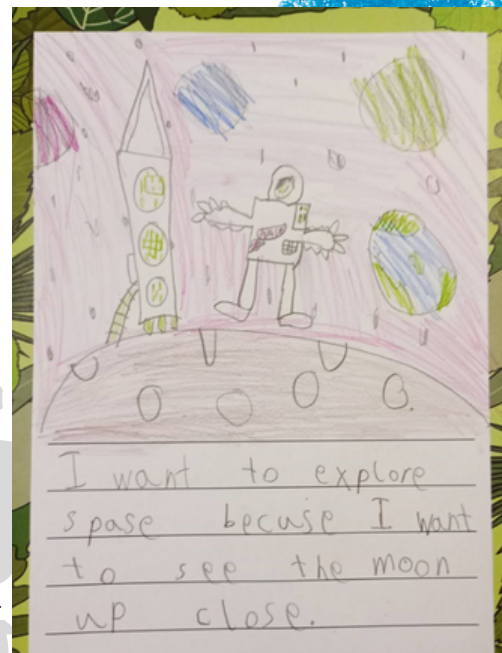




# Axminster Community Primary Academy Newsletter

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## This Week

What a fantastic week – thank you to everyone, pupils, staff and families, for making it full of incredible achievements.

A huge well done to Year 4 for their outstanding fluency in the Multiplication Tables Check. Our Year 4 cohort achieved an average response time of 2.02 seconds and are 2nd out of 87 local schools within a twenty-mile radius – an exceptional result and a clear sign of the daily practice and strong recall work happening in class.

Year 1 and Year 2 have been superb in their phonics screening checks. We have been impressed by accurate use of sound buttons and confident Fred Talk. Please keep supporting speedy reading at home and encourage pupils to use storyteller voices when they read aloud – it really helps fluency and expression.

Huge thanks to Miss Moxon and Mr White for facilitating the Tag Rugby tournament on Wednesday and to Miss Moxon for leading the cricket team on Friday. We are excited by the growth of sport in the school. If you would be interested in helping coach a sports team next year, please speak to Mrs Hulbert or contact the office.

Another huge thank you to the PTFA for their hard work running the Father's Day crafts this week – the money raised makes a real difference to our pupils and resources.

Next week is busy! The Robins farm trip and the Year 3/4/5 visit to Exeter Museum take place in the week commencing 15 June 2026, and Sports Day is on Thursday. For Sports Day, please note that **the gates will only be opened at the specified times** via the side of Nursery (to the left of the car park). Do not attempt to access the site through Reception; visitors trying to do so will be turned away. Visitor toilets are provided in the Woodland Lodge. The PTFA will be cooking burgers and providing treats and drinks – everyone is welcome to picnic with their child at lunchtime and to join in OPAL play across the site.

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

Tuesday

Wednesday

Swimming  
Robins Farm Trip

Thursday

No Guitar  
Sports day - please see separate letter for details

Friday

Foxes, Badgers and Otters Exeter Trip

This Year's Whole School Attendance

94.4%

Winning Year Group

Year 4 97.8%

Attendance Matters



Our Core Value this half term is:

**Community**

# Our Learning this Week...

## Little Acorns

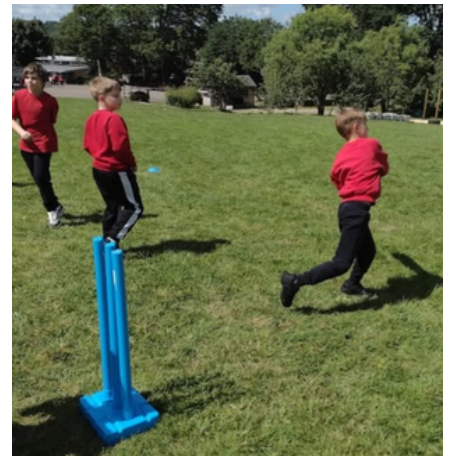
This week at Little Acorns, it's Beach Week!

The children have been enjoying our beach-themed tuff tray, exploring different sea creatures and discovering all the wonders of the seaside. We've been getting creative by making seashell patterns with playdough, exploring and creating a variety of different designs. For maths, the children have been measuring their ice cream scoops using cubes, comparing how tall or short their cube towers can be. There has also been lots of imaginative play, with the children making delicious sandy ice creams and building fantastic sandcastles.



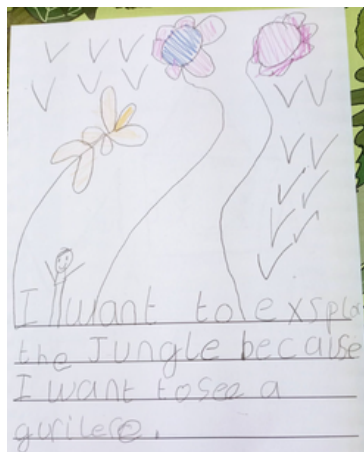
## Robins and Starlings

Robins and Starlings have had a wonderfully busy week of learning! Inspired by our Drawing Club book *Slow Loris*, we have been learning about sloths, moving slowly like sloths in PE dance, and planting sunflower seeds in science. We have loved watching them begin to grow, before heading off on a plant and flower hunt around school and finishing by drawing like sloths in the garden to show what we had found!



## Hedgehogs and Squirrels

In Squirrels and Hedgehogs, we were so excited to see how our cress seeds had grown over the weekend! In Art, we have started sculpting our clay tiles and in History we have written a place we would most like to explore.



## Foxes, Otters and Badgers

Over the past few weeks, the children have developed fantastic cricket skills — showing growing confidence with batting, bowling, fielding and working as a team. This week brought a new challenge as we began our rounders curriculum! The classes threw themselves into learning the key rules, practising striking techniques and building their communication and game awareness. It's been brilliant to see determination, resilience and excellent sportsmanship on display across every session. We can't wait to see how their confidence and teamwork continue to grow as the rounders season gets underway!



## Eagles and Hawks

It's been a sport week! We had a fantastic afternoon of tag rugby against Mrs Ethelstons on Wednesday evening with lots of sprinting, chasing, tagging and teamwork throughout the matches. It was wonderful to see so the children of years 5 and 6 competing, scoring tries and, above all, having fun! Today saw the cricket tournament - more to come on this next week!



# 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

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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