 - 4.30

KS2 4.45 - 5.45

Please drop off and collect at the main hall doors.

### Thursday

Guitar lessons

Violin Club

### Friday

Non school uniform day - please bring in donations of chocolate for the PTFA Chocolate Bingo

**This Year's Whole School Attendance**

94.6%

**Winning Year Group**

Year 4 98%

Attendance Matters



Our Core Value this half term is:

**Kindness**

Last week, we had an exciting visit from the police. Hayley Widger came and spoke to us about her job and how she helps in the community. The children enjoyed trying on different parts of the police uniform.

The children also had the pleasure of seeing the police car and listening to the loud sirens and the flashing lights. They were very curious and asked lots of questions about the car and the sirens. Little Acorns had a wonderful time! Thank you to the police for coming to visit us.

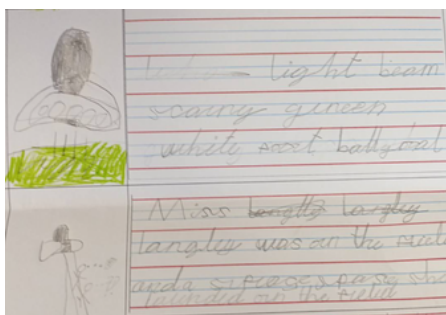


Robins and Starlings were thrilled to welcome a police car into our school as part of their learning about the people in our community who help us. The children loved seeing the police car up close, learning about the important job police officers do, and asking lots of fantastic questions. It was a wonderful hands-on experience that really brought their learning to life! A big thank you to our local police for taking the time to inspire and educate our youngest learners. What an exciting and memorable day!



## Hedgehogs and Squirrels

This week, we've been buzzing with excitement after hearing a very strange story about aliens visiting our school! We've been busy using adjectives to describe these mysterious creatures and planning our own stories, ready to write all about their visit to Earth. In Science, we carried out an experiment with woodlice to investigate which conditions they prefer in their habitat. To our surprise, the woodlice chose a completely different environment from the one we predicted!



## Foxes, Otters and Badgers

What a very busy and brilliant week for our Foxes, Otters and Badgers. We had an amazing Adventure Day where the children rolled up their sleeves to make their own pizzas from scratch – mixing and kneading their own dough, choosing toppings, and working together every step of the way. Alongside this, they took part in a range of team challenges, from building obstacle courses to tackling tricky problem-solving games. We were so impressed with their teamwork, focus and determination throughout the day. They supported one another beautifully and showed real resilience – especially when making their pizza dough! A huge well done to everyone for such a fun, energetic and successful week

## Eagles and Hawks

To celebrate storytelling week, the children from Hawks and Eagles had the opportunity to share their love of reading with the younger children in Squirrels and Hedgehogs. They were engrossed in the range of texts shared with them - the older children loved reading the books from when they were little.





# 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 16<sup>th</sup> SEND Coffee Morning Hall 9am  
 Wednesday 17th - Phonics workshop in the hall 3pm  
 Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> - SEND PLP meetings (hall)  
 Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> - 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 10<sup>th</sup> - 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 31<sup>st</sup> Oct - Half Term

### NOVEMBER

Monday 3rd - Children return to school  
 Monday 10<sup>th</sup> - Odd socks day - wear odd socks to school today  
 Tuesday 11th - Armistice Service  
 Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> - Individual Photos  
 Friday 14<sup>th</sup> - 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 10<sup>th</sup> - 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 13<sup>th</sup> - SEND PLP meetings (hall)  
 Friday 16th - Winter Bingo 5.30-8pm  
 Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> - Film Night - 3.30 - 5.30pm  
 Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> - M and M Pantomime  
 Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> - KS2 Spring Concert 2.30pm

### FEBRUARY

Tuesday 3rd and Thursday 5th - Parents Evening 4-6pm  
 Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> - 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 3<sup>rd</sup> - Friday 17th April - Easter Holidays  
 Monday 20th April - Children return to school

### MAY

Monday 4th May - Bank Holiday - school closed  
 Monday 11<sup>th</sup> - Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> - 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 23<sup>rd</sup> - 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 22<sup>nd</sup> - 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



Miss Reeve  
Deputy DSL



Mrs Hulbert  
Designated Safeguarding Lead



Mrs Barribal  
Deputy 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.

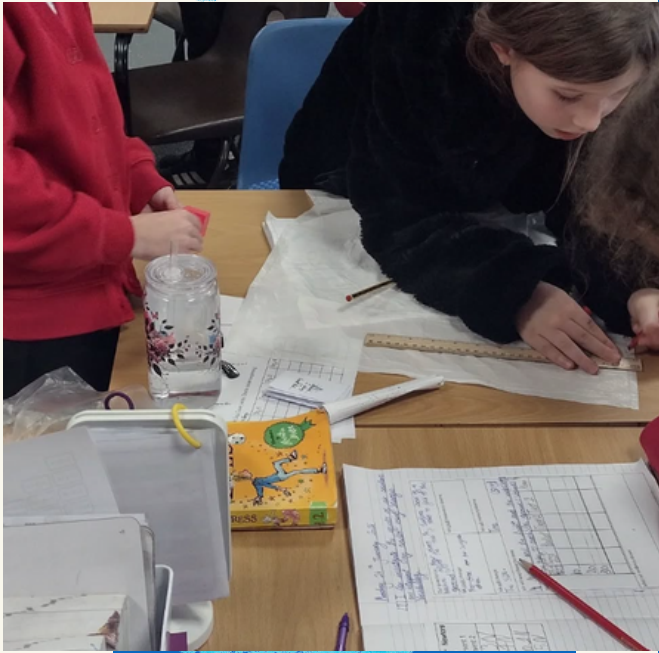
These are limited and are offered on a first come, first served basis.

## 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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