



Axminster Community Primary Academy Newsletter

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This Week

As we approach the end of term, we are filled with joy reflecting on the wonderful Christmas activities that have taken place at Axminster Community Primary Academy. Our pupils have truly embraced the festive spirit, and we are grateful for your support throughout the week. Our youngest pupils performed beautifully in the Little Acorns and Reception Nativities, sharing the true meaning of Christmas with their heartfelt plays. The Year 1 and 2 students dazzled us with their Winter Show, showcasing their talents and creativity. Our Key Stage 2 pupils brought the community together with a moving carol service, filling the hall with festive cheer. A delightful Christmas lunch was enjoyed by all, bringing festive flavours and smiles to our school dining hall. The excitement was palpable as Santa made a special visit, spreading joy and handing out gifts to the children. Clive captivated our pupils with enchanting stories during Christmas storytelling, igniting their imaginations and love for reading. Thank you to everyone who participated in our Christmas raffle! Your support helps us provide more resources for our school. We concluded our term with a heartfelt Christmas service, celebrating the season and our school community. We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who came and supported us this week. The children have loved performing for their audiences, and your presence made it even more special. As we say farewell to Mr. Gall, we wish him all the best in his future endeavours. We are excited to welcome Mrs. Hinchliffe to our school community after the Christmas break. We are also looking for someone to help run After School club - please see the advert on the [website](#) for more details. We look forward to welcoming all pupils back on **Monday, 6th January 2025**. Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all the staff at Axminster Community Primary Academy!

First Week Back

Clubs start NEXT week

Monday 6th Jan - BACK TO SCHOOL
Little Saplings Toddler Group
9-11

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday
Guitar lessons start for children who have signed up directly with Simon

Current Whole School Attendance
90.9%

Winning Year Group
Year 5 96.7%

Attendance Matters



Our Core Value this half term is:

Kindness

Little Acorns

How fantastic were our Nursery children at their Nativity yesterday?!

For many of them, it was their very first performance and we couldn't be prouder of them. Thank you for joining us in celebrating with them all. Merry Christmas from all at Little Acorns



Early Years



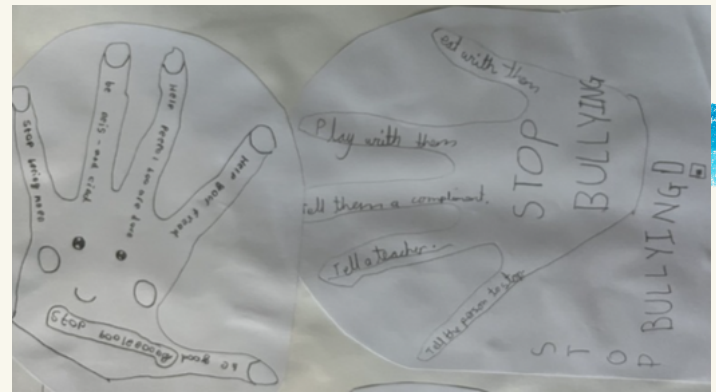
Reception

What a final week we have had in reception class! We have been incredibly busy with our class nativity, we've had our Christmas dinner, made salt dough decorations, Christmas cards and Christmas crowns! We've also been incredibly lucky as we've had some VERY special visitors this week too - we had a visit from Clive Pig who told us some Christmas stories, and we even had a visit from the man himself - SANTA we have had so much fun with our friends this week and it has been a wonderful end to a wonderful term! Well done Robins, we're so very proud of you all. Have a wonderful Christmas

Key Stage 1 and 2

Year 1 and 2

Year 1/2 have worked so hard this week putting on the world premier of 'The Animals of Stoney Lane' - they did SO well! They sang beautifully, delivered their lines clearly and did so with a smile. We are so proud of all the children, especially when they are so tired after a fun, action packed, autumn term. Thank you to all the families who practised lines, helped with costumes or came to see the show - we appreciate you all!



Year 3 and 4

Year 3/4 have had a great term, all around! Students have worked really hard in lessons, have loved our investigations in Science and Computing, the fieldwork in Geography and History, and our projects in Art and DT. It has really been a packed Autumn Term! In PSHE, Year 3/4 have spent the half term talking about what it means to be a good friend - and specifically talking about Bullying. We have had some really meaningful conversations about how to help others who are being bullied and how to help ourselves if we do not like something that is going on. We continue to be so impressed with the Year 3/4 students and look forward to a wonderful Spring Term!

