



Axminster Community Primary Academy Newsletter

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This Week

What an incredible week! On Monday, Kate from OPAL visited to assess our play provision and awarded us Platinum, placing Axminster in the top 1% of schools nationally for play. We are delighted that the developments made over the last two years have been recognised as providing such high-quality experiences for our pupils. We want to say a huge thank you to everyone who has helped make this possible for the children and make their playtime so magical!

Year 3, 4 and 5 had a wonderful DT day on Thursday. It was fantastic to see pupils plan, design, construct and evaluate super structures – we may have some architects in the making! Their teamwork, creativity and resilience were a joy to watch.

Year 5/6 held their Summer musical at the Guildhall on Thursday. It was lovely to celebrate with so many supporters and to experience such a high-quality performance in the theatre. The quality of the performances and the standard of the show was incredibly high - a real highlight to begin our final days with Year 6. There was so much talent on the stage - we hope that this is the first theatre show of many for several of our children.

I hope you enjoyed the chance to buy preloved uniform this week – we will run this regularly to help families and to boost school funds. Please feel free to donate any outgrown uniform at the end of term or in September. We are also always grateful for good-condition toys or children's books if you have a clear-out over the summer.

Next week is only three days - but they are action-packed! On Monday we will be holding our first Rock Steady concert is on Monday afternoon at 2:00pm in the hall to celebrate all our bands and hear their great work. The Year 6 Leavers' Service is on Tuesday at 9:00am in the hall for Year 6 families. The End of Year Awards service for Years 1-5 is on Wednesday at 9am in the hall; if your child is receiving an award you will have received an email invitation. Unfortunately, we cannot welcome any additional parents to these services due to the size restrictions of the hall – thank you for your understanding.

Finally, we are sending out reports today. We hope that you enjoy reading them and seeing how much your children have achieved. We are really proud of every single child. Our Reception children have made incredible first steps in their school journeys, our Year 1s and 2s have really developed their phonics and reading and our Year 4s achieved our highest ever MTC results. Our Year 6 SATS results were released on Thursday and show how much progress each child has made in their time at Axminster. There is such a lot to be proud of! If you want to discuss anything in the reports, please don't hesitate to email the office and your class teacher will be in touch next week.



Next Week ...

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

Monday

Rock Steady concert in the hall - 2pm

Tuesday

Leavers service 9am - hall

Wednesday

End of Years awards service 9am - hall
Y6 BBQ and leavers activities (just children)

This Year's Whole School Attendance

94.2%

Winning Year Group

Year 4 98%

Attendance Matters



Our Core Value this half term is:

Community

Our Learning this Week...

Little Acorns

This week at Little Acorns, we have been making hot air balloons as part of our "Let's Explore" topic. The children have had lots of fun creating a variety of colourful patterns while learning about how hot air balloons travel through the sky. We have also been drawing our own types of transport. The children have created pictures of cars, trains, aeroplanes, and boats, and have shown wonderful creativity by inventing their own unique forms of transport.



Hedgehogs and Squirrels

Hedgehogs and Squirrels have loved learning to tell the time this week. Today we went outside and drew our own clocks and practised telling the time.



Eagles and Hawks

Years 5&6 did us proud at the Guildhall last night with their production of 'Ali Baba and the Bongo Bandits'. All their hard work, and ours, paid off with two wonderful performances, with special mention to the children who took on extra roles and jobs at the last minute when other people couldn't make it. Well done everyone!



Robins and Starlings

All of the children have been working so hard on their handwriting, taking care with their letter formation and showing great pride in their work. In Drawing Club, we have been building our own individual story settings using lots of different materials, including junk modelling, magnetic tiles and wooden blocks. The children showed brilliant imagination and creativity as they brought their ideas to life. We also enjoyed a cool and calm PE session with yoga, helping us stretch, balance and relax. Year 1 have also made and painted some beautiful pots in art — they look fantastic! Well done Robins and Starlings for another enjoyable week of learning.

Foxes, Otters and Badgers

What an incredible DT Day for our Otters, Badgers and Foxes classes! Our budding architects stepped back in time to Ancient Greece as they explored the features of Greek temples. After researching famous temples and identifying their key characteristics, the children designed their own detailed blueprints before putting their engineering skills to the test! Using only spaghetti, marshmallows and masking tape, they worked collaboratively to build their own impressive temple structures. There was fantastic teamwork, creativity and problem-solving on display throughout the day, with children adapting their designs and showing great resilience when faced with building challenges.





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

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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