



Axminster Community Primary Academy Newsletter

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This Week

What a brilliant week it has been. Our whole-school focus on David Attenborough to celebrate his 100th birthday has brought out so much curiosity – from fascinating facts to careful observations and some very imaginative ideas. It's been lovely to see pupils of all ages engaging with nature and thinking about the world around them. A huge thank you to everyone who took part in our Attenborough-inspired challenge. We were blown away by the effort and creativity on display. There is some wonderful writing to share – we'll be publishing examples over the next few days. We hope these pieces spark conversations at home about nature, conservation and the amazing work of naturalists.

This half term's curriculum maps are now available on the school website. They show what each year group will be learning and how topics connect across subjects.

A friendly reminder about the start of the school day: doors open at 8:40am and pupils need to be in the building by 8:50am. Lately we've seen an increasing number of pupils arriving at 9:00am. When children miss the early-morning routines they miss important settling time and focused learning activities that really help them feel ready for the day. Please do your best to have your child here by 8:50am so they get the most positive start to the day possible.

Good luck to all our Year 6 pupils who are taking SATs next week – we're rooting for you. To help them feel calm and confident we'll be offering SATs breakfast at 8:00am each morning. We'll make sure there are plenty of friendly faces, a good breakfast and a quiet place to settle before the papers. And a gentle reminder to everyone: SATs are only one small snapshot. We are so proud of our pupils for the many ways they shine – as caring buddies, sportspeople, actors and actresses, artists, and as wonderful friends to one another.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Next Week...

Breakfast Club and After School Stay and Play club run daily

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

Monday

Y6 SATs start
Y5 Booster group

Tuesday

Wednesday
Swimming - Foxes and Y5/6 catch up

Thursday

Guitar
Violin Club

Friday

Squirrels Cake Sale

PLEASE BOOK DISCO TICKETS IF YOU WOULD LIKE YOUR CHILD TO ATTEND,.

This Year's Whole School Attendance

94.3%

Winning Year Group

Year 4 96%

Attendance Matters



Our Core Value this half term is:

Resilience

Our Learning this Week...

Little Acorns

This week, the Little Acorns children have begun learning about the butterfly life cycle and have started creating their very own versions. Over the next couple of weeks, we'll have our own caterpillars to watch as they transform through each stage.

The children have also been busy planting their own seeds. Soon, they'll be taking home their very own sunflower to care for and watch as it grows 🌻



Robins and Starlings

Robins and Starlings have been making the most of the sunshine with lots of fun maths learning outdoors! We've been counting raindrops inspired by our Drawing Club book *When the Storm Came*, as well as counting our steps while walking on bucket stilts. There's always time for a good story in the sunshine too, alongside lots of imaginative play in our shop. A lovely mix of learning and fun!

Hedgehogs and Squirrels

It's been a fantastic start to the week in Hedgehogs and Squirrels! In Art, we have been exploring landscapes and learning about the work of Clarice Cliff. The children have been developing their skills in discussing and expressing their opinions about different pieces of artwork, before creating their own beautiful interpretations inspired by her style. In Maths, we have begun our new unit on money. The children have been busy exploring a range of coins and notes, as well as practising how to make different amounts in a variety of ways.



Foxes, Otters and Badgers

In PE this week, Foxes, Otters and Badgers have been developing their athletics throwing skills! 🏹

The children learned two new throwing techniques — the overhead heave and the shoulder fling — to help build power, control and technique. They were fun to try but definitely challenging too!

We were so impressed with the determination and enthusiasm shown by everyone.



Eagles and Hawks

Eagles and Hawks have been enjoying practising their cricket skills in the sunshine this week.





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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