



Axminster Community Primary Academy Newsletter

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This Week



Last Friday Miss Moxon, Mrs Gurd and Mrs Hulbert attended a Year 6 conference run by First Federation. It was a productive day of sharing good practice with all 29 schools and a time to think together about how we can further develop our provision for older pupils. The learning from that day is already being put into practice, including through our Booster Club, which has welcomed Year 6 this term. It's been brilliant to see their passion and commitment to improving their own skills.

Carnival Day on Monday was simply wonderful. Pupils enjoyed a range of creative carnival activities and then took part in a lively procession. The costumes, music and smiles were a real treat and the whole school atmosphere felt celebratory. Huge thanks to Miss Moxon and Year 6 for leading the event so brilliantly.

On Thursday we were pleased to welcome the Head of Seaton Primary and members of Devon County for a tour of Axminster and Seaton. It was a lovely opportunity to work closely with our neighbours and celebrate the great learning happening both at Seaton and here at Axminster. We have also been working closely with Axe Valley and St Mary's over the last two weeks. This kind of partnership helps us develop a richer curriculum and better experiences for every child. Strong local partnerships matter; they broaden opportunities for our pupils and help staff share what works in the classroom. Visitors and staff consistently comment on the school's calmness, pupils' focus and the high standard of presentation in their work. That sustained learning behaviour is something we nurture every day through consistent routines and high expectations.

Our new library continues to be a real hit. It's lovely to see the reading buzz around school – more children choosing books, sharing recommendations and enjoying storytime. Reading for pleasure underpins achievement across the curriculum, and the new space is already making a positive difference.

This week we held our first class assembly of the year, led by Eagles Class. They did a great job and it was lovely to celebrate their learning about the Ancient Greeks! This new initiative gives pupils more regular opportunities to develop oracy and public speaking – essential life skills. Falcons will lead the assembly next week; we look forward to their performances.

The PTFA meet for the first time this year next week. Please come along if you can – we're always grateful for support, however much time you can offer. The experiences and funds they help provide make a real difference to the opportunities we can give our pupils. Finally, our first film club of the year takes place on Wednesday. Please book by Tuesday to secure your child's space. Children will be taken straight to the hall and should be collected from the hall at 5.30pm.

Next Week ...

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

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Eagles Swimming

Film Night - please book by Tuesday. 3.30 - 5.30pm hall

Thursday

Guitar lessons
PTFA meeting 2.30 - 3.30pm - come to the school office

Friday

Falcons Class Assembly

This Year's Whole School Attendance

95.6%

Winning Year Group

Year 4 99.38%

Attendance Matters



Our Core Value this half term is:

Kindness

Our Learning this Week...

Little Acorns

This week, we are getting creative and making our own faces using a variety of materials, including string, pasta and pom-poms. The children have been using their imagination to create lots of different faces while developing their creativity and fine motor skills. We have also been exploring a range of sensory objects and learning lots of new vocabulary. The children have been describing what they can feel using words such as rough, smooth, fluffy, hard and many more!



Hedgehogs and Squirrels

In Art, we created our very own pastel snails, inspired by our Spiral topic. The children had so much fun mixing colours and experimenting with different shades to create their wonderful, colourful snails. In Drawing Club, we have been enjoying the fantastic story Traction Man. We have loved bringing the story to life by creating our own amazing characters and imaginative settings. The children have shown such wonderful creativity and storytelling skills!



Falcons, Hawks and Eagles

Over the past two weeks, our Year 5 and 6 artists have been exploring the world of typography– looking at how letters can become art! We've been thinking about two big questions: What is typography? How can artists change the shape, size and style of letters to create impact? The children have been experimenting with different letter shapes, sizes, styles and arrangements, discovering how typography can communicate mood, meaning and emotion without using lots of words. It's been fantastic to see them thinking like both artists and designers, making creative choices and developing their own ideas. We can't wait to see where their typography journey takes them next!

Robins and Starlings

Robins have had a brilliant time over the last week continuing to settle into school life and build new friendships. This week, the children have been working together, helping one another and showing some fantastic teamwork. They had great fun building and managing their own obstacle course, taking turns, solving problems and learning how to navigate a new space safely alongside new friends. We also really enjoyed our very own version of Axminster Carnival, with lots of excitement, smiles and enthusiasm as the children joined in together. It has been lovely to see their confidence growing and their friendships beginning to blossom.



Foxes, Otters and Badgers

We have been working hard in maths on place value, using practical manipulatives to build and deepen our understanding of thousands, hundreds, tens and ones. We have also started learning how to subtract numbers up to thousands, including problems where we need to make one exchange. The children have been using practical resources to help them understand what is happening before moving on to more formal methods. It has been fantastic to see the children explaining their mathematical thinking and using the resources to support their learning!





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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