



Axminster Community Primary Academy Newsletter

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This Week

Welcome back! We have loved welcoming everyone back to Axminster Community Primary Academy for the new school year. It has been wonderful to see so many bright and eager faces, especially our new children joining Nursery and Reception – a very warm welcome to you all!

Thank you for your patience as we settle into new routines and establish new systems. We welcome Mrs Lynch to the admin team, working alongside Mrs Siddiqui and Mrs Gardner.

This week the children have been beginning their new learning journeys - discovering all about Toys in KS1 and Ancient Greece in KS2. Our curriculum maps are now on the website for you to find out more. We look forward to continuing this journey of discovery and learning throughout the year.

Teachers are available to speak with you in the afternoons. If you would like to arrange a more detailed conversation, please contact the school office by phone or email to book an appointment. We value open communication and are here to support you and your child. If something happens urgently over night, please speak to the adults on the gate or call or email the office, marking it urgent in the subject title.

For our new families, the school leadership team consist of Mrs Hulbert - Head of School, Mrs Elsworth - Deputy Head of School and SENDCO, Mrs Russell and Ms Moxon - Assistant Heads of School. Please let us know if you need to speak to us. We are pleased to offer wraparound care for our pupils from 7.30am with our Breakfast Club, and after school care for children aged 2 to 11 years. Spaces are available, so please get in touch with the office if you would like to find out more or book a place using Arbor.

We are excited about the year ahead and look forward to working closely with you in partnership to support your child's achievement and personal development. We have two opportunities to come and find out more next week on Wednesday. Mrs Hulbert is holding the first parents coffee morning at 9am and Mrs Elsworth is holding a SEND coffee morning on Thursday morning. If your child has additional needs, you have received an email to book your PLP (personal learning plan) meeting for Wednesday after school. If you don't already follow our social media, see the links at the bottom of the page. These are our only official school sites and any urgent school information, like closures, as well as regular year group updates goes on these pages.

Thank you for your support - we are so excited about the year ahead!

Next Week ...

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

Monday

Tuesday

Flu Vaccinations - book using the link you were emailed in the summer

Wednesday

Coffee with the Head
9am hall
Trill Farm Trip - ½ of Y3
PLP meetings - SEND children

Thursday

SEND coffee morning
9am hall
Guitar lessons

Friday

This Year's Whole School Attendance

95.2%

Winning Year Group

Year 3 98.37%

Attendance Matters



Our Core Value this half term is:

Kindness

Our Learning this Week...

Little Acorns

We have had such a wonderful first week back at nursery! The children have settled back into nursery life so well, and it has been fantastic to see their happy faces, hear their laughter and watch them reconnect with their friends and familiar surroundings. It has also been a pleasure welcoming our new children to Little Acorns. They have already been busy exploring our indoor and outdoor activities, discovering new experiences and getting to know their new surroundings. We are so proud of how well everyone has settled in and all the fun and learning we have already enjoyed together. What a fantastic first week, Little Acorns!



Hedgehogs and Squirrels

It has been such a pleasure welcoming our new Hedgehogs and Squirrels this week! We have had a fantastic start, getting to know one another, settling into our new routines, and making lots of happy memories together. This week, we have also begun our exciting new art topic all about spirals, exploring shapes, patterns and creativity. We enjoyed getting outdoors for a lovely nature walk during our RE lesson, taking the opportunity to notice and appreciate the world around us.

Falcons, Hawks and Eagles

A captivating start to our new topic - Ancient Greece. The children in years 5 and 6 explored daily life from excavated pottery and then expanded their brains trying to solve a range of problems. In the afternoon, the children took part in a range of activities to honour the origin of the Olympic Games.

Foxes, Otters and Badgers

What a fantastic day our Year 3/4 children had immersing themselves in Ancient Greece! We explored some fascinating Greek myths, thinking carefully about what the stories can teach us and what they tell us about the beliefs and ideas of people in Ancient Greece. We also became food critics for the day, taste-testing olives, feta cheese and pita bread! The children shared their opinions and described the different tastes and textures. We had fun learning and playing Ancient Greek children's games before finishing the day with our very own Mini Olympic Games! There was plenty of teamwork, determination, laughter and a little bit of healthy competition along the way! A brilliant day of learning, exploring and having fun!



Robins and Starlings

Robins Class have had a wonderful start to their school journey! The children are settling into school life so well and have already been very busy exploring their new classroom and learning lots of new routines. Many of the children have been showing off their fantastic mark-making skills, with some even writing their names already! We have also been creating beautiful self-portraits using different materials, taking part in fine motor challenges, doing some amazing counting and colour matching and getting to know all of the exciting areas in our classroom. What a brilliant start to school life. They must all be very tired after such a busy first few days. Well done Robins for being super resilient!





