



Axminster Community Primary Academy Newsletter

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This Year

What an incredible year it has been. Thank you to every pupil, parent, carer, staff member and volunteer for everything you have given to the life of our school. Together we have made so much progress and there is much to celebrate.

This year, we have seen super academic achievement - In SATs results, 62% of Year 6 achieved the expected standard in reading, writing and maths combined. 24% achieved greater depth in reading, 9% achieved greater depth in writing and 12% achieved greater depth in maths. Year 4 achieved an average of 23.3 in the MTC, with 43% scoring 25/25. In Year 1, 76% achieved the expected standard in phonics and in Reception 86% of children achieved a good level of development. These are excellent results and really demonstrate the children's excellent attitudes to learning, their resilience and their hard work. We hope you enjoyed celebrating your child's individual successes on their report.

Every child took part in a production this year — from our Littlest Acorns nativity to Years 5 and 6 performing at the Guildhall last week. We have increased instrumental opportunities, including Future Musicians with Axe Valley for Years 3–5, peripatetic guitar and violin lessons, Rocksteady bands, and KS2 Carols and Spring music concerts. Our first rock concert yesterday was a brilliant showcase for our young musicians. Art continues to be a real highlight; weekly lessons were celebrated in our Art Exhibition a few weeks ago.

Sport has continued to go from strength to strength. Daily football and cricket practice has fed into inter-school football and cricket competitions, Tag Rugby and multi-skills tournaments. Enrichment has been a real strength this year — pupils created our student newspaper and took part in clubs including animation, construction, chess, gardening, Wild Tribe, DIY skills, choir and more. We're excited to develop enrichment further into "Axminster University" next year with even more options for pupils.

We have been on some memorable trips — from the farm to Charmouth beach, Exeter Museum, local visits in Axminster and culminating in the Year 6 residential on Dartmoor. Visitors included storyteller Clive Pig, a planetarium, a concert pianist, our pantomime and a range of workshops that brought learning alive.

Congratulations to Miss Reeve, Miss Garrett and Mrs Larcombe on the arrival of their babies — we wish them a restful and joyful summer with their families. We say goodbye and our very best wishes to Mr King and Mrs Ayres as they begin new chapters. A very fond farewell to Year 6: you have been exceptional ambassadors for our school — kind, funny, hard-working and compassionate. You are ready for secondary school and we look forward to hearing about your future adventures.

Thank you to everyone — pupils, staff, governors, volunteers and families — for making Axminster such a vibrant, caring and ambitious community. We hope you all have a wonderful summer that leaves you rested and recharged ready to return on Monday 7th September 2026.

1st Week in September...

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

Monday 7th Sept
Children return to school

Wednesday
Coffee with the Head
9am - hall

Thursday
Coffee with the SENDCO
9am - hall

Our coffee mornings provide you with a chance to have a chat, ask questions and feed into our school improvement plans.

This Year's Whole School Attendance
94.2%

Winning Year Group
Year 4 95.8%

Attendance Matters



Our Core Value this half term is:

Community