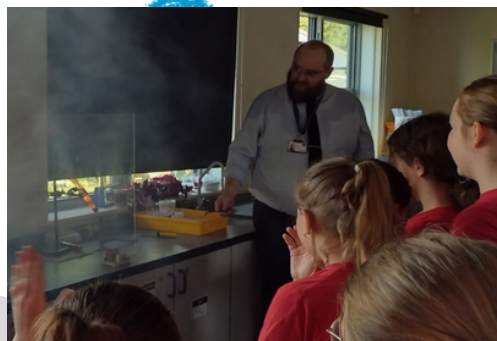




Axminster Community Primary Academy Newsletter

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This Week

Thank you all for your support this week. Your kindness and cooperation have made a real difference. Thank you to all the staff for their energy and calm coordination across the week, to pupils for their positive attitudes and curiosity and to all our families for your continued partnership.

Year 5 have had a busy week visiting Woodroffe and Axe Valley. The visits gave pupils a clear sense of what secondary school life is like: meeting teachers, seeing the different facilities and finding out about subjects and routines. Thank you to both schools and to our helpers for making this possible.

Robins enjoyed their farm visit and were brilliant ambassadors for the school. They spent time meeting animals, learning about crops and watching first-hand the work that farmers do to feed our communities. It was lovely to see them ask thoughtful questions and handle animals with care. Thank you to the staff and parent volunteers who supported the visit and made sure everything ran smoothly. Starlings are excited for their visit on Tuesday.

Foxes have been busy developing their Kingfisher project. They have shown creativity and persistence in researching, designing and problem-solving. Their plans will be judged next week and we're all looking forward to seeing how their ideas are received. The process – teamwork, problem-solving and presentation – has been an excellent experience.

Year 6 have been working hard on the Fiver Challenge, our enterprise project. They've generated ideas, costed products and practised selling and pitching. This project helps pupils learn real-world skills: budgeting, communication, teamwork and resilience when things don't go to plan. Thank you to everyone who came to support them.

Next Week ...

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

Monday

Tuesday

Y5 /6 Football Tournament
Starlings Farm Trip

Wednesday

Transition morning - new classes
Y6 Axe Valley Transition day - info from Axe Valley
Last Swimming
Cricket Tournament
Meet the Teacher 3.30 - 4.00

Thursday

Guitar

Friday

Clothes Swap Rail
Robins & Starlings cake sale

This Year's Whole School Attendance

94.2%

Winning Year Group

Year 6 95.8%

Attendance Matters



Our Core Value this half term is:

Community

Our Learning this Week...

Little Acorns

This week at Little Acorns, we have been exploring the wonderful continent of Africa! The children have been learning about different African traditions, cultures, and some of the amazing animals that live there. We have enjoyed discussing the similarities and differences between countries and discovering the vibrant colours and patterns used in African art and design. As part of our activities, the children have been creating beautiful African-inspired necklaces, carefully exploring different shapes, patterns, and colours.



Robins and Starlings

Robins and Starlings have had a fantastic farm trip, where we enjoyed a tractor and trailer ride to feed the cows, made our own butter and biscuits, played with farm toys, explored the farm mud kitchen, collected chicken eggs and even stroked the chickens, which were surprisingly soft!



Hedgehogs and Squirrels

We have had a super week in Hedgehogs and Squirrels! We have been keeping cool and making the most of our wonderful outside space. The children have loved listening to stories outside and keeping cool with foot baths and ice drinks.

In history we have continued our work on explorers and looked at Gertrude Bell who explored the desert. The children have loved thinking and where they would like to explore!



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 5s had a busy start to the week, visiting Woodroffe in Lyme Regis and Axe Valley to explore life at secondary school. They tried out Food Technology, Science (including 'The Screaming Jelly Baby Experiment'), PE and had their own concert from the Music department. Our children did us proud and represented Axminster Community Primary brilliantly. Both schools have given them lots of food for thought about their choices next year.





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.



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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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