Year 5 and 6

Year 5 and 6 have had an amazing half term, rounded off this week with finishing their flashback dragon stories! We have some incredible writers among us - ask your child to tell you their story! We wish Mr Gall well in the future and have enjoyed working with Mrs Hinchliffe over the last few weeks. Merry Christmas everyone!



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. 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.

Future Dates

JANUARY

Monday 6th - Children return to school

Friday 24th - Winter Bingo 6-8pm

Thursday 30th - Film Night - 3.30 - 5.30pm

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.





Future Dates

Axminster Community Primary Academy 2024/25 PLANNER

SEPTEMBER

Wednesday 4th: Children return to school
Tuesday 10th - Meet the Teacher 3.30-4
Wednesday 18th - Phonics workshop in the hall 3pm
Friday 27th - Sponsored Walk

OCTOBER

Thursday 3rd: Film night :3.30 - 5.30pm
Tuesday 8th - PTFA AGM
Friday 11th - Y1/2 Storytelling Day
Monday - Friday 14-18th - Bikeability
Tuesday 15th / Thursday 17th - Parents Evening 4-6pm
Monday 21st - Poetry Day
Thursday 24th - Disco
Friday 25th - INSET school closed
Monday 28th Friday 1st Nov - Half Term

NOVEMBER

Monday 4th - Children return to school
Wednesday 6th -Flu Vaccinations
Friday 8th - Bags 2 School Collection
Monday 11th - Armistice Service and School photographs
Friday 29th - Non-School Uniform Day and Decorate for Christmas 3.30pm (bring children to join in the fun!)

DECEMBER

Monday 2nd / Tuesday 3rd / Wednesday 4th - Christmas Craft
Monday 16th - Little Acorns Nativity and Reception Nativity
Tuesday 17th - KS1 Christmas Show
Wednesday 18th - Christmas Lunch and KS2 Carols Around the Tree
Thursday 19th - Christmas Story Telling - Early Years + KS1 am / KS2 pm
Friday 20th - Christmas Service 9.30am / Non-School Uniform Day
Monday 23rd - Friday 3rd Jan - Christmas Holidays

JANUARY

Monday 6th - Children return to school
Friday 24th - Winter Bingo 6-8pm
Thursday 30th - Film Night - 3.30 - 5.30pm

FEBRUARY

Monday 3rd and Tuesday 4th - Parents Evening 4-6pm
Friday 7th - KS2 Spring Concert 2.30pm
Thursday 13th - Disco
Friday 14th - Non-Uniform Day
Monday 17th - Friday 21st - Half Term
Monday 24th - Children return to school

MARCH

Thursday 6th - World Book Day
Friday 14th - Sports Relief
Monday 24th / Tuesday 25th - Mothers Day Crafts
Friday 28th - Spring Bingo 6-8pm

APRIL

Wednesday 2nd - Y3/4 Show 2pm and 5pm
Friday 4th - Easter Service
Monday 7th -Monday 21st April - Easter Holidays
Tuesday 22nd April - Children return to school

MAY

Monday 5th May - Bank Holiday - school closed
Friday 9th - Bags 2 School Collection
Thursday 22nd - Disco
Friday 23rd - Non School Uniform Day
Monday 26th - Friday 30th - Half Term

JUNE

Monday 2nd - INSET day
Tuesday 3rd - Children return to school
Thursday 5th - Sponsored Run
Monday 9th/ Tuesday 10th - Fathers Day Crafts
Thursday 12th - Sports Day (reserve date - Friday 27th)
Thursday 19th - Y6 Fiver Challenge
Wednesday 25th - Y5 STEM day at Axe Valley
Thursday 26th - Woodroffe Transition Day Y6

JULY

Tuesday 1st - Axe Valley Transition Day Y6
Axminster Transition Morning - whole school
Tuesday 8th - Whole School Transition Morning
Thursday 10th -Y3/4 Story Telling Day
Wednesday 16th - Y5/6 Show 2pm and 5pm
Thursday 17th - Leavers Service / Y6 Fun Swim
Friday 18th - 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