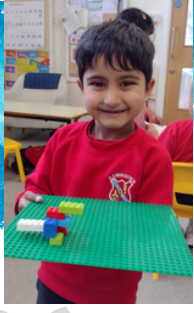




Axminster Community Primary Academy Newsletter

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This Week

Welcome to the last half term of the year – it's full of lots of exciting events and the school is already buzzing with the sounds of Y5/6 production, Sports day practises and children's learning chatter.

On Monday staff worked together to plan next year's curriculum so your children can continue to learn in a coherent, knowledge-rich way that builds from year to year. Several colleagues refreshed their first aid certificates to ensure we keep pupils safe and well while in school.

Foxes had a fantastic trip to the farm as part of their Kingfisher project. The children learned about animals, habitats and food chains and showed our values of curiosity, care and community.

We've had lots of rainy days recently but will continue to make the most of outdoor learning wherever possible. Please send children with named coats so they are comfortable and can take part in outdoor activities every day.

There is lots of wonderful reading for pleasure taking place across the school – thank you for supporting this at home. We are planning a refresh of our school library and would welcome book donations if you are clearing shelves at home (suitable for primary-aged children, in good condition).

We are also investing in Tonies machines to boost listening and reading-for-pleasure opportunities. If you have any Tonies figures or sets you no longer use and would like to donate, we would be extremely grateful.

Next Week ...

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

Monday
Fathers Day Craft

Tuesday
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Wednesday
Swimming

Thursday
Guitar

Friday
Robins Cake sale

This Year's Whole School Attendance
94.4%

Winning Year Group
Year 4 97.7%

Attendance Matters



Our Core Value this half term is:

Resilience

Our Learning this Week...

Little Acorns

Over the break, Miss Garrett kindly took our caterpillars home to look after them. During the holidays, they completed their amazing transformation and turned into beautiful butterflies. This week, the children were excited to release them and loved watching them fly out of the net and into their new home. It was a wonderful experience and a great way to see first-hand how living things grow and change.



Hedgehogs and Squirrels

We have had a great first day back in Hedgehogs and Squirrels classes. In Art this afternoon, we have been working hard on our sculpting skills. Using clay and the clay tools, we have experimented with making different landscape scenes. By having a go first, we were able to work out which shapes would be possible to create well. Next, we will go on to design, sculpt and paint our finished tile.



Eagles and Hawks

It's all about science in years 5 and 6. Year 6 pupils have been creating their own replica blood, representing white and red blood cells, plasma and platelets. Don't they look quite disgusting? In Year 5, the pupils were using electric thermometers to measure the temperatures of ice cubes wrapped in a range of conductors and insulators.

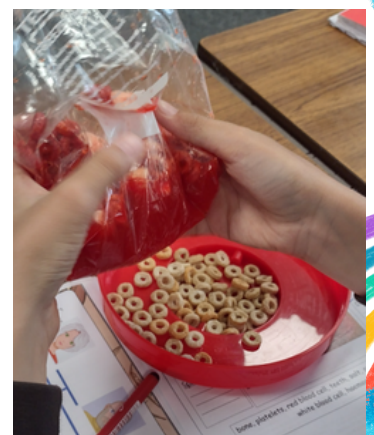
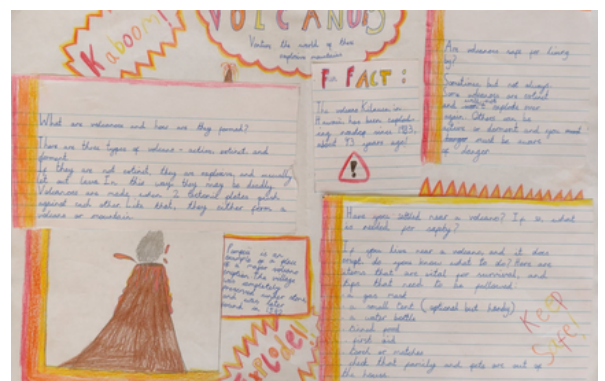
Robins and Starlings

What a busy first week back for Robins and Starlings with tiger inspired PE, maths and English from the book the last tiger. We also had time to make some tiger habitats and friends using Lego.



Foxes, Otters and Badgers

The children in Otters, Badgers and Foxes have been working incredibly hard this week to complete their progress writes! Our Year 4 pupils have produced informative and detailed non-chronological reports all about volcanoes, while Year 3 have used their imaginations to write exciting stories about a journey through a magical door. We have been so impressed by their attention to detail, creativity and enthusiasm as they carefully edited and completed their polished final copies. The effort and pride they have shown in their writing is fantastic, and they should all be very proud of their achievements!





The Year Ahead

Axminster Community Primary Academy

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

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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