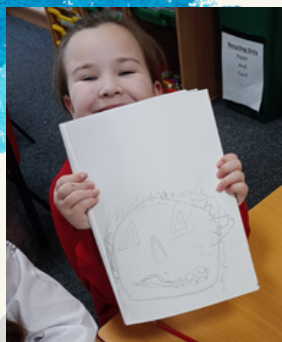




Axminster Community Primary Academy Newsletter

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This Week

On Monday we launched our Rock Steady band journey with two fantastic workshops for KS1 and KS2. We are excited that the Rocksteady bands are now open for bookings. If your child is interested in learning to play in a band, this is a fantastic opportunity to develop their musical skills, confidence, and teamwork. Prices include all the teaching, instrument loan and termly concerts. Spaces are limited, so please book online soon to secure your child's place.

Last Friday, three Year 5 children represented the school in an area Boccia tournament. The children were excellent ambassadors for the school and had a great time. Well done!

Huge congratulations to all our Year 4 pupils who took part in the recent multiplication check. Your hard work and dedication have really paid off, with everyone achieving amazing progress in their results. Well done! We are also thrilled to announce that Axminster Community Primary Academy emerged as the winning school in the recent Battle of the Bands competition against Charmouth. A special shout-out to Year 4, who were the highest attaining group in the contest.

It was lovely to celebrate our KS2 Spring concert on Friday. We are really excited about the musical development of the school and it was wonderful to celebrate our guitar players, our choir and our class music lessons. Thank you to everyone who came to support this.

Our Spring PTFA disco is coming up on Wednesday 11th February. To ensure your child doesn't miss out on the fun, please remember to book your space by Monday, 9th February. We look forward to seeing everyone there for a fantastic evening of music, dancing, and community spirit.

Next Week - 2nd February...

Breakfast Club and After School Stay and Play club run daily

Monday

Non School Uniform day - for amazing times table achievements!

Tuesday

Parents Evening - please book your slot by Monday using Arbor

Wednesday

Decider skills - Y4 - within school day

Thursday

Guitar lessons

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Friday

This Year's Whole School Attendance
94.5%

Winning Year Group
Year 4 94.1%

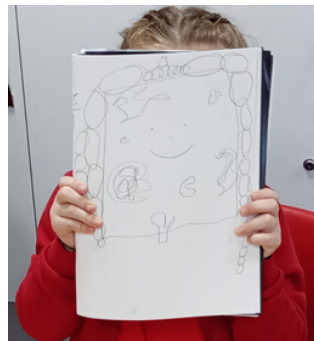
Attendance Matters



Our Core Value this half term is:

Kindness

Jemma from OJ Gym in Axminster came to visit and told the children all about the gym and why people use it. She explained that people go to the gym to keep fit and healthy, help strengthen their muscles, and build strong bones. Jemma also shared that she helps people by writing special programmes so they know what to do at the gym – her job is a personal trainer. She talked about how exercise is not only good for our bodies but also great for our mental health too. The children were asked what foods help keep them healthy, and we had some lovely answers, including fruit, vegetables, milk and more. After that, everyone joined in with stretching exercises and lunges led by Jemma – the children did brilliantly and were eager to take part! A big thank you to OJ Gym Axminster and Jemma for visiting us. The children absolutely loved it!



Hedgehogs and Squirrels

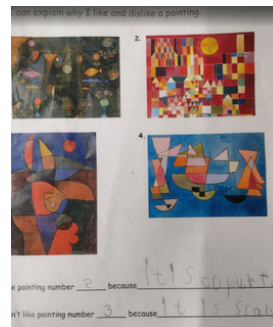
We've had a super start to our week in Year 1/2. In English we have been busy writing adventure stories which we shared with each other on Friday. In Art we challenged ourselves to draw portraits with as many shapes as possible. The children were really creative with the shapes they used for different facial features.

Eagles and Hawks

Year 5 are planning a parachute investigation. This week they've been thinking about what data they need to record and how to do it. Next week they'll be putting it all together. There's been some great teamwork and inventive plotting going on.

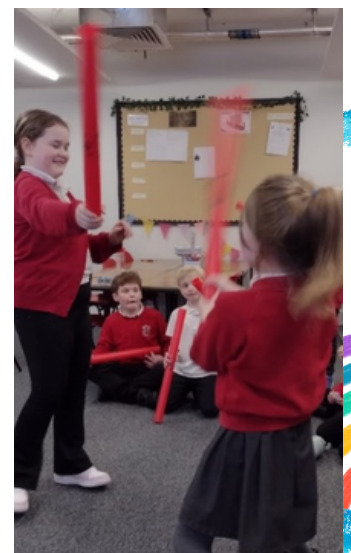


Our Robins and Starlings artists have been busy exploring the wonderful world of Paul Klee. We learned all about how Klee used lines, shapes and bright colours to create playful, imaginative artwork. The children loved experimenting with patterns and letting their creativity run wild – just like real artists! They also had great discussions and formed their own opinions about art, sharing what they liked, what they noticed and how the artwork made them feel. So much focus, fun and fabulous creativity on display. We're very proud of our little artists! 🌈🌟



Foxes, Otters and Badgers

This week in History, Foxes, Otters and Badgers stepped back in time to the Anglo-Saxon period! The children explored how the Anglo-Saxons reacted to Viking raids and brought their learning to life by creating brilliant freeze frames. We saw Anglo-Saxons running away to safety 🏃♂️, standing strong and fighting back 🛡️, and building defences to protect their homes. The teamwork, creativity and historical thinking on display were fantastic — the classroom was buzzing with excitement as history came alive! Well done, Foxes, Otters and Badgers — what a powerful way to learn about the past!





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



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Designated Safeguarding Lead



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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.

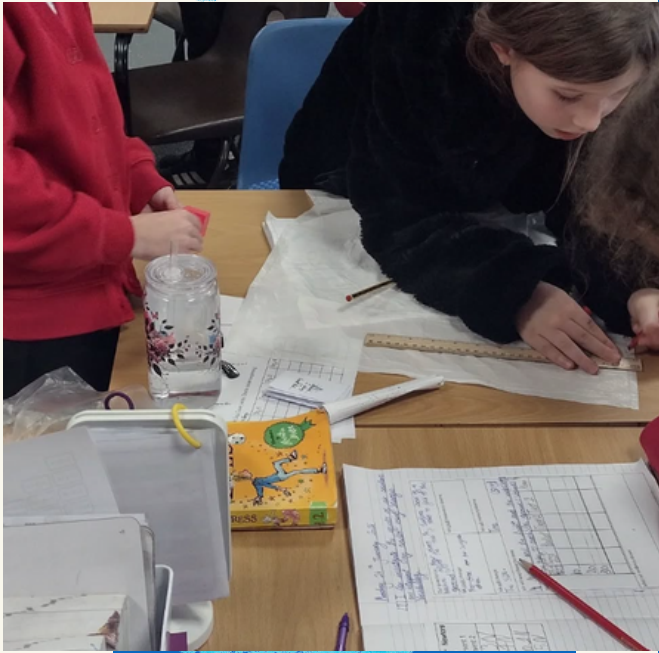
These are limited and are offered on a first come, first served basis.

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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