The Year Ahead

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2026/27 PLANNER

SEPTEMBER

Monday 7th: Children return to school
Wednesday 16th - Coffee with the Head - hall 9am
Thursday 17th - SEND Coffee Morning -hall 9am
Monday 14th - Recycling week
Tuesday 15th - Flu vaccinations / Phonics workshop in the hall 3pm
Wednesday 16th - SEND PLP meetings (hall)
Monday 21st - Carnival Day
Wednesday 23rd - Maths workshop in the hall 3pm
Friday 25th - Eagles Class Assembly 3pm
Friday 25th - Sponsored obstacle course
Monday 28th - European Day of Languages
Wednesday 30th : Film night :3.30 - 5.30pm

OCTOBER

Thursday 1st - National Poetry Day / - Stay and Play Family OPAL session 3.15 - 4pm
Friday 2nd - Falcons Class Assembly
Friday 9th - Harvest Festival / Hello Yellow day - wear yellow accessories with uniform
Tuesday 13th / Thursday 15th- Parents Evening 4-6pm
Wednesday 14th - PTFA AGM
Monday - Friday 19th - 23rd - Bikeability
Wednesday 21st - Disco
Thursday 22nd - Non school uniform day
Friday 23rd - INSET school closed
Monday 26th Friday 30th - Half Term

NOVEMBER

Monday 2nd - Children return to school
Friday 6th - Otters Class Assembly 3pm
Monday 9th - Opal Award and Stay and Play Family OPAL session 3.15pm
Wednesday 11th - Armistice Service
Thursday 12th - Individual Photos
Friday 20th - Children in Need non uniform day - wear spots
Monday 16th - Odd socks day - wear odd socks to school today (Anti-bullying week launch)
Friday 20th - Hawks Class Assembly 3pm
Thursday 26th - Thanksgiving
Friday 27th -Non-School Uniform Day and Decorate for Christmas 3.30pm (bring children to join in the fun!)

DECEMBER

Monday 30th - Christmas Fayre 3.30-4.30pm
Tuesday 1st/ Wednesday 2nd / Thursday 3rd - Christmas Craft
Friday 4th - Badgers Class Assembly
Tuesday 8th - Little Acorns Nativity 3pm
Thursday 10th - Reception Nativity 3pm
Monday 14th - Christmas DT Day
Tuesday 15th - KS1 Christmas Show 2.30pm and 5pm
Wednesday 16th - Christmas Lunch and KS2 Carols Around the Tree 3pm
Thursday 17th - Christmas Discos
Friday 18th - Christmas Service 9.30am / Christmas parties
Monday 21st - Friday 1st Jan - Christmas Holidays

JANUARY

Monday 4th - INSET day
Tuesday 5th - Children return to school
Tuesday 12th - SEND PLP meetings (hall)
Friday 15th - Foxes Class Assembly 3pm / Winter Family Bingo 3.30-6pm
Monday 18th - World Religion Day
Tuesday 19th - Acceleration plan meetings (hall) - invited parents only
Wednesday 20th - Film Night - 3.30 - 5.30pm
Friday 22nd - M and M Pantomime
Thursday 28th - KS2 Spring Concert 2.50pm

FEBRUARY

Tuesday 2nd and Thursday 4th- Parents Evening 4-6pm
Friday 5th - NSPCC Number Day
Tuesday 9th - Safer Internet Day / Pancake races
Wednesday 10th - Disco
Friday 12th - Non-Uniform Day
Monday 16th - Friday 20th - Half Term
Monday 22nd - Children return to school

MARCH

Thursday 4th - World Book Day
Friday 5th - Robins class assembly 3pm
Monday 8th / Tuesday 9th - Mothers Day Crafts
Monday 8th - 12th - Science Week
Wednesday 10th - Eid
Thursday 11th - Stay and Play Family OPAL session 3.15 - 4pm
Friday 19th - Red Nose Day / Spring Family Bingo 3.30 - 6pm
Monday 22nd - Sponsored Run
Wednesday 24th - Y3/4 Show 2pm and 5pm
Thursday 25th - Easter Service 9.30am / Easter Egg hunt / Easter bonnet parade 3.15pm

APRIL

Friday 26th March - Friday 9th April - Easter Holidays
Monday 12th April - Children return to school
Friday 16th - Squirrels Class Assembly
Tuesday 20th - SEND PLP meetings (hall)
Thursday 22nd - Earth Day
Tuesday 27th - Acceleration plan meetings (hall) - invited parents only
Friday 30th - May Day Fete - parents from 2pm

MAY

Monday 3rd May - Bank Holiday - school closed
Tuesday 4th May - Inter House Sport Festival
Monday 11th - Thursday 14th - Y6 SATS
Monday 17th - Friday 21st - Walk to School Week
Wednesday 19th - Numeracy Day
Monday 24th - Non School uniform day
Wednesday 26th - Disco
Thursday 27th - Class Photos
Friday 28th - Sports Day

JUNE

Monday 31st May - 5th June - Half Term
Monday 7th - INSET day
Tuesday 8th - Children return to school / School Disco
Friday 11th - International Day of Play - Stay and Play Family OPAL session 3.15 - 4pm
Monday 21st - World Refugee Day
Tuesday 22nd - Y5 STEM day at Axe Valley
Friday 25th - Y6 Fiver Challenge / Summer Fete 3 - 4.15pm

JULY

Wednesday 30th- Axe Valley Transition Day Y6
Friday 2nd July - Axminster's Got Talent
Monday 5th - Art Day and Art Exhibition
Wednesday 14th - Transition Day and Meet the Teacher 3.30pm
Thursday 15th - Y5/6 Show 2pm and 5pm
Monday 19th- Wednesday 21st - Y6 Residential
Thursday 22nd - Whole school Awards Service
Friday 23rd - Y6 Leavers Service (hall) 9am

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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