



Axminster Community Primary Academy Newsletter

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This Week

What a week – full of adventure, creativity and celebration across the school! On Monday our Year 1/2 pupils enjoyed a fantastic trip to Charmouth. The fossil walk was a real highlight: pupils hunted for and identified fossils, enjoyed hands-on time in the Heritage Centre and tested their observational skills in a lively scavenger hunt. Beach art gave everyone a chance to be creative in the fresh air and produced some memorable pieces to bring back to school. Huge thanks to all our volunteers – your support made the day safe, smooth and genuinely special. We could not have done it without you.

Back in school, our Otters, Foxes and Badgers classes were captivated by a Clive Pig workshop all about Vikings. The workshop brought this half-term's topic vividly to life: pupils handled replica artefacts, explored Viking life and took part in drama activities that deepened their understanding. It was brilliant to see pupils making links between their classroom learning and the immersive experiences offered in the session.

Our Year 5 and 6 production rehearsals are well underway and it's impressive how much the pupils have already learned. Lines are coming together, harmonies are forming and confidence is growing every practice. Please encourage rehearsing at home where possible – the extra practice really does show in performance. We're excited to be taking the show to the Guildhall this year. Performing in such a lovely local space will be a wonderful culmination of the pupils' drama experiences at Axminster and an excellent opportunity for them to shine.

Today we held a very special celebration: Anuki's book launch! The God-Summoner Girl, is published and available on Amazon. What an incredible achievement for one of our own – we were delighted to celebrate the launch with many members of the local community.

Have a restful, happy half term – see you on Tuesday 3 June.

First Week Back...

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

Monday
INSET - NO SCHOOL

Tuesday
PTFA Meeting

Wednesday
Swimming
Foxes trip

Thursday
Guitar
Violin Club

Friday

This Year's Whole School Attendance
94.3%

Winning Year Group
Year 6 98.2%

Attendance Matters



Our Core Value this half term is:

Resilience

THE GOD-SUMMONER GIRL

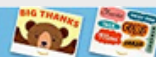
Book Launch Invitation

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.

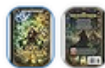


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Follow the author



Anuki
Abeywickrama

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The God Summoner Girl

by Anuki Abeywickrama (Author) | Format: Hardcover

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Written by a 9-year-old author, *The God Summoner Girl* delivers an electrifying fantasy adventure bursting with magic, mythology, humor, and heart.

Born from lightning.
Born a problem.
Born to summon the gods.

When Avril Read crashes into Avalore Academy like a divine thunderstorm, she doesn't just break the rules — she rewrites them.

With combat boots, a fearless attitude, and the impossible ability to summon the entire Olympian pantheon at will, Avril instantly becomes the academy's most unpredictable student. But her powers are far from a gift by accident. Ancient prophecies speak of a Stormborn girl destined to wield a force so powerful that even the gods fear what she might become.

As Avril struggles to control the storm raging inside her, dark forces begin to awaken — drawn to her growing power. With the mysterious Hall of Immortals watching her every move and a dangerous ancient entity closing in, Avril must decide who she truly is before everything she loves is destroyed.

Filled with:

- Epic mythological battles
 - Fast-paced magical adventure
 - Laugh-out-loud humor
 - Powerful friendships and found family
 - A bold heroine readers will never forget
- The God Summoner Girl* is perfect for fans of:

- Percy Jackson & the Olympians
 - Keeper of the Lost Cities
 - Amari and the Night Brothers
- Perfect for readers ages 8–17 who love Greek mythology, magical academies, fierce heroines, and unforgettable adventures.

Our Learning this Week...

Little Acorns

For our final week of Roots, Shoots and Muddy Boots, the Little Acorns have enjoyed making insects using natural resources, carefully trying to make them look similar to real bugs. They have also loved drawing their own bugs and exploring the different patterns each insect has. 🐛🦋



Robins and Starlings

Robins and Starlings have had another busy week of hands-on learning! We've been exploring practical maths through counting, problem-solving and active challenges, as well as taking our creativity outdoors with art on the field inspired by Clarice Cliff's beautiful landscapes. Learning in the fresh air has been a real treat!



Hedgehogs and Squirrels

Despite the blustery start, Year 1/2 had a fabulous day in Charmouth yesterday. We made sandcastles and beach art, did some Geography data collection, had a picnic, visited the Charmouth Heritage Centre and went on a fossil hunt with experts from the centre. Thank you to all the adult volunteers who came with us and made it all possible!



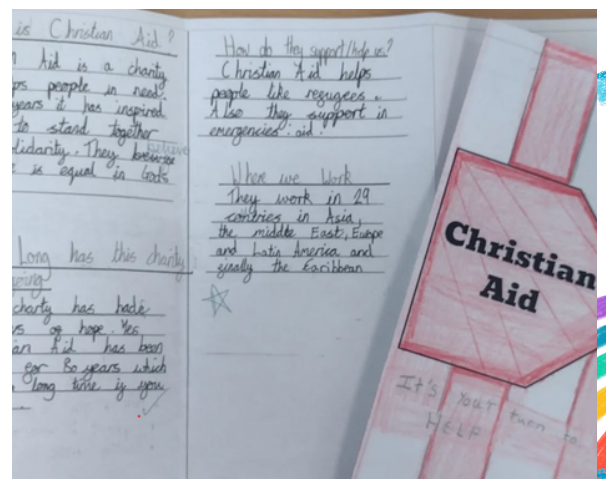
Foxes, Otters and Badgers

Our Badgers, Otters and Foxes children have been exploring the art of block printing inspired by Viking symbols! First, they carefully designed their own repeating patterns before carving their creations into polystyrene tiles. Finally, they used printing techniques to bring their designs to life. The children absolutely loved the process and showed fantastic creativity and concentration throughout. We are so proud of their amazing artwork — their finished prints look incredible!



Eagles and Hawks

As part of Year 5 and Year 6's RE unit, answering the question 'For Christians, what kind of king is Jesus?', the children have been researching the work of 2 UK charities: Christian Aid and Prison Fellowship and how their work upholds the values of justice, equality and forgiveness. The children have worked hard, doing their own research and produced these informative leaflets. Well done everyone!





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.



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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