



Axminster Community Primary Academy Newsletter

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This Week

It has been lovely to see so many of you this week. Thank you to all parents and carers who came to our Learning Showcase on Monday – it was wonderful to see so many of you celebrating pupils' learning and progress. Thank you also to everyone who attended the PLP meetings for pupils with SEND on Tuesday. Your partnership and input are invaluable in making sure provision meets each child's needs.

Next Tuesday we will hold Acceleration Plan meetings for pupils we have identified as needing a short-term boost to help them reach their end-of-year targets. If you have a meeting booked, please arrive a few minutes early so we can start on time.

Huge thanks to the PTFA for Friday's Bingo and to Mrs Moxon for her excellent calling – the event raised approximately £250 profit for the school. Your support really makes a difference.

We were delighted to welcome Devon County Show judges to review Little Green Change's entry. It was a pleasure to work with them and with our Year 3 and Year 4 pupils as they developed the garden and deepened their understanding of where food comes from.

More site developments this week include new pull-up bars on the field, a new train set in our revamped reading shed and a new bell tent stocked with board games, cushions and blankets. Thank you to the PTFA for their continued generous donations that make these improvements possible, and to parents for donations of toys and games.

We have launched our new website this week: axminster-primary.devon.sch.uk – please take a look for news, letters and term dates.

A reminder: next week is the bank holiday on Monday so the school will be closed. Have a wonderful long weekend.

Next Week...

Breakfast Club and After School Stay and Play club run daily

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

Monday

NO SCHOOL - BANK HOLIDAY

Tuesday

Acceleration meetings 3.30-6 in the hall - invited parents only.

Wednesday

Swimming - Foxes and Y5/6 catch up
Year 6 Booster group

Thursday

Guitar
Year 6 Booster group
Violin Club

Friday

This Year's Whole School Attendance

94.3%

Winning Year Group

Year 6 97.4%

Attendance Matters



Our Core Value this half term is:

Resilience

Our Learning this Week...

Little Acorns

Little Acorns were especially excited to see that the strawberry plants we planted last year are beginning to grow again. Next week, we will be starting our planting activities, where the children will learn how to care for their own seeds. If any parents are able to donate seeds or pots, it would be greatly appreciated. We are continuing with our phonics sessions, focusing on the sounds m, a, and s. The children have been working very hard on forming their letters, and it would be really helpful if parents could continue to practise letter formation at home. Miss Garrett will be posting on Tapestry the sounds we are learning, along with guidance on the correct letter formation. Our two-year-olds have also been very eager to join in with letter formation activities.



Robins and Starlings have had a fantastic week of learning in the sunshine! We've been busy making our own cork boats ready to test whether they sink or float, enjoying phonics games in the garden and experimenting with oil paints inspired by J. M. W. Turner. We've also been practicing our counting and number recognition in the sunshine—what a lovely way to learn!



Hedgehogs and Squirrels

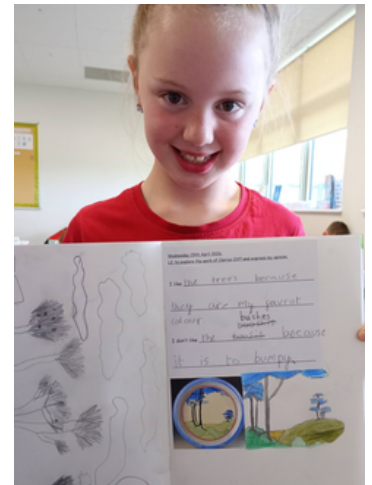
Another lovely week in Hedgehogs and Squirrels class! We have used the plants in our school grounds to learn about the parts of a plant and label them. We have continued with our learning in length and height. In Art, we have started to sketch in the style of the artist Clarice Cliff and we have enjoyed PE outside in the sunshine. Check out our beautiful creations!

Foxes, Otters and Badgers

We've had a fantastic science-themed week of learning across the classes!

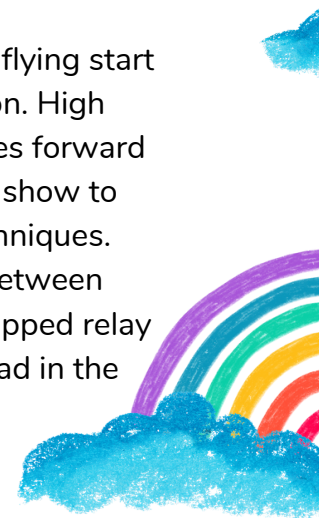
Year 4 have been exploring living things and their habitats, heading outside to search for minibeasts using pooters. Year 3 have been developing their observation skills, learning all about plants and identifying the different parts.

A brilliant week full of curiosity, discovery and hands-on learning!



Eagles and Hawks

Years 5 and 6 got off to a flying start in their first athletics lesson. High knees, punching arms, eyes forward and large strides were on show to perfect their sprinting techniques. Lots of competitiveness between teams and a couple of dropped relay batons but so much fun had in the sun.





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 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.

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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