



Axminster Community Primary Academy Newsletter

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This Week

Over the last couple of weeks our children have worked incredibly hard for their assessments. Their resilience, focus and determination have been excellent. We are really proud of the progress that the children are making in all areas of the curriculum - the focus on reading, handwriting, spelling and arithmetic skills is having such a positive impact on every subject.

Transition morning was a real success. It was lovely to see pupils thriving in their new classes, forming friendships and tackling new learning confidently. There was a lovely calm, purposeful atmosphere and the children had lots of fun thinking about September. Thank you to all the parents who came to Meet the Teacher - we hope that you have enjoyed the chance to get to speak to new class teachers before September to get a flavour of your child's new class.

Year 3/4 had a fantastic time at the cricket tournament on Wednesday. The children showed great teamwork, sportsmanship and enthusiasm – congratulations to everyone who represented the school. We would love to increase our sporting opportunities next year - if you would like to come and help run a sports club after school or at lunchtime, please let us know.

Mr Williams leaves us today - he has been supporting us over the last few months. He has been a real asset to the school and we will miss him as he leaves to prepare to begin to study medicine in September! Thank you for all your efforts.

On Monday, we will hold our annual art exhibition. Families are invited to come into classrooms to view your child's work and then join your child in the hall to see the full exhibition showing the range of pieces produced across the school. This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the huge range of creativity in school.

Year 6 will be on their residential from Wednesday to Friday. We are keeping a close eye on the weather and will follow guidance to keep pupils safe. Please prepare your child for hot weather by providing sun cream applied before school and a named bottle for reapplication if needed, a sun hat, light breathable clothing and a spare T-shirt, and a full, named water bottle. If there are any medical or care updates we need to know about, please contact the office before Tuesday morning.

Next Week ...

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

Monday

8am- England Football
3pm - Art Exhibition

Tuesday

Wednesday

Year 6 residential

Thursday

Year 6 residential
Guitar

Friday

Year 6 residential

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

Ahoy, me hearties! It's Pirate Week at Little Acorns! We've had a fantastic start to our pirate adventure! The children have been busy getting creative by designing and making their own pirate flags, showing lots of imagination and enthusiasm.



Robins and Starlings

Robins and Starlings have done amazingly well during a very hot week! We have been keeping as cool and comfortable as possible with lots of learning in the shade, plenty of drink breaks and calmer activities when needed including water play, reading, re-potting our sunflowers and handwriting. Year 1 have also been busy making arrays in maths and practicing their 2, 5 and 10 times tables.

Foxes, Otters and Badgers

Our Otters, Badgers and Foxes have been making the most of our wonderful classroom spaces to enjoy some quiet time with a good book. From cosy reading corners to different areas around the classroom, the children have been choosing where they feel most comfortable to relax, read and lose themselves in a story.

Reading for pleasure helps to develop a lifelong love of books, sparks imagination and gives children valuable time to unwind and enjoy a moment to themselves. It has been fantastic to see so many happy readers immersed in their favourite books!



Hedgehogs and Squirrels

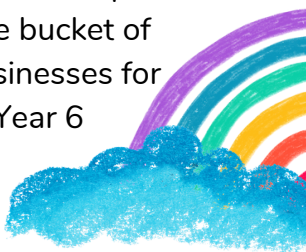
Hedgehogs and Squirrels have loved exploring the outdoors today to look for evergreen and deciduous trees. They used a key to identify different trees. Perhaps ask them when they are out and about if they can spot them!



Eagles and Hawks

With the weather cooling down, the Year 6 Fiver Challenge managed to take place. A slightly messier one than previous years but nonetheless, a fruitful one. The Year 6 pupils showed off their entrepreneurial skills by enticing the younger children to take part in their stalls. Ranging from a Human Fruit Machine to Splat Face, from popcorn to Teacher Topple, it looks like the whole of Axminster Primary had a fantastic time.

A massive thanks goes to SNAP and Swish and Flick who provided so many prizes for a couple of teams - your generosity was greatly appreciated. Also to the PTFA for the massive bucket of sweets that was distributed equally to the teams. Thanks also goes to other local businesses for providing prizes and resources. Thank you to all who took part and well done to the Year 6 teams for putting on a spectacular event.





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

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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Our safeguarding and child protection information, including our policy, can be found [here](#) on our website.