



Axminster Community Primary Academy Newsletter

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This Week

What a brilliant Sports Day we had! A huge thank you to Miss Moxon for her superb coordination and organisation – everything ran smoothly and the pupils had a fantastic time. Thank you also to the PTFA for providing refreshments and to everyone who came to support, share our picnic lunch and join the OPAL play session. Your presence made the day special and helped create lovely memories for the children.

Our trips this week have been full of practical learning and enthused pupils. Robins enjoyed a wonderful trip to the farm with lots of hands-on activities and excited children returning with stories to share. Pupils in Years 3, 4 and 5 visited Exeter Museum where they deepened their understanding of local history and the curriculum topics they have been studying.

Curriculum maps are now live on the school website. These maps show exactly what your child is learning this term in each subject and are a useful way to support learning at home. Please take a look when you have a moment.

Thank you to everyone who completed our core values survey. So far, Honesty and Kindness are the overwhelming choices. We now need to select our third school value and would be grateful for your final vote.

Please add your vote using this short form:

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Have a super weekend!

Next Week ...

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

Monday

Y5 Woodroffe Learning Showcase
September new starters parent meeting 5pm

Tuesday

Y5 Axe Valley STEM day

Wednesday

Class photos
Swimming

Thursday

Guitar

Friday

Y6 Fiver Challenge - please come and join us at 3pm on the front playground to celebrate Y6 Young Enterprise Project (children can bring some money to school to visit the stalls)

This Year's Whole School Attendance

94.4%

Winning Year Group

Year 6 96.5%

Attendance Matters



Our Core Value this half term is:

Community

Our Learning this Week...

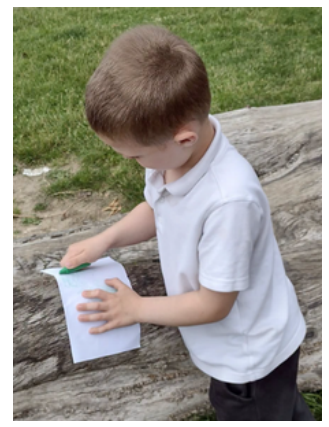
Little Acorns

This week, we have been exploring different types of transport and learning where they belong – in the air, on the land, or at sea. The children did an amazing job matching the various forms of transport to the correct category and showed great enthusiasm throughout the activities. In Maths, we have been focusing on positional language. The children have been developing their understanding of words such as on, under, behind, next to, and in front of. They have been listening carefully to instructions and confidently placing objects in the correct positions. Well done, everyone!



Robins and Starlings

Robins and Starlings have had another wonderfully busy week inspired by our Drawing Club book Slow Loris! We have been learning fascinating facts about sloths, writing our own sloth stories and developing our fine motor skills by decorating a sloth's branch with leaves and pegs. In Science, we went on a tree hunt around school and explored different textures by creating bark rubbings. Drawing Club has also been full of wonderful pictures and sentences, with the children using their own ideas beautifully from the story and bringing them to life.



Hedgehogs and Squirrels

Squirrels and Hedgehogs have loved painting their tiles and sampling cress this week. Some of us were surprised at how peppery the cress was!

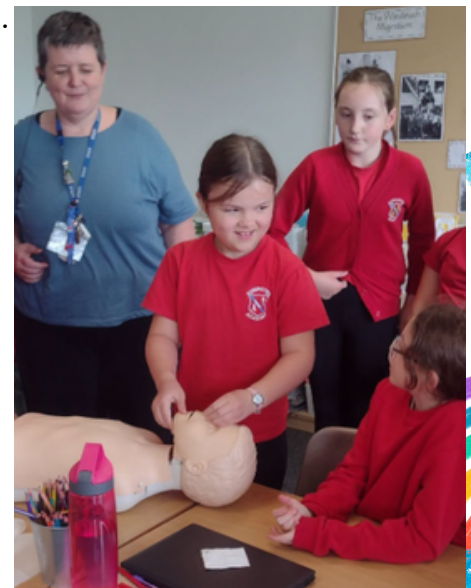
Foxes, Otters and Badgers

To help understand the digestive system, the children recreated the journey of food through the body using mashed banana, water, tubes, bags and tights! They watched as the "food" moved through the digestive system, learning how nutrients are absorbed before waste leaves the body. Needless to say, making "poo" was a particular highlight! The children also investigated how different liquids can affect our teeth by placing eggshells in a variety of drinks, including water, milk, orange juice, cola, sugar-free cola and vinegar. Using their observation skills, they made predictions, recorded changes over time and drew conclusions from the evidence they collected. It has been wonderful to see the children working scientifically by asking questions, making observations and developing their understanding through practical learning.



Eagles and Hawks

Year 5 and 6 were visited by Mrs Halliwell, from the Flamingo Pool, to spread awareness during Drowning Prevention Week. They were set a few quiz questions about dangers in bodies of water and what to do in an emergency when someone is in trouble in the water. The children did incredibly well answering some but did learn a few more facts about the dangers of entering water and what to look out for. They also had a go at CPR - 5 emergency breaths and then 15 compressions on a plastic dummy. The children found it hard to do the 15 compressions to a certain depth. A huge thank you to Mrs Halliwell for her time to share this knowledge and information. The children received a certificate to say that they had participated in this.





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

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 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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