



# Axminster Community Primary Academy Newsletter

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## This Week



As we approach the festive break, we are delighted to share the wonderful highlights from the final week of this Christmas term. It has been a joyful time filled with celebrations, community spirit, and festive cheer. Our school choir brought festive joy to Magnolia House care home, spreading happiness and Christmas spirit to the residents with beautiful carols. This visit perfectly embodied our values of kindness, community, and caring.

The Year 1 and 2 pupils delivered a splendid Winter Show, showcasing their talents and confidence. Their performances were a testament to their hard work and resilience throughout the term. On Wednesday, we all enjoyed a festive Christmas lunch together, creating a warm and communal atmosphere. Huge thanks to the kitchen staff for providing us with such great food and a wonderful opportunity to all come together. The excitement was doubled when Santa paid a special visit, delighting all the children with his festive cheer. Our traditional KS2 Carols Round the Tree brought us together in song and celebration; it was lovely to see the children joining in with such zest and gusto! Thursday's Christmas magic was sprinkled with story telling. Pupils were captivated by a special Christmas session featuring Clive Pig, inspiring imagination and a love of stories. We concluded the term with a meaningful Christmas service this morning, thinking about the importance of togetherness.

We would like to thank Mrs Flint and Mrs Burnell for their hard work this term as they leave us to move onto new adventures. Mrs Cozier (Starling's new teacher) has spent the day with us on Monday and is looking forward to meeting parents and carers on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> Jan at 3.30pm.

A wonderful achievement this term is that every child has taken part in at least two enrichment clubs. The children have really valued this time to work with peers across the school and develop a real interest in different activities. We are looking forward to next half term's clubs!

Thank you to all staff, parents, and carers for your continued support. We wish you all a peaceful and joyful Christmas holiday and look forward to welcoming everyone back in the new year for another successful term.

## Next Week - 5th January...

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

**Monday**

INSET Day - No School

**Tuesday**

**NON SCHOOL UNIFORM DAY -  
YELLOW HOUSE**

**Wednesday**

Decider skills - Y4 - within school day

Starlings 'Meet the Teacher' -  
3.30pm in the classroom

**Thursday**

Guitar lessons

**Friday**

New enrichment clubs start -  
within the school day

**This Year's Whole School Attendance**

95.2%

**Winning Year Group**

Year 2 94.2%

Attendance Matters



**Our Core Value this half term is:**

**Kindness**

The Autumn Term has been filled with learning, creativity, and making new friends. We are so proud of all the children and everything they have achieved. We're really looking forward to returning in the New Year to begin our exciting new topic, "Pleased to Meet You."

We would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

## Hedgehogs and Squirrels

We've had a busy week in Year 1 & 2! The children were incredible in their winter show. We want to say a big thank you to all our grown ups for helping us with costumes and learning lines. We have also been working hard finishing our shape unit and winter poems. The children have also carefully created salt dough decorations this week which they can't wait to take home.



## Eagles and Hawks

A very busy week for The children in Eagles and Hawks' classrooms! The children were set the task of designing and making a pop-up book for a younger audience. They explored the different mechanisms to use to make different components of the page to move - some of these were easier than others. The sense of pride is shown in the completion of their books and sharing with the younger children. Some year 5 and 6 children were given some very honest feedback about their books but took this as constructive criticism and not too personally!



This week Robin's and Starlings have been really getting into the Christmas celebrations. We have been busy making Christmas cards, decorations and having a visit from Father Christmas himself. We also had the privilege of being visited by some Year 5 and 6 children who have been making pop up books to share with us. All of the children loved listening to the other children read their stories. On Thursday, we also had a visit from Clive Pig, a storyteller who entertained the children with Christmas stories and songs. Well done for a super week and have a wonderful Christmas holidays.

## Foxes, Otters and Badgers

This half-term, our pupils have been taking part in targeted intervention blocks designed to support their individual needs. Children worked hard across three focused interventions: handwriting, abc phonics and 1234 Number Sense (times tables).

The progress we've seen has been fantastic! From clearer, more confident handwriting, to faster recall of times tables and improved reading fluency, the growth across the half-term has been incredible. We're so proud of the effort, resilience and determination shown by our pupils - their hard work is really paying off





# 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



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Deputy DSL



Mrs Hulbert  
Designated Safeguarding Lead



Mrs Barribal  
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Mrs Elsworth  
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## Events

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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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