



Axminster Community Primary Academy Newsletter

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This Week

A huge well done to our Year 6 pupils for their incredible perseverance during SATs this week. We are super proud of every one of them for their determination, resilience and hard work, and grateful to staff who supported them calmly and confidently throughout the tests.

Thank you to the PTFA for running the SATs breakfasts – your generosity and organisation made a real difference to pupils' mornings and helped them arrive ready to do their best.

A reminder that school doors open at 8.40am and close at 8.50am; this time is used for early-morning work and for pupils to settle before lessons begin. If your child comes through the office, they are recorded as late, so please aim to arrive within the 8.40–8.50 window wherever possible.

Please ensure that children are coming with coats due to the temperamental weather - we have a lot of children who are not able to play when it is drizzling at the moment.

Congratulations to Squirrels and Foxes for achieving 97%+ attendance for two weeks and winning a spin on the attendance wheel. Their prizes – a climbing-frame session and a craft session – will be enjoyed in the coming weeks; thank you to families for supporting regular attendance which helps pupils learn and thrive.

A reminder that the school disco is on Wednesday and bookings have now closed; we're looking forward to a fun evening for pupils who secured a place.

We are very excited to announce that Year 4 pupil Anuki has written a book. The God-summoner Girl has been published and is now available on Amazon. We will hold a book launch to celebrate on Friday at 1.15pm in the hall and warmly invite families to join us to support Anuki and mark this wonderful achievement.

Next Week...

- **Breakfast Club and After School Stay and Play club run daily - MUST BE PREBOOKED AND PAID FOR BEFORE THE DAY**

Monday

Y1/2 Charmouth School Trip
Y3/4 Clive Pig story-telling workshop
Y5 Booster group

Tuesday

Wednesday

Swimming
Disco: Nursery 2.30-3,
KS1 3.45 - 4.30, KS2 4.45 - 5.45

Thursday

Guitar
Violin Club

Friday

Anuki's book launch - 1.15pm -
join us in the hall
Hedgehogs Cake Sale

This Year's Whole School Attendance

94.3%

Winning Year Group

Year 6 96.3%

Attendance Matters



Our Core Value this half term is:

Resilience

Book Launch Invitation

Anuki Abeywickrama, a nine-year old year 4 pupil from Axminster Primary Academy, has had her very first fantasy novel published by Book Publication UK.

Join us at the book launch to help her celebrate this incredible achievement.



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1:15PM



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Our Learning this Week...

Little Acorns

As part of our continuous provision, we will be providing lots of writing opportunities for our preschool children. In our outdoor provision, we have introduced a potion-making station, encouraging the children to become explorers and creators using the natural resources around us. Of course, the children have especially enjoyed pouring and filling with the different colours! In maths this week, we have been focusing on size ordering.



Hedgehogs and Squirrels

It's been a fantastic week for Hedgehogs and Squirrels!

In Maths, we have been working hard calculating different amounts of money and finding change. In English, we have written persuasive letters and learnt all about the many benefits of trees. We are all really looking forward to our trip on Monday!



Eagles and Hawks

Well done Year 6 pupils - you've survived the SATs week! It was a time to shine and you totally shone!! Thank you to Mrs Gurd for the inspirational posters that supported the children; thank you to the volunteers who helped to invigilate and to the PTFA who provided the pupils with a hearty breakfast every day. Congratulations Year 6 - now let's get the production on the road!

Foxes, Otters and Badgers

What a fantastic week of reading in Foxes, Otters and Badgers classes! Our children have been working incredibly hard on developing their retrieval skills, using clues from texts to find key information and deepen their understanding.

They also showed wonderful creativity by creating and sequencing their own stories, carefully thinking about characters, settings and exciting plot twists! We are so proud of the enthusiasm, imagination and teamwork shown throughout the week. Keep up the brilliant work, Foxes, Otters and Badgers!



Robins and Starlings

Robins and Starlings have had a very busy week in Drawing Club! The children have been working incredibly hard to improve their handwriting, focusing on careful letter formation, finger spaces and writing more in their sentences. It has been lovely to see their confidence growing and the amount of writing increasing. We have also been inspired by the work of Clarice Cliff when creating our own landscape drawings. The children explored bold colours, shapes and patterns to produce some fantastic artwork. Well done, Robins and Starlings with what has been a creative and hardworking 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

MAY

- Monday 4th May - Bank Holiday - school closed**
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